
Committee of the Whole October 10, 2019

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:57 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present except Councillor Barb Clumpus. Alternate Councillor Ross Kenter attended on behalf of Councillor Barb Clumpus.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Business Arising From the Minutes

CW192-19 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Burley

Whereas MPP Marit Stiles has introduced Private Members Bill 89, Teach the Reach Act, 2019 in order to make roads safer for Ontario cyclists; and

Whereas the Bill would amend the Highway Traffic Act to require the Ministry to ensure the Dutch Reach method is explained in driver education handbooks and taught in driver education courses that are approved or licensed by the Ministry; and

Whereas Grey County continues to promote and encourage safe cycling along Grey County roads;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Grey County Council supports Bill 89, Teach the Reach Act, 2019; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation, Member of Provincial Parliament Marit Stiles, Grey County Members of Provincial Parliament and all Grey County municipalities.

Carried

CW193-19 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

Whereas the principle of joint and several liability is costing municipal taxpayers more in the form of high insurance premiums, service reductions and fewer choices; and

Whereas the Premier and Attorney General have committed to reviewing the principles of joint and several liability, the impact it has on insurance costs, and the influence “liability chill” has on the delivery of public

services; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board approved a submission to the Attorney General of Ontario entitled “A Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs” and is encouraging municipalities to endorse the report;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Grey County Council endorses AMO’s Report and Recommendations on changes to joint and several liability provisions and that this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of the Attorney General and AMO; and

That staff be authorized to proceed with submitting these comments prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6(b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18.

Carried

The motion regarding long term care beds was previously withdrawn by Councillor McQueen.

Delegations

SWIFT Update

Barry Field, SWIFT Chief Operating Officer provided an update. Highlights included the number of underserved areas and the cost to bring service to those areas. A request for proposal has been initiated for the 2019/2020 tri-county initial project. Mr. Field spoke about private sector funding, municipal funding requirements and federal and provincial matching for small communities. 50/10 service is the objective which can be met by other technologies as well as fibre technology. Mr. Field outlined the next steps for the procurement process for independent service providers to bid on the project for Grey County.

Questions from Committee of the Whole were addressed.

Council recessed briefly and then resumed.

Roundabout at Grey Roads 3 and 4

Colleen Woodhouse addressed Committee of the Whole regarding the roundabout at Grey Roads 3 and 4. Ms. Woodhouse expressed concern about the proximity of the proposed roundabout to her home as well as access to her driveways. The safety of her family and pets was mentioned as well as noise from potential engine braking. Ms. Woodhouse expressed concern about necessary tree removal to facilitate the roundabout. Ms. Woodhouse supports public safety and roundabouts in general. She is quite concerned that this roundabout will devalue her property.

The importance of citizen consultation and discussion was identified. Warden Hicks stated that further consultation will happen, and that Grey County is waiting for confirmation of federal funding. He added that the design is preliminary and that further considerations will be made.

Pat Hoy added that staff are cognizant of the impact on residents and are mindful of that during

the process. He provided a general outline for next steps.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

The following items were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved under Items for Discussion: a. and b.

Consent Agenda

CW194-19 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That the following Consent Agenda items be received; and

That staff be authorized to take the actions necessary to give effect to the recommendations in the staff reports; and

That the correspondence be supported or received for information as recommended in the consent agenda.

- 1. That the minutes of the Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee dated September 20, 2019 be adopted as presented.**
- 2. That Report TR-CW-24-19 Dispatch Service Agreement be received; and**

That the Owen Sound Police Services be contracted as a single source procurement to provide dispatch services for a period of five years, with the option to renew for up to two successive periods of one year; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement with the Owen Sound Police Services Board to provide dispatch services.

- 3. That Report ITR-CW-01-19 be received; and**

That the County enter into an Agreement with Bell Mobility Inc. to provide an additional three years of mobility services and hardware.

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

CAOR-CW-15-19 Sydenham Campus Update

CW195-19 Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That Report CAOR-CW-15-19 regarding a Sydenham Campus Update, be received for information.

Carried

CAOR-CW-16-19 Community Transportation Update

CW196-19 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Report CAOR-CW-16-19 regarding a Community Transportation Update be received for information.

Carried

FR-CW-24-19 Budget Process and Timetable Report

CW197-19 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That the 2020 budget process and timetable as set out in Report FR-CW-24-19 be received for information.

Carried

FR-CW-25-19 Appointment of Auditors

CW198-19 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

**That Report FR-CW-25-19 regarding Auditor Appointment be received; and
That BDO Canada LLP of Owen Sound be appointed auditors for the
County of Grey, in accordance with Section 296 (1) of the Municipal Act;
and**

That the necessary by-law to appoint the firm of BDO Canada LLP of Owen Sound as auditors for the County of Grey for a period of five (5) years beginning with the 2019 fiscal year, be presented to Council.

Carried

PDR-CW-41-19 Comments on Draft Provincial Policy Statement

CW199-19 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That Report PDR-CW-41-19 regarding an overview of the proposed changes to the 2019 Provincial Policy Statement be received; and

That Report PDR-CW-41-19 be forwarded to the Province of Ontario and confirmed as the County of Grey's comments on the proposed regulation changes posted on the Environmental Registry through posting #019-0279; and

That the Report be shared with member municipalities having jurisdiction within Grey County; and

That staff be authorized to proceed with submitting these comments prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6(b) of Procedural By-law 5003-18.

Carried

Council recessed and then resumed.

Addendum to Report PDR-CW-37-18 Lora Bay Phase 4 Final

Report

Councillor Bartnicki declared a conflict of interest as she lives in Lora Bay, although she has sold the property.

CW200-19 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That Addendum to Report PDR-CW-37-18 be received; and

That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision 42T-2018-10 known as Lora Bay Phase 4 were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That in consideration of the draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2018-10, for lands described as Block 1 and Part of Block 2, RP 16M-8, in the Town of The Blue Mountains, the Grey County Committee of the Whole approves this plan of subdivision to create a total of thirty-eight residential lots (Lots 1 to 38) and a future multi-residential block (Block 39), subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Decision.

Carried

Resolution from the Township of Southgate – Stronger Enforcement for the Safety of Ontario's Farm Families

CW201-19 Moved by: Councillor Kentner Seconded by: Councillor Gamble

That the County of Grey support the Resolution from the Township of Southgate regarding a request to Minister Doug Downey for stronger enforcement to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals; and

That this motion be forwarded to Minister Ernie Hardeman, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Grey County Federation of Agriculture, the National Farmers Union and the Christian Farmer's Federation of Ontario.

Carried

Grey County – The Blue Mountains Task Force Minutes dated June 20, 2019

CW202-19 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That the Grey County – The Blue Mountains Task Force minutes dated June 20, 2019 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Other Business

Councillor Burley updated Council on the Long-Term Care Committee of Management's most

recent meeting and noted that the Committee passed a resolution regarding applying for long-term care beds. The minutes will come forward at the October 24, 2019 Council meeting.

Councillor Boddy spoke about a resolution from Council about organic waste during a prior term of council with a staff report to follow. CAO Wingrove confirmed that a report will be forthcoming.

Councillor McQueen spoke about the Town of The Blue Mountains' Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting on October 17th. He asked about the status of the County committee. CAO Wingrove confirmed that there will be an upcoming meeting of the Health Care Funding Task Force.

Councillor McQueen requested the Tourism Advisory Committee review the merits of changing the name of Beaver Valley Road (Grey Road 13) to The Beaver Valley Scenic Parkway. CAO Wingrove noted that the road naming policy would need to be consulted.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Desai provided a notice of motion regarding Bill 122 which relates to the Highway Traffic Act and making our highways safer for rural users.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Mackey and Burley, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:52 PM to the call of the Chair.

Selwyn Hicks, Warden

Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk