
December 3, 2019

Grey County Council met at the call of the Clerk on the above date at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held in the County of Grey Council Chambers at the County Administration Building, Owen Sound.

Former Grey County Wardens, the Chief Administrative Officer, and Directors of the County entered the Council Chambers.

Invited guests and County staff were also in attendance.

Heather Morrison, Clerk, welcomed those in attendance and provided opening comments.

The processional of County Councillors then entered.

The Clerk presided over the inaugural session and called the meeting to order.

All members were present except Councillor Barb Clumpus. Councillor Ross Kentner was in attendance on behalf of Councillor Barb Clumpus.

Election of the Warden

The Clerk outlined the procedures for the election of the Warden as set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the County's Procedural By-law.

CC01-20 Moved by: Councillor Carleton Seconded by: Councillor Bartnicki

That the Warden of the County of Grey be elected for a one year term in accordance with By-law 5003-18, being the County's Procedural By-law and Section 233 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Carried

The Clerk stated that nominations for Warden of the County of Grey for the next term were in order and nominations were received as follows:

CC02-20 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That Councillor Selwyn Hicks be nominated for the Warden of the County of Grey.

CC03-20 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That Councillor Christine Robinson be nominated for the Warden of the County of Grey.

CC04-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Desai

That Councillor Paul McQueen be nominated for the Warden of the County of Grey.

CC05-20 Moved by: Councillor Keaveney Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That the nominations for Warden of Grey County be closed.

Carried

At the conclusion of nominations, the Clerk asked the intention of the candidates to run for the office of Warden for which they had been nominated.

Councillor Hicks indicated his desire to stand for the position of Warden for 2020.

Councillor Robinson respectively declined the nomination at this time.

Councillor McQueen indicated his desire to stand for the position of Warden for 2020.

Councillors Boddy and Paterson, the nominators for Councillor Hicks, spoke on his behalf.

Councillors Mackey and Desai, the nominators for Councillor McQueen, spoke on his behalf.

Councillor Hicks thanked his nominators and addressed Council.

Councillor McQueen thanked his nominators and addressed Council.

Declaration of Warden's Election

An election was then held by secret ballot and a tie was declared.

The Clerk then asked the CAO to draw a name out of the ballot box per Procedural By-law 5003-18.

The Clerk declared Paul McQueen Warden of Grey County for 2020.

Swearing in of Warden

Heather Morrison administered the Declaration of Office to Warden McQueen pursuant to the requirements of Section 233 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and offered her congratulations to the new Warden.

Presentation of the Chain of Office

Past Warden Selwyn Hicks was invited to the front of the Chambers where he congratulated Warden McQueen and presented him with the Chain of Office.

Presentation of the Gavel

The Clerk presented Warden McQueen with the gavel and invited him to assume the Chair for the balance of the proceedings.

Warden's Address

Warden McQueen thanked his nominators and presented his opening address to Council.

CC06-20 Moved by: Councillor Desai Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the Warden's Address be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

CC07-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That the ballots be destroyed.

Carried

Warden's Remarks and Introductions

Warden McQueen expressed his appreciation to the members of County Council for their support and thanked his nominators. Warden McQueen then introduced his family members, Council and staff from the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

Remarks by Guests

Past Wardens in attendance were introduced as follows: Elwood Moore, Lois Urstadt, Bill Murdoch, Delton Becker, Gerald Shortt, Howard Greig, Rod Knott, Bob Pringle, Arlene Wright and Duncan McKinlay.

On behalf of the Past Wardens, Stewart Halliday provided comments to Council.

Adjournment

Warden McQueen thanked everyone for attending and announced that a reception would be held in the atrium immediately following the session and invited all present to attend.

On motion of Councillors Desai and Milne, Council adjourned at 8:13 PM until Thursday, December 12, 2019.

Council closed with O Canada performed by Jessica Stengel.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk