

Council

September 24, 2020

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 9:30 AM through electronic participation. The Clerk called Council to order and Warden Paul McQueen assumed the Chair.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present except Councillors Gamble and Clumpus.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Morrison, Clerk; and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator were also participating.

The following staff members were participating:

Kevin Weppler, Director of Corporate Services; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Letourneau, Director of Legal Services-County Solicitor; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture; Grant McLevy, Senior Manager of Human Resources; and Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology.

Declaration of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

CC75-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated September 10, 2020 and the resolutions contained therein be adopted as presented.

Carried

CC76-20 Moved by: Councillor Potter Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the Committee of the Whole closed meeting minutes dated September 10, 2020 be adopted as provided to County Council.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There was no closed meeting held.

By-Laws

CC77-20 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That By-Laws 5092-20 – 5094-20 be introduced and that they be taken as read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law book.

5092-20 A By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 4 to the County of Grey Official Plan affecting lands described as Part Lot 5, Lot 6 and Part Lot 7, Broken Front Concession, (geographic Township of Sydenham), Municipality of Meaford

5093-20 A By-law to Adopt a Delegation of Duties Policy

5094-20 A Bylaw to Amend By-law 5003-18 Being the Procedural By-law To Allow for Electronic Participation in Meetings

Carried

Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Mackey noted that the Township arenas are scheduled to open the first part of October.

Councillor Burley noted that the Inglis Falls Road construction is almost complete.

Councillor Paterson noted that this Saturday is Culture Days in Hanover. There will be lots of activities and COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

Councillor Keaveney noted that there is heavy traffic flowing through Meaford. The Meaford Library fundraising campaign has reached over \$800,000 and surpassed its goal. The facility is opening within the next month. The Municipality is looking forward to determining how it can support its businesses throughout the winter months.

Councillor Boddy noted that the tenth street bridge is on time.

Councillor Woodbury noted that the Township of Southgate will be holding drive through events celebrating Halloween.

Councillor Soever noted that the Town held its Oktoberfest event on Saturday, however there was no sit-down event as planned due to recent restrictions put in place. The drive through portion took place and many meals were sold, raising over \$15,000. The meals program run by the Church, Rotary and Beaver Valley Outreach are delivering about 30 meals a week and the Community Cares meal program for is serving about 80 or 90 people each week. There are many volunteers that help put the meals together and deliver them. The military heritage event has taken place and the library is putting together a virtual exhibit of families from the Town who participated in past wars and outlining the contributions they made.

Councillor Robinson noted that the Durham under 14 softball team won their softball tournament. The Durham Library branch has reopened for browsing and selection. Warden McQueen will be attending an upcoming West Grey Council meeting.

Councillor Hutchinson noted that he has been appointed as the West Grey Representative for the Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission. He is also pleased that minor hockey is proceeding this year.

Councillor Desai noted that Grey Highlands is looking at reopening its arenas. The Municipality is also undergoing renovations to the front desk at the municipal office , and are looking forward to moving back into Chambers.

Council inquired as to the status of the face masking by-law. It was noted that significant work has been put into the draft by-law, however it became clear that the operational considerations of enforcement were becoming complex. It was decided that the most appropriate course of action is for the Medical Officer of Health to continue providing direction and section 22 orders as he has been doing.

The Warden noted that the resilience training offered at the Inn on the Bay in response to COVID-19 was a beneficial event.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors O'Leary and Potter, Council adjourned at 9:52 AM to the call of the Warden.

Paul McQueen, Warden

Heather Morrison, Clerk