

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

October 26, 2023

Call to Order

Grey County Council met on the above date at the County Administration Building. Warden Milne assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. with all members present except Councillor Dobreen. Councillors Bordignon and Kentner joined the meeting virtually.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Camilo Montoya-Guevara, Bannikin - Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy

Camilo Montoya-Guevara presented to the Committee and introduced the Bannikin project team, described the project's goal and objectives, and explained the research, engagement, and development process to develop the five-year strategy and action plan. The presenter spoke about the methodology used to develop the strategy, stakeholder alignment and consultation, and reviewed the objectives and actions outlined within the plan. Camilo Montoya-Guevara noted the impact of tourism, the growth of tourism within Beaver Valley, the need for the strategy to balance the needs of residents and stakeholders towards the development of good, sustainable tourism and development, and the importance of ongoing consultation and collaboration with destination stakeholder groups.

In response to questions from the Committee, Camilo Montoya-Guevara discussed consultation or engagement with destination stakeholder groups in the plan's development, such as the surveys conducted, and the historical or background context

collected in the preparation of the plan, including previous accommodations or access to amenities.

Jason Hemstock, Owen Sound Chamber of Commerce - Community Transit

Jason Hemstock, Chair of the Owen Sound Chamber of Commerce, presented to the Committee regarding the critical need for community transit and requested that the County continue, improve, and make permanent the community transportation supported by Grey County and that County staff work with community partners to identify needs and address gaps.

In response to questions from the Committee, Jason Hemstock spoke about the need for community transit seen within the community of Owen Sound and for more robust community transportation throughout the region.

EDTC-CW-18-23 - Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy

Councillor Dobreen joined the meeting virtually at this time.

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That report EDTC-CW-18-23 regarding the Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy be received; and

That the Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy be adopted as presented; and

That partners, Grey County, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Town of The Blue Mountains and Regional Tourism Organization 7: BruceGreySimcoe develop a formal memorandum of understanding (MOU) that outlines partner commitment to achieving the goals and allocating and/or securing resources to achieve desired outcomes of the strategy; and

That any financial commitments associated with the MOU or Strategy be included annually in the budget process for Council consideration.

CW153-23

Moved by: Councillor Matrosovs

Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

That the question outlined in staff report EDTC-CW-18-23 - Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy be divided to consider clauses one and two separately from clauses three and four.

Carried

CW154-23

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That report EDTC-CW-18-23 regarding the Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy be received; and

That the Beaver Valley Sustainable Tourism Strategy be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That partners, Grey County, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Town of The Blue Mountains and Regional Tourism Organization 7: BruceGreySimcoe develop a formal memorandum of understanding (MOU) that outlines partner commitment to achieving the goals and allocating and/or securing resources to achieve desired outcomes of the strategy; and

That any financial commitments associated with the MOU or Strategy be included annually in the budget process for Council consideration.

CW155-23

Moved by: Councillor Matrosov

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the motion be deferred until the MOU is presented to County Council following budget deliberations.

Carried

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Councillor Boddy requested that item 6.a. regarding Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated October 11, 2023, on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW156-23

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

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.

LSR-CW-03-23 - Easement Request from the City of Owen Sound

CW156-23

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That report LSR-CW-03-23 be received; and

That Council approve in principle the installation of a watermain by the City of Owen Sound within the parcel boundaries of the County Administration Building property located at 595 9th Avenue East, Owen Sound and to grant the City a corresponding easement for it; and

That staff be authorized to negotiate and finalize all agreements with the City of Owen Sound to permit the watermain installation, and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign those agreements, provided they are in a form satisfactory to the Director of Community Services and the Director of Legal Services – County Solicitor and are in accordance with the proposed provisions provided in report LSR-CW-03-23; and

That once the agreements have been finalized, staff be directed to prepare an approval by-law for Council's consideration

FR-CW-21-23 - Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 3 2023

CW156-23

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That report FR-CW-21-23 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 3 of 2023 be received for information.

PDR-CW-46-23 - Lora Bay Phase 4B Information Report 42T-2022-06

CW156-23

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That report PDR-CW-46-23 regarding an overview of County draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2022-06, known as the Lora Bay Phase 4B subdivision, on lands legally described as Part Lot 38, Concession 12, Part of Block 1, Registered Plan 16M-8, geographic Township of Collingwood, now in the Town of The Blue Mountains, be received for information.

PSR-CW-08-23 - Dedicated Offload Nurse Funding

CW156-23

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That report PSR-CW-08-23 regarding the Dedicated Offload Nurse Funding be received for Information.

Pending Activity List - October 26, 2023

CW156-23

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That the pending activity list update dated October 26, 2023, be received for information.

Carried

Items For Direction and Discussion

EDTC-CW-17-23 - Agriculture Specialist High Skills Major Program

CW157-23

Moved by: Councillor Matrosovs

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That report EDTC-CW-17-23 regarding the Agricultural Specialist High Skills Major Program be received; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement to operate the program at Grey Roots Museum and Archives for a one year term; and

That the agreement be signed prior to County Council approval as per Section 26.6 (b) of the Procedural By-law.

Carried

CCR-CW-13-23 - Integrity Commissioner Agreement Renewal

CW158-23

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That report CCR-CW-13-23 regarding the appointment of an integrity commissioner for Grey County be received; and

That a by-law be brought forward appointing Principles Integrity as Grey County's Integrity Commissioner for a five year term effective January 1, 2024.

Carried

CCR-CW-19-23 - Update Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership and Terms of Reference

CW159-23

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That report CCR-CW-19-23 Update to Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership and Terms of Reference be received; and

That the Terms of Reference for the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee be amended by increasing the voting membership to a maximum of nine members from a maximum of seven and by adding the City of Owen Sound as a municipal member; and

That staff be directed to initiate the recruitment process for the additional members.

Carried

Consent Agenda Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated October 11, 2023

CW160-23

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated October 11, 2023, be adopted as presented.

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. **That the Trails Signage report from the Municipality of West Grey be presented for review and comment.**
- ii. **That the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan - 2023-2027 from the Township of Southgate be presented for review and comment.**
- iii. **That the Multi-Year Accessibility Draft Plan - 2024-2028 from the Township of Georgian Bluffs be presented for review and comment.**
- iv. **That the Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy from the Township of Georgian Bluffs be presented for review and comment.**
- v. **That the Accessible Customer Service Policy from the Township of Georgian Bluffs be presented for review and comment.**
- vi. **That the Accessible Municipal Features Map from the County of Grey be presented for review and comment.**
- vii. **That Report Robert Steers Playground Equipment Enhancements be received; and That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (GCJAAC) provide input for consideration for the enhancements.**
- viii. **That the correspondence from the City of Owen Sound regarding the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee dated September 28, 2023, be received for information.**

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors McKay and Carleton, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:22 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk