

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

February 8, 2024

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 10:11 a.m. with all members present. Councillors Dobreen and Bordignon participated electronically.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Peter Frise, MTE/Voxtur Assessment - Tax Policy Overview

Peter Frise, MTE/Voxtur Assessment, presented to the Committee regarding Ontario's property tax and assessment system, considerations for Grey County's current tax policy, and the current tax and tax policy landscape.

Mary Lou Spicer described a recent training session held by Peter Frise with area Treasurers and the following discussion about aligning movement on the multi residential tax rate. The Director shared that the tax policy by-law would be brought forward in March to set rates and that information would then be provided to the member municipalities so impacts can be calculated.

In response to questions from the Committee, Peter Frise spoke about the convention of notional tax rates to measure and communicate changes accurately. Further, the presenter and staff spoke about considerations for tax policy, reassessment and shifting burdens between tax classes, including for properties within the farm class.

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Councillor Nielsen requested that item 6.b Correspondence - Peter French - Regarding the Current Grey County Parking Lot at Gr 13 and Gr 30 Proposal on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW10-24

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

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.

Correspondence - Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology - SWIFT Credit Facility and Municipal Guarantee Update

That the correspondence from Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) regarding an update on the discharge of Grey County's municipal loan guarantee be received for information.

TR-CW-04-24 - Capital Equipment Purchase Prior to 2025 Budget

That report TR-CW-04-24 regarding capital equipment purchase prior to 2025 budget approval be received; and

That staff be authorized to procure one tandem truck prior to the 2025 budget approval due to delivery time.

TR-CW-02-24 - Award of a One Ton Truck

That report TR-CW-02-24 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-09-23, supply and delivery of a one ton truck be received; and

That Blue Mountain Chrysler be awarded the Tender for a total amount of \$126,190.00 excluding HST; and

That the amount exceeding budget of \$44,110.94 will be funded from any surplus at year end and if insufficient surplus exists, the remainder funded through the Transportation General Capital reserve.

PDR-CW-02-24 - Active Ontario Land Tribunal File List

That report PDR-CW-02-24 be received for information purposes.

Carried

Items For Direction and Discussion

TR-CW-03-24 - Amendments to By-Law 4788-13 – Regulating Traffic and Parking within the County of Grey Roads System

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That report TR-CW-03-24 be received; and

That a by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration to amend Schedules "G", "N", "O", and "U" of By-Law 4788-13, being the By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the County of Grey Roads System, to reflect the proposed revisions.

CW11-24

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That at the motion be amended to incorporate a reduction to 60 km per hour on Grey Road 31 from 20 metres west of #469358 to 20 metres east of #469570 in Grey Highlands (Rob Roy) in Schedule N – Rates of Speed.

Councillor McQueen requested a recorded vote.

In Favour: Carleton 6, McQueen 6, Paterson 4, Kentner 6, Matrosovs 7, Bordignon 7

Opposed: Mackey 4, McKay 3, Pringle 5, Nielsen 5, Dickert 3, Keaveney 5, Boddy 8, Greig 8, Milne 4, Dobreen 3, Eccles 6, Hutchinson 6

The motion was Lost (60-36).

CW12-24

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That report TR-CW-03-24 be received; and

That a by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration to amend Schedules "G", "N", "O", and "U" of By-Law 4788-13, being the By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the County of Grey Roads System, to reflect the proposed revisions.

Carried

PDR-CW-03-24 - Planning Efficiencies Report

CW13-24

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That report PDR-CW-03-24 be received; and

That staff be directed to proceed with the County planning efficiencies recommendations outlined in this report; and

That this report be shared with member municipalities in Grey County; and

That staff be directed to continue to consult with member municipalities in Grey, as well as agencies, and the development community, to look for further areas for improvement to County or municipal planning processes.

Carried

Consent Agenda Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Correspondence - Peter French - Regarding the Current Grey County Parking Lot at Gr 13 and Gr 30 Proposal

CW14-24

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

That the correspondence from Peter French regarding the current Grey County parking lot at Grey Road 13 and Grey Road 30 be received for information.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Other Business

In response to questions from the Committee, CAO Wingrove confirmed that the area CAO had begun conversations regarding solid waste management and a community of practice was being established. The CAO confirmed that a report would be prepared for the County Council following further staff analysis and investigation.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Eccles presented a notice of motion for the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole regarding consideration of the County of Grey's municipal membership in the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO).

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Nielsen and Hutchinson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:42 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk