

Minutes Council

February 22, 2024

Call to Order

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:01 a.m. at the County Administration Building. The Warden called Council to order and assumed the Chair.

O Canada

The Warden invited members of Council to stand for O Canada.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the Roll with all members present except Councillor McKay. Councillor Bordignon participated electronically.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Tara Warder, Clerk; and Sarah Goldrup, Deputy Clerk were also in attendance.

The following staff members were also participating:

Randy Scherzer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Community Services; Jody MacEachern, Director of Information Technology; Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Culture; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Scott Taylor, Director of Planning; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; and Robert Hatten, Manager of Communications.

Land Acknowledgement

The Warden read the Land Acknowledgement.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

County Council and Committee of the Whole minutes dated February 8, 2024

CC16-24

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated February 8, 2024, and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Delegations

Peter MacGowan - Request for Speed Limit Change in Rob Roy, Grey Highlands

Peter MacGowan presented to County Council to request a speed limit reduction on Grey Road 31 in Rob Roy, Grey Highlands. The presenter described the features of the road, existing speed limits, concerns about speeding, the proposed extension of the reduced speed zone, policy implications, and local context considerations, including agricultural equipment, pedestrians, and events at the Rob Roy Church. In response to questions from the Committee, Peter MacGowan discussed accidents in the area.

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Reports

There were no reports.

By-laws

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That By-law 5176-24 be introduced, as 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, and 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.

- i. **5176-24 - A By-law to Amend Schedules G, N, O, and U of By-law 4788-13, being a By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the Grey County Roads System**

CC17-24

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

That the question be divided to consider the amendment to Schedule N – Rates of Speed and the adoption of the by-law separately.

Carried

CC18-24

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That By-law 5176-24 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: McQueen 6, Nielsen 5, Paterson 4, Kentner 6, Matrosovs 7

Opposed: Mackey 4, Carleton 6, Pringle 5, Dickert 3, Keaveney 5, Boddy 8, Greig 8, Milne 4, Dobreen 3, Bordignon 7, Eccles 6, Hutchinson 6

Absent: McKay 3

The motion was Lost (65-28).

CC19-24

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That By-law 5176-24 be amended to incorporate a reduction to 70 km per hour on in the noted areas of Grey Road 31 in Grey Highlands (Rob Roy) in Schedule N – Rates of Speed.

Lost

CC20-24

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That By-law 5176-24 be introduced, as presented, and 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.

- i. **5176-24 - A By-law to Amend Schedules G, N, O, and U of By-law 4788-13, being a By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the Grey County Roads System**

Carried

CC21-24

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That By-law 5177-24 be introduced and 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.

- i. **5177-24 - A By-law to Authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute a Contribution Agreement between the Minister of Natural Resources and the Corporation of The County of Grey Through the Codes Acceleration Fund**

Carried

CC22-24

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That By-law 5178-24 be introduced and 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.

- i. **5178-24 - A By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council**

Carried

News and Celebrations

Councillor Nielsen noted that Markdale's Coldest Night of the Year event would be held on February 24, 2024.

Councillor Matrosovs shared that an International Women's Day event would be held in partnership with the Town of the Blue Mountain's Chamber of Commerce on March 4, 2024.

Councillor Keaveney raised that Meaford's Coldest Night of the Year event would also be held on February 24, 2024, and expressed thanks to staff for the display celebrating Meaford's 150th-anniversary display at the Grey Roots Museum and Archives.

Councillor Boddy highlighted the upcoming International AutoShow and his attendance at the Canadian Nuclear Association's Annual Conference in Ottawa.

Savanna Myers celebrated that the County's Economic Development, Tourism and Culture (EDTC) Master Plan won an Award of Excellence on February 8 at the annual Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) Conference in Toronto. The Director recognized the vital contributions and support of staff from member municipalities in the Master Plan's development.

Jacinda Rudolph spoke about the success of the recent Regional Job Fair, noting high attendance from job seekers and employers, which had been supported by promotion and partnerships that drew attendees both locally and as far away as the Greater Toronto Area.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Matrosovs and Keaveney, Council adjourned at 11:33 a.m. to the call of the Warden.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk