

# Minutes

## Committee of the Whole

March 14, 2024

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### 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 10:15 a.m. with all members present. Councillors McKay, Nielsen, 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

#### Islay Graham & Jiya Kukreja - Pencil Project: Penciling It In

Deepika Gupta introduced the Pencil Project: Penciling It In, created by Islay Graham and Jiya Kukreja. A video presentation of Islay Graham and Jiya Kukreja was shared, describing the inspiration behind the book *Penciling It In: 27 Stories of Success Achieved by Grey-Bruce Newcomers*, which aimed to celebrate new immigrants and first-generation Canadians who now call the Grey-Bruce area home. The video detailed the project's logistics and discussed the community connections supporting the book's development. The presenters shared that the book would be launched at the Owen Sound Public Library on March 28, 2024.

In response to questions from the Committee, Islay Graham discussed sharing the project at the national Demonstrating Excellence, Celebrating Achievement (DECA) competitions and the DECA International Career Development Conference in California in April. Islay Graham explained the methodology used to develop the business case that informed the project, including surveys and interviews with new Canadians and their findings regarding the importance of increasing resource awareness to support newcomer success in Grey and Bruce Counties. Further, Islay Graham spoke about

sharing the book with schools and libraries in Grey and Bruce Counties and future opportunities to discuss the project. Deepika Gupta discussed Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership's campaigns, resources for newcomers, and the "Hello, Meaford" awareness campaign.

## **Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

Councillor Nielsen requested that item 6.a regarding Correspondence - City of Greater Sudbury - Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer" on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

## **Consent Agenda**

CW20-24

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

**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 - North Grey Women's Institute - Grey Roots Museum and Archives**

**That the correspondence from the North Grey Women's Institute regarding the Grey Roots Museum and Archives be received for information.**

**Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated February 15, 2024**

**That the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting dated February 15, 2024, be adopted as presented; and**

**That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. That Lorie Smith be nominated as Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2024.**
- ii. That Hugh Simpson be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for 2024.**
- iii. That the Agricultural Advisory Committee receive the following correspondence as presented.**

- i. That the media release from the Government of Ontario regarding governments positioning fruit farming sector for growth be received for information.
- ii. That the correspondence from MPP Lisa Thompson regarding a letter from the Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs be received for information.

Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force minutes dated February 15, 2024

**That the minutes of the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force meeting dated February 15, 2024, be adopted as presented; and**

**That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. That report TR-UR-05-24 regarding information, timelines and urban road maintenance strategies be received for information.

Community Services Committee minutes dated February 29, 2024

**That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting dated February 29, 2024, be adopted as presented; and**

**That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. That Councillor Nielsen be nominated as Chair of the Community Services Committee for 2024.
- ii. That Councillor Dickert be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee for 2024.
- iii. That the presentation from Beam Consulting be received; and That staff be directed to prepare a report regarding the Early ON recommendations.
- iv. That report CSR-CW-02-24, an Early Learning and Child Care 2024 Funding update be received for information.
- v. That report regarding the 14th Street Supportive Housing Project Summary be received for information.
- vi. That report CSR-CS-05-24 regarding a proposed Investment Plan for Homelessness Prevention Program for 2024-2025 be received; and That Grey County Council endorses the Investment Plan for the Homelessness Prevention Program to be submitted to the Province.

- vii. **That report CSR-CS-06-24 regarding the Housing and Homelessness Plan Update be received.**
- viii. **That the correspondence from the Town of Aurora regarding the homelessness crisis be received for information.**
- ix. **That the correspondence from the Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation regarding property insurance costs be received; and  
That staff be directed to prepare a letter from the County of Grey advocating to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to consider the impact that the rising costs of property insurance are having on the financial sustainability of existing and new affordable housing builds; and  
That the relevant stakeholder organizations, associations, and federal and provincial members of government be included in the letter's circulation.**

**CAOR-CW-05-24 - Write Off of Uncollectable Provincial Fines**

**That report CAOR-CW-05-24 regarding the write-off of uncollectable provincial fines be received; and**

**That the recommended write offs in the amount of \$703.80, as outlined in the report, be approved.**

**TR-CW-06-24 - Award of Tender RFT-TS-02-24 for the Grey Road 40 Pulverize and Pave and Asphalt Paving of Patrol Depot B**

**That report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-02-24 regarding the Grey Road 40 Pulverize and Pave and Asphalt Paving of Patrol Depot B projects be received; and**

**That Cox Construction Limited be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$4,212,268.59, excluding HST.**

**TR-CW-07-24 - Award of Tender RFT-TS-03-24 for the Grey Road 9 and 14 Pulverize and Pave**

**That report TR-CW-07-24 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-03-24 regarding the Grey Road 9 and 14 Pulverize and Pave project be received; and**

**That E.C. King Contracting be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$4,793,580.75, excluding HST.**

**TR-CW-08-24 - Award of Tender RFT-TS-04-24 for the Grey Road 13 Pulverize and Pave**

**That report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-04-24 regarding the Grey Road 13 Pulverize and Pave be received; and**

**That Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd. o/a Walker Construction Grey-Bruce be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$1,980,923.85, excluding HST.**

### **TR-CW-09-24 - Award of Tender RFT-TS-16-24 for Grey Road 3 and 4 Reconstruction**

**That report TR-CW-09-24 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-16-24 regarding Grey Road 3 and 4 Reconstruction be received; and**

**That Roubos Farm Service be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$2,829,193.95, excluding HST; and**

**That the anticipated budget shortfall of approximately \$54,372.11 be funded from surplus in the Major Road and Bridge Construction program or if insufficient funds exist, from the Transportation Services General Reserve.**

### **PDR-CW-08-24 - Chris Pallister Minor Exemption**

**That report PDR-CW-08-24 be received; and**

**That the application for Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for Part of Lot 27, Concession 12, in the geographic Township of Proton, Township of Southgate, be approved.**

### **PDR-CW-09-24 - Paul Martin Minor Exemption**

**That Report PDR-CW-09-24 be received; and**

**That the application for a Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for 075499 Grey Road 12, geographic Township of Euphrasia, Municipality of Grey Highlands, be approved.**

Carried

## **Items For Direction and Discussion**

### **Supportive Outreach Services (SOS) - Verbal Update**

Kevin McNab shared an update regarding the Supportive Outreach Services and the program's relocation to a space shared with the Owen Sound Hunger and Relief Effort (OSHaRE). The Director thanked the City of Owen Sound and the Owen Sound Farmer's Market for supporting the SOS program. The Director described the support services provided by the SOS program and the benefits of the new space with

OSHaRE. The Director recognized the medical equipment donated to the new space by the Owen Sound Family Health Team.

## PSR-CW-03-24 - Response Time Performance Plan Results for 2023

CW21-24

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Kentner

**That report PSR-CW-03-24 regarding the 2023 response time performance plan results be received and that the results be submitted to the Ministry of Health by March 31st, 2024.**

Carried

## PSR-CW-04-24 - 2022 Ministry of Health Service Review Final Report

CW22-24

Moved by: Councillor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**That Report PSR-CW-04-24 regarding ambulance service review results be received for information.**

Carried

## PSR-CW-05-24 - Sole Source of Ambulance Purchase for 2024 and 2025

CW23-24

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

**That report PSR-CW-05-24, regarding the sole source of ambulance purchases for 2024 and 2025, be received; and**

**That the purchase of seven ambulances be sole sourced from Demers Ambulances; and**

**That staff be authorized to order the three budgeted ambulances in 2024 for the deployment enhancement and four ambulances that are scheduled for replacement in 2025 ahead of budget approval; and**

**That action be taken prior to council approval as per Section 26.6 b of Procedural By-law 5134-22.**

Carried

## PDR-CW-05-24 - Glenelg Klondyke Follow Up Report

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

CW24-24

Moved by: Councillor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

**That PDR-CW-05-24 be received; and**

**That staff continue with education, signage, and trespass abatement methods to minimize future trespass in the Glenelg Klondyke County Forest; and**

**That following the current harvest in the Glenelg Klondyke County Forest, Grey County repair those sections of trail previously impacted by unauthorized motorized users.**

Carried

Resolution CW18-23 from January 12, 2023, deferring Report PDR-CW-02-23, was resolved with the passing of the above resolution.

## CAOR-CW-06-24 - Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. – Potential Purchase of Leased Lands

CW25-24

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That the Committee of the Whole does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss:**

- i. **A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (Closed Session Addendum - Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. Leased Lands, Dundalk).**

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 12:03 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 12:28 p.m.

The Warden confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed.

CW26-24

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

**That report CAOR-CW-06-24 be received; and**

**That the current lease agreement with Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. be terminated at the end of the term of the current land lease September 30, 2024, and that the leased lands be declared as surplus; and**

**That the leased lands be valued as vacant land by an appraisal or an opinion of value by a licensed real estate agent; and**

**That the property be sold to Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. in accordance with the County's Sale and Acquisition of Land Policy and Procedure subject to the following:**

- a. **The County retaining the 20-metre corridor of the CP Rail Trail,**
- b. **a requirement for Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. to remove any encroachments onto the travelled portion of the CP Rail Trail deemed to be unacceptable from a safety perspective, and execution of an easement agreement(s) between the County and Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. for any encroachments deemed acceptable,**
- c. **The County not requiring the buildings to be demolished after the lease agreement has expired,**
- d. **Agreed improvements to trail crossings between Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. buildings to ensure the safety of CP Rail Trail users; and**

**If Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. does not wish to purchase the leased land at present, staff be directed to prepare a new lease agreement with Midwest Co-operative Services Inc. which shall include the following:**

- **a purchase option in favor of the tenant for the appraised value of the land, subject to the County retaining the 20-metre CP Rail Trail corridor,**
- **an escalating fair market lease value for the lands,**
- **a requirement for the tenant to remove any encroachments onto the travelled portion of the CP Rail Trail deemed to be unacceptable from a safety perspective,**
- **and execution of an easement agreement(s) between the County and the tenant for any encroachments deemed acceptable,**



- **improvements to trail crossings between the tenant's buildings to ensure the safety of CP Rail Trail users; and**

**That the negotiated purchase and sale agreement and/or associated by-law(s) be brought forward for Council's consideration.**

Carried

## **Consent Agenda Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

**Correspondence - City of Greater Sudbury - Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"**

CW27-24

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**That the correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury regarding an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer" be supported by the Council of the County of Grey; and**

**That the resolution of support be sent to the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the MPPs for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and Simcoe-Grey.**

Carried

## **Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **Notice of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

## **Closed Meeting Matters**

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

CW28-24

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That the Committee of the Whole does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss:**

- i. **Educating or training the members (Land Acknowledgements).**

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 1:13 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 2:34 p.m.

The Warden confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed.

## **Adjournment**

On motion of Councillors Matrosovs and Eccles, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:35 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Brian Milne, Warden

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Tara Warder, Clerk