

# Minutes

## Committee of the Whole

March 28, 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 10:18 a.m. with all members present except Councillor Pringle. Councillors McKay, Hutchinson, Matrosovs, 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

#### James Scongack, Chief Development Officer and Executive Vice-President - Bruce Power Update

James Scongack presented to the Committee to share an update on Bruce Power. The presenter spoke about the pressures the hydro and electricity sector faces, including considerations for energy policy and security, affordability and economic implications, and sustainability and climate change. The presenter described the significant increase in demand for electricity and clean energy due to the projected growth in Ontario and long-term planning that balances the importance of maintaining current infrastructure while investing in innovation towards growth for greater capacity or more efficient technologies. The presenter explained the importance and opportunity of producing medical isotopes used to sterilize, diagnose and treat cancer. The presenter recognized their partnership with the Saugeen Ojibway Nations and Bruce Power's commitment to doing things better and differently going forward and engaging with the broader public and community. The presenter noted the importance of working with partners at all levels of government to ensure the necessary resources and infrastructure are in place to support the sector and the people in it.

Warden Milne thanked the speaker for recently receiving the Bruce Power Community Leadership Award.

In response to questions from the Committee, James Scongack discussed the importance of a collaborative teamwork approach between the levels of government to meet residents' needs and the opportunity to leverage this project's importance to Canada and the world for community improvements and support. Further, the presenter described Ontario's mix of energy sources, how reliable baseload nuclear supported by a base of hydro energy, the challenge of decarbonization being filling the gap left by fossil fuels and addressing peaking energy needs, and the continued role that fossil fuels will play in Ontario's mix of energy sources. The presenter spoke about the goal of Net Zero by 2050, the importance of both public-private partnerships for investment to address the size of the challenge, how energy storage is complimentary to the nuclear sector, and the importance of energy storage to address the peaking currently filled by the use of fossil fuels.

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

Councillor Boddy requested that item 6.b regarding Correspondence - Town of Goderich - Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Councillor Eccles requested that item 6.f regarding TR-CW-10-24 - Award of Tender RFT-TS-05-24 for the Grey Road 16 Overlay and Reconstruction on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

## **Consent Agenda**

CW29-24

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**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 - City of Owen Sound - Guelph to Owen Sound (GOST) Intercommunity Transit

**That the correspondence from the City of Owen Sound regarding Guelph to Owen Sound (GOST) Intercommunity Transit be received; and**

**That staff be directed to meet with City representatives and prepare a report for County Council's consideration regarding models for**

**operation and funding contributions required from stakeholders for service to continue.**

**Budget and Finance Committee minutes dated March 18, 2024**

**That the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting dated March 18, 2024, be adopted as presented; and**

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

- i. That Councillor Eccles be nominated as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for the remainder of 2024.**
- ii. That Councillor Greig be nominated as Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for the remainder of 2024.**
- iii. That Report CAOR-BFC-09-24 Committee Terms of Reference and Workplan be received; and  
That the Terms of Reference and the Workplan be supported**
- iv. That report FR-BFC-05-24 be received; and  
That staff be directed to prepare the 2025 budget with a 2026 projection as a first step in the analysis of a multi year budgeting process.**

**FR-CW-09-24 - 2023 External Audit – BDO Planning Report**

**That report FR-CW-09-24 titled 2023 External Audit – BDO Planning Report and the Audit Planning Report for the year ending December 31, 2023, prepared by BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants be received for information.**

**FR-CW-11-24 - 2023 Treasurer’s Statement**

**That Report FR-CW-11-24 and the attached 2023 Treasurer’s Statement be received for information.**

Carried

## **Items For Direction and Discussion**

**CAOR-CW-08-24 - 2024 – 2027 County Strategic Plan**

CW30-24

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**That report CAOR-CW-08-24 regarding the 2024-2027 County Strategic Plan be received; and,**

**That the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## **Closed Meeting Matters**

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

There were no closed meeting matters.

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

**TR-CW-10-24 - Award of Tender RFT-TS-05-24 for the Grey Road 16 Overlay and Reconstruction**

CW31-24

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**That report TR-CW-10-24 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-05-24 regarding the Grey Road 16 Overlay and Reconstruction Project be received; and**

**That Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd. o/a Walker Construction Grey-Bruce be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$1,023,701.90, excluding HST.**

Carried

**Correspondence - Town of Goderich - Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences**

CW32-24

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Dobrean

**That the correspondence and resolution from the Town of Goderich regarding the return to combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences be supported by the Council of the County of Grey; and**

**That a letter be sent to ROMA, OGRA and the Town of Goderich indicating that support.**

Carried

## **Other Business**

Councillor Matrosovs left the meeting at this time.

Warden Milne shared that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Regional Conference would be held in the Town of the Blue Mountains following the meeting on March 28, 2024.

## **Notice of Motion**

Councillor Dobreen raised a notice of motion for the April 11, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting regarding her nomination for the election to the AMO County Caucus.

## **Adjournment**

On motion of Councillors Bordignon and Hutchinson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:05 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Brian Milne, Warden

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Tara Warder, Clerk