

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

May 9, 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 10:16 a.m. with all members present. Councillors Nielsen and Bordignon participated electronically.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Matrosovs and Bordignon declared an interest in items 7.e and 8.i on the agenda for this meeting regarding TR-CW-19-24 - Town of The Blue Mountains Booster Station - Grey Road 19 and Grey Road 21 due to local interests.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Jeremy Wentworth - Stanley - TC Energy Proposal

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley presented to the Committee about concerns regarding the Trans Canada (TC) energy proposal. The presenter described considerations about the TC organization's financial health and the economics of the pumped storage project, which might require future subsidization as energy demands move away from peak demands used to buy and sell electricity to make a profit in their current financial model and become more level or consistent. Further, the presenter explained concerns regarding hedge funds, the insurance or indemnification of the project, and the importance of custodians to protect the interests of residents.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Councillor Greig requested that item 6.e regarding correspondence from the Town of Goderich about Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program rates on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Councillor Eccles requested that item 6.i regarding correspondence from South Bruce Grey Health Centre about Durham Hospital acute inpatient beds on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW48-24

Moved by: Councillor Paterson

Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

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.

TR-CW-20-24 Award of RFT-TS-01-24 Structure 009-349 Replacement

That report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-01-24 regarding the replacement of Structure 9-349 be received; and

That McLean Taylor Construction Limited be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$1,243,574.05, excluding HST.

PDR-CW-22-24 Tim Frey Minor Exemption Application

That PDR-CW-22-24 be received; and

That the application for a Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for Part of Lot 221 and 222, Concession 1 SWTSR, geographic Township of Proton, Township of Southgate, 772410 Highway 10, be approved, subject to the conditions outlined in this report.

PDR-CW-20-24 Glenelg Phase 3 Final Report, Glenelg Phase 3 Subdivision

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

That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision application 42T-2022-08, known as Glenelg Phase 3, were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That in consideration of draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2022-08, for lands legally described as Part of Lots 225 and 226, Concession 2, Southwest of Toronto and Sydenham Road, geographic Township of Proton, now in the Township of Southgate,

the Grey County Committee of the Whole approves the plan of subdivision to create a total of 292 (two-hundred-and-ninety-two) single-detached units, 24 (twenty-four) semi-detached units, and 75 (seventy-five) townhouse units, as well as blocks for open space/parks, a school, and public streets, subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Decision.

Correspondence - Multi Municipal Energy Working Group

That the correspondence from the Multi Municipal Energy Working Group be received for information.

Correspondence - TC Energy Pumped Storage Project

That the correspondence addressed to the County of Grey from members of the public regarding the TC Energy pumped storage project be received for information.

Correspondence from County of Grey - Changes to Service at Durham Hospital

That the correspondence from the County of Grey to South Bruce Grey Hospital Corporation regarding changes in service to the Durham Hospital, be received for information.

Correspondence from West Grey - Durham Hospital

That the correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey to South Bruce Grey Health Centre Board regarding a Transfer of Durham Hospital Acute In-Patient Care Beds be received for information.

Carried

Items For Direction and Discussion

EDTC-CW-01-24 Grey Roots Museum and Archive 2023-2024 Update

CW49-24

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That report EDTC-CW-01-24 regarding Grey Roots Museum and Archives 2023-2024 Update be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-21-24 Bill 185 Updates

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

CW50-24

Moved by: Councillor Kentner

Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

That report PDR-CW-21-24 be received, regarding Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024, and the proposed update to the Provincial Planning Statement 2024; and

That report PDR-CW-21-24 be forwarded on to the province as the County of Grey's comments on the proposed legislative and policy updates as posted on the Environmental Registry through postings #019-8462, #019-8366, #019-8368, #019-8369, #019-8370, and #019-8371; and

That this report be shared with; the County's Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee, Agricultural Advisory Committee, and member municipalities in Grey County;

That staff be authorized to proceed prior to County Council approval as per Section 26.6(b) of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

Carried

PDR-CW-23-24 Battery Energy Storage Systems

CW51-24

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That report PDR-CW-23-24 regarding battery energy storage systems be received for information; and

That report PDR-CW-23-24 be shared with all member municipalities in Grey County for their information; and

That Council, by means of a letter to be composed by the Warden, urges the Province to develop an Energy Land Use Policy Guideline (akin to the Province's Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas) which would aid municipalities in consistently revising their planning documents to facilitate the realization of the IESO's Pathways to Decarbonation document.

Carried

CCR-CW-08-24 Community Awareness Campaign Policy

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

CW52-24

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

That Report CCR-CW-08-24 regarding a Community Awareness Campaign policy be received; and

That Policy ADM-01-95 – Proclamations be repealed; and

That the Community Awareness Campaign policy for proclamations, flag raisings and building illumination be endorsed as presented; and

That the Warden be delegated the authority to approve and deny requests in accordance with the policy on behalf of County Council.

Lost

Consent Agenda Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Correspondence - Town of Goderich - OW and ODSP Rates

CW53-24

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the correspondence and resolution from the Town of Goderich regarding an increase to Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program rates be supported by County of Grey in general principle; and

That a letter of support be sent which reflects support for an increase to the subject rates, as opposed to "at least double" as noted by the Town of Goderich.

Carried

Correspondence from South Bruce Grey Health Centre - Durham Hospital Acute Inpatient Beds

CW54-24

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That the correspondence from the South Bruce Grey Health Centre regarding the transition of the Durham Hospital Acute Inpatient Care beds be received for information; and

That Grey County prepare further communications to South Bruce Grey Health requesting information on their assessment of the impacts to Long-term Care residents, operational impacts on Rockwood Terrace, Paramedic Services and other local hospitals and how these might be addressed and further invite the Chair and President of the Board to delegate to County Council to discuss.

Carried

CW55-24

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That staff be directed to investigate a delegation directly to the Minister of Health with respect to the South Bruce Grey Health Centre matter.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW56-24

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

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 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 (Booster Station in the Town of the Blue Mountains)**

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 1:43 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 2:28 p.m.

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

Items For Direction and Discussion

TR-CW-19-24 - Town of The Blue Mountains Booster Station - Grey Road 19 and Grey Road 21

CW57-24

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

That Report TR-CW-19-24 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the County of Grey and the Town of the Blue Mountains for the replacement of the Blue Mountains booster station be received; and

That staff provide Notice to the Town of the Blue Mountains to terminate the existing MOU between the County of Grey and the Town of the Blue Mountains for the booster station relocation and that By-law 5144-22 regarding this MOU be repealed upon the termination of the existing MOU; and

That staff be directed to negotiate a new MOU with the Town of the Blue Mountains that reflects the updated shared cost of the booster pumping station relocation project as directed by Council; and

That the draft updated MOU come forward to Council for approval.

Carried

Other Business

There was no other business.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Eccles and Paterson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 2:29 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk