

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

May 23, 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 10:17 a.m. with all members present except Councillors Nielsen and Eccles. Alternate Councillor Tom Allwood attended on behalf of Councillor Nielsen. Councillor Bordignon participated electronically. The agenda for today's meeting was considered in the following order.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Councillor Hutchinson requested that item 6.f regarding correspondence from West Grey about a judicial review of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre decision to transfer in-patient beds out of the Durham Hospital on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW58-24

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

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 - Comments on Bill 185 and Proposed PPS 2024

That the correspondence from the City of Owen Sound regarding comments on Bill 185 and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, be received for information.

Correspondence - Grey County Agricultural Services - Letter of Appreciation

That the correspondence from Grey County Agricultural Services regarding a letter of appreciation be received for information.

Correspondence - Township of Alnwick Haldimand - MFIPPA Modernization

That the correspondence from the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand regarding MFIPPA modernization be supported.

Correspondence - The Town of the Blue Mountains & Township of Archipelago - Opposition to the TC Energy Pump Storage Project

That the correspondence from the Town of the Blue Mountains and the Township of Archipelago regarding opposition to the TC Energy pump storage project be received for information.

Correspondence - County of Prince Edward - Help End the National Housing Affordability Crisis

That the correspondence from the County of Prince Edward regarding seeking support for the Province and Federal Government to work together to help end the national housing affordability crisis be supported by the County of Grey.

Carried

Items For Direction and Discussion

CAOR-CW-13-24 - Mileage Expense Reimbursement Policy

CW59-24

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That Report CAOR-CW- 13- 24 Mileage Expense Reimbursement Policy be received; and

That the County's mileage reimbursement policy be updated to use the Canada Revenue Agency reasonable rate and that this change be implemented effective June 1, 2024; and

That the mileage rates previously adopted by County Council by resolution FP114-08 on July 8, 2008, and FP60-09 on April 7, 2009, be rescinded and replaced as provided in report CAOR-CW- 13- 24; and

That if departmental travel budgets are insufficient and the additional cost cannot be offset within the respective budget, the shortfall be funded from the One Time Funding Reserve; and

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

Carried

PSR-CW-06-24 - Land Purchase for New Durham Paramedic Base

CW60-24

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report PSR-CW-06-24 regarding the purchase of land from the Municipality of West Grey for the construction of a new paramedic base be received; and

That based on the results of the site investigations as per the conditional letter of offer to purchase, that staff be directed to finalize the purchase and sale agreement to purchase the lands for \$150,000 and bring forward a by-law for Council's consideration; and

That staff be directed to finalize the cost sharing agreement with West Grey for the proportionate share of the road and servicing works to be constructed by West Grey along the frontage of the paramedic base lands and bring forward a by-law for Council's consideration; and

That staff be directed to proceed with issuing a Design Build tender to hire a general contractor to complete the design and construction of the new paramedic base in Durham with the tender results being brought forward for Council's consideration.

Carried

Consent Agenda Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Correspondence - West Grey - Judicial Review of South Bruce Grey Health Centre Decision to Transfer In Patient Beds out of the Durham Hospital

The meeting recessed and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That the correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey regarding a judicial review of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre decision to transfer in-patient beds out of the Durham Hospital be received; and

That staff be directed to work with the Municipality of West Grey to make a joint application to the divisional court for a judicial review of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre decision to transfer in-patient beds out of the Durham Hospital; and

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

The Committee of the Whole unanimously agreed to table consideration of this matter until after closed session.

CW61-24

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

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. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Judicial Review of South Bruce Grey Health Centre Decision to Transfer In Patient Beds out of the Durham Hospital).**

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 11:10 a.m.

Council returned to open session at 11:43 a.m.

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

CW62-24

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That the correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey regarding a judicial review of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre decision to transfer in-patient beds out of the Durham Hospital be received; and

That staff be directed to work with the Municipality of West Grey to make a joint application to the divisional court for a judicial review of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre decision to transfer in-patient beds out of the Durham Hospital; and

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

Lost

CW63-24

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That the correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey regarding a judicial review of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre decision to transfer in-patient beds out of the Durham Hospital be received; and

That the Warden continue to pursue a meeting with the Minister of Health and South Bruce Grey Health Centre regarding the implications of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre decision to transfer in-patient beds out of the Durham Hospital; and

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

Carried

Other Business

Municipal Delegation Request for the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference

CW64-24

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That the County of Grey submit the following delegation requests for the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual conference:

- **Minister of Health - Rural Healthcare & Hospitals**

- **Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs - Healthy Rural Communities**
- **Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Planning for Healthy Rural Committees & Legislative Implications**
- **Minister of Economic Development and Trade - Healthy Rural Communities & Attracting and Retaining Investment**
- **Minister of Transportation - South Georgian Bay Regional Analysis & Future Highway Corridors**
- **Minister of Long-Term Care - Rural Healthcare, Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care, & Rockwood Terrace Redevelopment**

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW65-24

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

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. **Labour relations or employee negotiations (HRR-CW-02-24 - Upset Limit for Bargaining- OPSEU 250 Paramedic Services).**
- ii. **Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (PDR-CW-26-24 - 138 Kandahar Lane Subdivision – 42T-2021-07 - Appeal Update).**

Council proceeded into closed session at 12:04 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 12:26 p.m.

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

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Pringle and Paterson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:26 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk