

# Minutes

## Committee of the Whole

June 13, 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 11:05 a.m. with all members present except Councillor McKay. Councillors Bordignon and Hutchinson attended the meeting virtually.

### Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### Business Arising from Minutes

#### Delegations

Darlene DeStefano - Solutions for Attainable Living - Request for Financial Support

Ms. DeStefano attended to request financial support for attainable living solutions. She led a presentation demonstrating various possibilities for creating additional residential units. She spoke about the difference between affordable housing as it is defined and situations where affordable housing is still not affordable.

#### Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no items on the consent agenda pulled for further discussion.

### Consent Agenda

CW66-24

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**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 - MPP Rick Byers - South Bruce Grey Health Centre Announcement**

**That the correspondence from the Honourable Rick Byers, MPP, regarding the recent announcements from the South Bruce Grey Health Centre be received for information.**

**Correspondence - City of Owen Sound - Request for Immediate Passing of Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024**

**That the correspondence from the City of Owen Sound regarding the request for the immediate passing of Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024, be supported by the County of Grey.**

**Grey County Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated May 16, 2024**

**That the minutes of the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated May 16, 2024, be adopted as presented; and**

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

- i. That in consideration of the verbal presentation regarding the City of Owen Sound's Community Improvement Plan, the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report for review and comment.**
- ii. That Report Town of Hanover Community Trail Extension and Signage be received; and  
That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (GCJAAC) review and provide comment.**
- iii. That Report 3rd Street from 11th to 12th Avenue and 12th Avenue south of 4th Street be received; and  
That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (GCJAAC) provide input related to accessibility for the sidewalk replacement.**
- iv. That in consideration of the verbal presentation regarding the Township of Georgian Bluff's Community Improvement Plan,**

**the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report for review and comment.**

- v. **That in consideration of the verbal presentation regarding the Township of Georgian Bluff's Strategic Plan refresh and engagement opportunities, the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report for review and comment.**
- vi. **That in consideration of the verbal presentation regarding Grey County's Short Term Shelter Program, the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report for review and comment.**

### **Budget and Finance Committee minutes dated May 28, 2024**

**That the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting dated May 28, 2024, be adopted as presented; and**

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

- i. **That report FR-BFC-16-24 regarding the 2023 Development Charges Reserve Fund Statement be received; and That Council accepts the Treasurer's declaration that the County is in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Development Charges Act, 1997 and any additional reporting requirements identified by the Smart Growth for our Communities Act, 2015 (Bill 73); and That report FR-BFC-16-24 and related attachments be made available on the County's website or upon request.**
- ii. **That report FR-BFC-17-23 regarding the 2023 Investment Report be received for information.**
- iii. **That report FR-BFC-18-24 regarding the 2024 Capital Project Status Update Report as of March 31, 2024 be received for information.**
- iv. **That report FR-BFC-21-24 regarding Corporate Financial Update as of March 31, 2024 be received for information.**

### **Community Services Committee minutes dated May 30, 2024**

**That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting dated May 30, 2024, be adopted as presented; and**

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

- i. **That report CSR-CS-07-24 regarding Rowe's Lane Dundalk redevelopment be received; and**

**That Grey County move forward with the demolition of the existing building located at 130 Rowe's Lane Dundalk.**

- ii. That report CSR-CS-12-24 Homelessness Prevention Program 2023-24 Year in Review be received for information.**
- iii. That report CSR-CS-14-24 Short Term Transitional Homelessness Update be received for information.**
- iv. That the correspondence from Employment Services Bruce Grey Huron Perth regarding the semi annual reporting to Stratford Bruce Peninsula SSM Consortium member Councils be received for information.**
- v. That the correspondence from the Grey Bruce/Owen Sound Physician Recruitment and Retention Taskforce regarding the report and recommendations dated April 12, 2024, be received for information.**

### **PDR-CW-24-24 - Lora Greens Final Report for Subdivision 42T-2023-03**

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

**That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision 42T-2023-03, known as Lora Greens, 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-2023-03, for lands legally described as Concession 10, Part Lots 35 and 36 RP; 16R3168 Parts 32 through 36, geographic Township of Collingwood, now in the Town of The Blue Mountains, the Grey County Committee of the Whole approves the plan of subdivision to create a total of 38 (thirty-eight) lots for single detached residential dwellings, as well as blocks for open space, trail access, and public streets, subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1.**

### **PDR-CW-25-24 - Update to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Agreement**

**That Report PDR-CW-25-24 be received; and**

**That a by-law be prepared for County Council's consideration to amend the County's agreement with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to allow for tree marking by Grey Sauble Conservation Authority on private lands within Grey County.**

## PDR-CW-31-24 - Saddler Street Subdivision Information Report 42T-2024-02

**That report PDR-CW-31-24 regarding a proposed plan of subdivision application (County file number 42T-2024-02), known as Saddler Street Subdivision, on lands located at Part of Park Lots 12, 13, 14, and 15, North Side of Saddler Street, Registered Plan 500, in the geographic Town of Durham, now in the Municipality of West Grey, be received for information.**

## Pending Activity List - July 6, 2024

**That the pending activity list update dated June 6, 2024, be received for information.**

Carried

## Items For Direction and Discussion

### CAOR-CW-14-24 - Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan

CW67-24

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**That the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan be endorsed by Council and shared with the government of Ontario as per Ontario Regulation 507/18; and**

**That staff be directed to undertake a needs assessment regarding energy data management systems including obtaining quotes for solutions that meet the functionality and integration needs for the County with the findings of the assessment being brought back in a staff report for Council's consideration.**

Carried

### CCR-CW-09-24 - Corporate Sponsorship Policy

Additional specificity was suggested to be added in to clarify the intention of "local nature" and include spirits under the policy as well.

CW68-24

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**That Report CCR-CW-09-24 regarding a Sponsorship Policy be received; and**

**That the Sponsorship Policy be endorsed as presented.**

Carried

## **PDR-CW-32-24 - Grey County Official Plan Amendment 19, Forbes Quarry Expansion - Merit Report**

CW69-24

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That report PDR-CW-32-24 regarding an overview of County Official Plan Amendment 19 (County file number 42-03-620-OPA 19), known as the 'Forbes Quarry Expansion', on lands legally described as Lots 7, 8, 9 and Part of Lot 10, Concession 18, geographic Township of Keppel, now in the Township of Georgian Bluffs, be received for information.**

Carried

## **Closed Meeting Matters**

CW70-24

Moved by: Councillor Matrosovs

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-16-24 - Bargaining Update OPSEU Grey Gables and Lee Manor).**

Committee of the Whole proceeded into closed session at 12:11 p.m.

Committee of the Whole returned to open session at 12:21 p.m.

The Warden confirmed that only the item listed under the closed meeting matters were discussed.

## **Other Business**

**Verbal Update - Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024**

Scott Taylor advised that Bill 185 has received royal assent. A decision on the draft provincial planning statement is still pending. There were changes made to the legislation prior to it receiving royal assent from the original version Grey County commented on. Changes included appeal rights for official plans, official plan amendments, zoning by-laws, and zoning by-law amendments.

The Province added some bodies that are now eligible to appeal including NAV Canada, airport authorities or licensed pits and quarries within 300 metres of an official plan or zoning amendment. They also added that registered owners can now appeal an official plan or a new comprehensive zoning by-law if they participated in the public process if it affected their property. Neighbours to official plan and zoning amendments are not eligible to appeal.

Third-party appeals on the above-noted planning instruments that were in process prior to April 10<sup>th</sup> but hadn't received a hearing date are now dismissed.

The Province kept the proponent's ability to appeal settlement area boundary expansion refusals made by municipalities. This is generating discussion in that there is a worry that this will lead to more sprawl and inefficient development.

Pre-submission consultation processes are now voluntary. This can be referred to the tribunal even prior to an application submission.

There is further regulation-making authority pertaining to additional residential units, parking minimums and community services facilities.

Mandatory fee refunds have been removed.

Changes to the Development Charges Act include removing the mandatory phase-in for a new development charge study and by-law, and capital studies are now added back as an eligible cost.

Changes were made to the Municipal Act with servicing allocation by-laws and new circumstances where the Minister can issue regulations regarding bonusing.

Staff will continue to monitor changes including implementing regulations and the draft provincial planning statement. Staff will keep Council updated.

## **Notice of Motion**

Councillor Boddy presented a notice of motion for the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole to request a staff report on options for court security costs funding.

## **Adjournment**

On motion of Councillors McQueen and Eccles, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:29 p.m. to the call of the Warden.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk