

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

October 24, 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 10:21 a.m. with all members present. Councillor Bordignon participated electronically.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

Committee of the Whole – October 10, 2024 – Notice of Motion –
Councillor Greig

CW109-24

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

WHEREAS there is opportunity in the Municipal Act for a local municipality to appoint one of its members as an alternate member of the upper tier council if municipal requirement exists under Section 268 (1); and

WHEREAS electronic participation enhances the ability of councillors to attend virtually;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Grey County Council remove the per diem funding from the 2025 budget for temporary replacements who have been appointed under Section 268 of the Municipal Act.

Lost

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Councillor Boddy requested that item 6.a. regarding correspondence from Georgian College about ongoing changes to Canada's International Student Program on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW110-24

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

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 - Good Roads - Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

That the correspondence from Good Roads regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program be received; and

That Grey County requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads.

PDR-CW-54-24 - Merit Report for County Official Plan Amendment 22 (OPA 22) Beacalm Inc. (Highlands Estate)

That report PDR-CW-54-24 regarding an overview of County Official Plan Amendment application 42-08-180-OPA-22 ('Highlands Estate') on lands legally described as Concession 13, Part Lot 33, in the

previous geographic Township of Artemisia, now in the Municipality of Grey Highlands, be received for information.

FR-CW-27-24 - Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 3 of 2024

That Report FR-CW-27-24 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 3 of 2024 be received for information.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW111-24

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

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. Labour relations or employee negotiations (HRR-CW-04-24 - Collective Bargaining - Grey Gables, Lee Manor and OPSEU Local 299).**

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 10:51 a.m.

Council returned to open session at 11:17 a.m.

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

Items For Direction and Discussion

HRR-CW-04-24 - Results of Collective Bargaining between Grey Gables, Lee Manor and OPSEU Local 299

CW112-24

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That Report HRR-CW-04-24 regarding the results of Collective Bargaining between Grey Gables, Lee Manor and OPSEU Local 299 be received; and

That County Council ratify and approve the recommendations of the bargaining team between County of Grey and OPSEU Local 299 to bind the new Collective Agreements; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign and bind the new Collective Agreements as ratified ahead of Council approval as per Section 26.6 (b) of the Procedural By-Law; and

That County Council authorize staff to make the necessary amendments to rates of pay, benefits and other issues identified as agreed changes.

Carried

Consent Agenda Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Correspondence - Georgian College - Ongoing Changes to Canada's International Student Program

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That the correspondence from Georgian College regarding the impact of the ongoing changes to Canada's International Student Program be supported by the County of Grey; and

That the Warden for the County of Grey prepare a letter of support to demonstrate the critical need for alignment of post graduate work permit eligibility with local labour markets, recognizing individual needs of communities across Canada; and

That the letter of support be sent to the Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, the MPs and MPPs for Bruce-Grey Owen Sound and Simcoe-Grey, and Kevin Weaver, President and CEO of Georgian College.

CW113-24

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That consideration of the motion be deferred until a delegation is heard from the President of Georgian College.

Lost

CW114-24

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

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Carried

Other Business

There was no other business.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Dobreen and Nielsen, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:39 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk