



Minutes Council

November 28, 2024

Call to Order

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:01 a.m. at the County Administration Building. The Warden called Council to order and assumed the Chair.

O Canada

The Warden invited members of Council to stand for O Canada.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the Roll with all members present except Councillors Hutchinson and Dickert. Alternate Councillors Doug Hutchinson and Harold Fleet attended on their behalf. Councillors Pringle and Bordignon and Alternate Councillor Doug Hutchinson attended virtually.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Tara Warder, Clerk; and Kathie Nunno, recording secretary, were also in attendance.

The following staff members were also participating:

Randy Scherzer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Community Services; Jennifer Moreau, Director of Human Resources; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Scott Taylor, Director of Planning; Jody MacEachern, Director of Information Technology; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; and Rob Hatten, Communications Manager.

Land Acknowledgement

The Warden read the land acknowledgement.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

County Council and Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated November 14, 2024

CC91-24

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That the minutes of the County Council and Committee of the Whole meetings dated November 14, 2024, and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Long-Term Care Committee of Management minutes dated November 12, 2024

CC92-24

Moved by: Councillor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

That the minutes of the Long-Term Care Committee of Management meeting dated November 12, 2024, be adopted as presented; and

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

i. That Report LTCR-CM-17-24 regarding a Long-term Care Director Update be received for information.

ii. That the Long-term Care Operational Report dated August 15, 2024 to October 14, 2024 be received for information.

iii. That Report LTCR-CM-19-24 regarding the proposed 2025 2025 Long-term Care budget be received; and

That the 2025 proposed Long-term Care budget, as presented, be forwarded to County Council as part of the overall corporate budget package for consideration.

Carried

Closed Committee of the Whole minutes dated November 14, 2024

CC93-24

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That the closed meeting Committee of the Whole minutes dated November 14, 2024 be adopted as provided to Council.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Reports

There were no reports.

By-laws

CC94-24

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That By-law 5208-24 be introduced and be taken as read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the by-law book.

i. 5208-24 - A By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council

Carried

News and Celebrations

Councillor Carleton announced that Winter Sparkle and Skate is happening at the Shallow Lake arena on November 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. On December 8, Kemble will host a non-motorized parade, and on Monday, December 9, there will be a Jingle and Mingle at Allan's Mercantile in Shallow Lake.

Councillor Kentner advised that the Meaford Christmas tree will be lit November 28 at 5:30 p.m. followed by a tour of store-front windows and the opening of Christmas on the Bay at Meaford Market Square.

Councillor Eccles spoke about the Ontario Health Coalition which is an advocacy group for maintaining public health. Councillor Eccles attended the event in Durham on November 27. The coalition has been touring the Province of Ontario during the month of November with a 'trojan horse' representing what is happening with healthcare in the Province. Councillor Eccles mentioned rural health care and rural hospital closures.

On December 6 and 7, Glen Colton Farms, an outdoor group putting on a Kris Kringle market at a farm site just outside of Durham from Friday, November 29 from 4 - 10 p.m. and Saturday 2 - 10 p.m. There will be classical music, Christmas Messiah, in the barn.

Warden Milne spoke about the economic development leadership forum held last week at Cobble Beach. There were many speakers and inspiring ideas.

Randy Scherzer reported that the EDTC team hosted the forum with a theme: building communities for the future. Many influential community leaders shared their insights. Keynote speakers included Dan Matheson, former mayor of Stratford and current chair of provincial land development facilitators agency who shared insights on attracting investment to our area. Investment Ontario was present to speak about working with municipalities to bring forward investment opportunities focused on advancing manufacturing, life sciences and tech sectors. Luigi Presta from thinkCOMPASS spoke about investment attraction and employment land opportunities. Dave Shorey, Executive Director of the Owen Sound campus of Georgian College spoke about the growing enrollment and apprenticeships which provides a direct workforce pipeline for existing and future businesses. James Scognak provided a short video from Bruce Power and the importance of investing in our community infrastructure today to benefit future generations to come. Savanna Myers and Steve Furness also spoke about steps to becoming investment ready.

Councillor Matrosovs shared that the Clarksburg Christmas stroll is happening from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 6. The businesses will open their doors for an open house. There will be a short family-oriented carol walk with candles from the downtown to St. George's Anglican Church followed by a tree lighting.

Councillor Dobreen mentioned that on Saturday, December 7 at 6 p.m., Dundalk will hold an evening Christmas parade. A non-motorized parade is happening in Holstein on Saturday, December 14.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors McQueen and Eccles, Council adjourned at 10:20 AM to the call of the Warden.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk