

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

November 28, 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 10:20 a.m. 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.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Lloyd Lewis - Road Safety on Grey Road 1

Lloyd Lewis and Fred Scheel, representing a group of concerned cyclists, attended to present concerns about bicycle safety on Grey Road 1. The presenters shared photos of the road's shoulders, spoke about traffic statistics, explained risks to cyclists, and shared emails of support. The presenters requested that the shoulders of Grey Road 1 be paved as a priority ahead of 2030 when it is scheduled.

Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation, confirmed that Grey County is supportive of paved shoulders and that the practice is to add paved shoulders when road work is being completed. Grey County has 877 km of roads. Of those, 259 km have fully paved shoulders and 231 km have partially-paved shoulders. Discussion included the ten-year capital plan and the process for determining priorities.

Stephanie Keating - Nuclear Innovation Institute - The Climate Project

Stephanie Keating attended to present the climate project which provides climate information relevant to Bruce, Grey and Huron counties. The information is divided into three categories: air, water, and land. The project supports decision-making, is a resource for educating communities, is a reliable source of data, and provides a sharing platform. The website for the climate project is climateproject.ca.

Annette Pedlar, Safe N Sound - Feasibility Assessment for Emergency Shelter and Letter of Support

Annette Pedlar, Executive Director of SafeNSound Grey Bruce, attended to provide an update on emergency shelter. Ms. Pedlar provided a historical progression of unsheltered people in the community, provided information on what services are available and how they are accessed and shared examples of situations that can result in life changes. SafeNSound asked for the County's support in the form of a letter of support for their Reaching Homes capital funding application.

CW120-24

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That Grey County Council provide a letter of support to SafeNSound for its Reaching Homes capital funding application.

Carried

The Warden declared a brief recess following which Council resumed.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Councillor Boddy requested that item 6 g regarding Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Changes on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW121-24

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

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.

PDR-CW-60-24 Aaron Martin Minor Exemption

That PDR-CW-60-24 be received; and

That the application for Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for 583336 60 Sideroad, Lots 64 – 66, Concession 3 EGR, geographic Township of Holland, now in the Township of Chatsworth, be approved.

PDR-CW-59-24 Henry Bauman Minor Exemption

That PDR-CW-59-24 be received; and

That the application for Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for 395386 Concession 2, East Part of Lots 63 and 64, Concession 2 EGR, geographic Township of Holland, now in the Township of Chatsworth, be approved.

TR-CW-34-24 Road Widening Hanover

That Report TR-CW-34-24 regarding the acquisition of land at the southwest corner of Grey Road 28 and Grey Road 4 be received; and

That the following property be acquired by the Corporation of the County of Grey for road widening purposes: Part of Lot 10 Concession 1, former Township of Bentinck, Town of Hanover, County of Grey identified as Part 1 on a draft Reference Plan prepared by Qplus Land Surveying dated October 17, 2024 and attached to Report TR-CW-34-24; and

That the estimated cost of \$6,500 be funded from the 2025 Transportation Services Land Acquisition budget.

PDR-CW-61-24 42T-2024-10 Homefield Communities

That report PDR-CW-61-24 regarding a proposed plan of subdivision application (County file number 42T-2024-10) and plan of condominium application (County file number 42CDM-2024-14), known as 'Homefield Communities', on lands legally described as Part of Lot 29, Concession 8 (geographic Township of Collingwood), now in the Town of The Blue Mountains be received for information.

HRR-CW-22-24 Lee Manor and Grey Gables OPSEU Agreement

That Council receive the Staff Report HRR-CW-22-24 OPSEU Grey Gables and Lee Manor - Agreed to Items and Memorandum of Settlement for information.

FR-CW-37-24 Annual Indexing of Development Charges

That Report FR-CW-37-24 regarding the Annual Indexing of Development Charges effective January 1, 2025, be received for information.

Items For Direction and Discussion

PDR-CW-63-24 Centralized Planning Service Delivery Model Update

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen
Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

That report PDR-CW-63-24 be received; and

That staff be directed to continue to investigate the planning efficiencies staffing model based on approximately two thirds of the member municipalities participating; and

That staff be directed to arrange a joint, open session council meeting with member municipalities to provide a summary of the comments and questions received regarding the potential centralized planning service delivery model and to identify potential next steps and options.

CW122-24

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon
Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

That the motion be amended to insert "and also investigate and consider a hybrid model option" into the second clause.

Carried

CW123-24

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen
Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

That report PDR-CW-63-24 be received; and

That staff be directed to continue to investigate the planning efficiencies staffing model based on approximately two thirds of the member municipalities participating and also investigate and consider a hybrid model option; and

That staff be directed to arrange a joint, open session council meeting with member municipalities to provide a summary of the comments and questions received regarding the potential

centralized planning service delivery model and to identify potential next steps and options.

Carried

FR-CW-36-24 Purchasing Policy Update

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That report FR-CW-36-24 regarding updates to the County Purchasing Policy be received; and

That the proposed Grey County Purchasing Policy be adopted as presented; and

That By-law 5074-20 being Grey County's Purchasing Policy be repealed and an updated Purchasing Policy by-law be prepared for Council's consideration.

CW124-24

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That the motion be amended to direct staff to include the \$500,000 limit for Council approval in the purchasing policy by-law for Council's consideration.

Carried

CW125-24

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That the motion be amended to direct staff to include a requirement in the purchasing policy to report to council in advance of the award on award amounts greater than the approved budget by 20% or more for amounts between \$75,000 and \$500,000.

Carried

CW126-24

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That report FR-CW-36-24 regarding updates to the County Purchasing Policy be received; and

That the proposed Grey County Purchasing Policy be adopted as amended, by including the \$500,000 limit for Council approval and requiring staff prepare a report to Council prior to award on bids greater than the approved budget by 20% or more on amounts between \$75,000 and \$500,000; and

That By-law 5074-20 being Grey County's Purchasing Policy be repealed and an updated Purchasing Policy by-law be prepared for Council's consideration.

Carried

CSR-CW-16-24 Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiatives Changes, CSR-CW-16-24

CW127-24

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That report CSR-CW-16-24 pertaining to Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative Investment Plan be received; and

That \$473,700 in OPHI funding and \$971,400 in COCHI funding be approved for use in 2024-2025.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Other Business

Economic Development - Service Expansion

CAO Wingrove spoke to a follow up item from the recent Leadership Forum. The importance of having serviced land available for future projects was cited. Many municipalities across the province are looking at servicing capacity constraints. During the forum, there was discussion on one municipality's success with undertaking a P3 model to move forward with servicing capacity projects in an expedited manner. CAO Wingrove asked Council if there was interest in hearing from Epcor who has been operating in Ontario for a number of years and is offering to provide an explanation to

councillors on what a P3 model looks like and considerations around P3s. Epcor offered to provide an open education session.

Warden's Closing Address

CW128-24

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That the Warden's Closing Address be adopted as presented and engrossed in the minutes.

Carried

Notice of Motion

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Dobreen and McQueen, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:40 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Brian Milne, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk