

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

December 12, 2024

Call to Order

Grey County Council met virtually on the above date due to adverse weather conditions. Warden Matrosovs assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. with all members virtually present.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Grey County Federation of Agriculture - Update on Bedrock Aquifers and Private Wells- Hugh Simpson, Keith Reid and Mel Luymes

Hugh Simpson addressed attendees on bedrock aquifers and private wells. Mr. Simpson spoke about the complexities, benefits and challenges with groundwater systems. He promoted raising awareness and education about private wells and best management practices.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no items requiring separate discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW129-24

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

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-65-24 Information Report - 1035 Victoria Street Subdivision

That report PDR-CW-65-24 regarding an overview of draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2024-11, known as the 1035 Victoria Street subdivision, on lands legally described as Lots 3, 4, 5 & 6 South of Victoria Street and Lots 4, 5 & 6 north of Albert Street, Registered Plan No. 153; in the geographic Township of Normanby, now in the Municipality of West Grey, be received for information.

Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated November 21, 2024

That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated November 21, 2024 be adopted as presented; and

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

i. That Report Town of Hanover Community Splash Pad Project be received; and

That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (GCJAAC) review and provide comment in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

ii. That the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee review and provide comment on the proposed lease space for Ontario Works at the Erskine Community Health Centre in Dundalk, Ontario, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Budget and Finance Committee minutes dated November 25, 2024

That the Budget and Finance Committee minutes dated November 25, 2024 be adopted as presented; and

That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- That staff be directed to include an upset limit of \$100,000 from one time funding for Transit to enable an application for grant funding for feasibility of a regional door to door service.**

- That staff be directed to include \$8,000 in the budget for the Warden's banquet.
- That Report FR-BFC-38-24 regarding the 2025 Draft Budget be received; and

That the 2025 Draft Budget as amended, be forwarded to County Council for consideration, with the following changes:

-include an upset limit of \$100,000 from one time funding for transit to enable an application for grant funding

- inclusion of \$8,000 for the Warden's banquet

- That report FR-BFC-32-24 regarding Corporate Financial Update as of August 31, 2024 be received for information.
- That report ITR-BFC-02-24 regarding the establishment of a capital reserve for the lifecycle replacement of fire radio equipment be received; and

That this report be shared with the participating fire communications municipalities along with a request that they advise regarding their support for establishing a Grey County managed discretionary capital reserve fund.

- That Report TR-BFC-33-24 regarding Capital Purchase Prior to 2025 Budget approval - Road Construction and Fleet be received; and

That staff be authorized to issue the tenders for the Grey Road 12 Pulverize and Pave Rehabilitation (Grey Road 40 to Grey Road 112), Grey Road 9 Pulverize and Pave Rehabilitation (Grey Road 23 to Southgate Sideroad 3), Grey Road 9 Overlay (Southgate Sideroad 3 to Southgate Sideroad 7), and Grey Road 119 Overlay (Grey Road 13 to Grey Road 2); and

That staff be authorized to procure two (2) tandem trucks/snowplows representing 2026 replacements due to lengthy delivery times; and

That the tenders be issued prior to 2025 budget approval due to tender constraints in accordance with Sections 10.0 and 10.1 c) of the Purchasing Policy and that staff proceed with the above prior to County Council approval as per section 26.6 (b) of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

- That Report PDR-BFC-62-24 regarding Capital Purchase Prior to the 2025 Budget Approval for the Growth Management Strategy Update be received; and

That staff be authorized to issue a request for proposals for the update to the County's Growth Management Strategy; and

That the request for proposals be issued prior to the 2025 budget approval in accordance with Section 10.0 and 10.1 c) of the Purchasing Policy and that staff proceed with the above prior to Council approval in accordance with Section 26.6 b of Procedural By-law 5134-22.

- **That Report FR-BFC-35-24 regarding the award of NRFP-FIN-02-24 Audit Services be received; and**

That a by-law to appoint the firm BDO Canada LLP of Owen Sound as auditors for the County of Grey for a period of five (5) years beginning with the 2024 fiscal year and running through and including the audit for the 2028 fiscal year, be presented to Council for consideration; and

That budgets for 2025 to 2028 include the required funding.

- **WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an important process for maintaining equity of assessment values; and**

WHEREAS the provincial government postponed the 2020 assessment update during the COVID-19 pandemic and has continued the pause to the end of the 2021-2024 assessment cycle;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Grey requests the Province of Ontario to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure fairness and equity in property assessments for municipalities and residents alike.

EDTC-CW-09-24 Agricultural High Skills Major Program - Agreement Extension

That report EDTC-CW-09-24 regarding the Agricultural Specialist High Skills Major Program Renewal be received; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement to continue the operation of the program at Grey Roots Museum and Archives for a two-year term; and

That the agreement be signed prior to County Council approval as per Section 26.6 (b) of the Procedural By-law: and

That staff be directed to include delegated authority to approve this agreement to the appropriate director in a future update to the Delegation of Duties by-law.

Correspondence from Georgian College - Request for Letter of Support for Funding Application

That the County of Grey provide a letter of support to Georgian College for its application through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario for the Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative.

Carried

Items For Direction and Discussion

CCR-CW-20-24 2025 Committee Appointments

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Pringle
Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That Report CCR-CW-20-24 regarding Committee and Board Appointments be received; and

That the Warden's appointment to the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) and Clean Energy Frontier Program, be endorsed; and

That the Board of Health appointment be for a two year term, expiring at the end of the council term; and

That the Terms of Reference for the Urban Roads and Roads Exchange Task Force be amended to require all municipalities be represented on the task force to a maximum of 9 members and that a report be brought forward for further appointments to this task force; and

That all other appointments noted in this report be endorsed and elections be held where required; and

That Grey County extend the appointment of Brian Milne to the SWIFT Board of Directors for the 2025-2027 term.

Amendment to Main Motion

CW130-24
Moved by: Councillor Carleton
Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

That the motion be amended by inserting an additional clause "That the Terms of Reference for the Budget and Finance Committee be amended by adding the option for up to two additional members and that appointments to this Committee be deferred to the January 9,

2025 Committee of the Whole meeting pending the change to the Terms of Reference”.

Carried

Amendment 2 to Main Motion

CW131-24

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That the motion be amended to further appoint members as follows:

- **Councillor Keaveney – Board of Health**
- **Councillor Boddy - Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee**
- **Councillor Hutchinson – Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee and Agricultural Advisory Committee**
- **Councillor McQueen - Stewardship Grey Bruce**
- **Councillor Greig - Community Services**
- **Councillor Greig - Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Carried

Main Motion As Amended

CW132-24

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That Report CCR-CW-20-24 regarding Committee and Board Appointments be received; and

That the Warden’s appointment to the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) and Clean Energy Frontier Program, be endorsed; and

That the Board of Health appointment be for a two year term, expiring at the end of the council term; and

That the Terms of Reference for the Urban Roads and Roads Exchange Task Force be amended to require all municipalities be represented on the task force to a maximum of 9 members and that a report be brought forward for further appointments to this task force; and

That all other appointments noted in this report be endorsed and elections be held where required; and

That Grey County extend the appointment of Brian Milne to the SWIFT Board of Directors for the 2025-2027 term; and

That the Terms of Reference for the Budget and Finance Committee be amended by adding the option for up to two additional members and that appointments to the Committee be deferred to the January 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting pending the change to the Terms of Reference; and

That further appointments be confirmed as follows:

- Councillor Keaveney – Board of Health**
- Councillor Boddy – Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee**
- Councillor Hutchinson – Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee and Agricultural Advisory Committee**
- Councillor McQueen - Stewardship Grey Bruce**
- Councillor Greig - Community Services**
- Councillor Greig - Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CW133-24

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

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 contractor negotiations:

i. a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session at 10:59 a.m. and returned to open session at 11:28 a.m. The Warden confirmed that only that matter for which Council entered into closed session was discussed.

Other Business

A decision will be made in the morning whether the December 13 meeting will be held in Council Chambers, virtually, or rescheduled, depending on weather conditions.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Milne and Paterson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:36 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk