

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

January 9, 2025

Call to Order

Grey County Council met virtually on the above date. Warden Matrosovs assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Councillor Greig requested that item 6 (g) - Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Councillor Paterson requested that item 6 (a) - CCR-CW-01-25 Terms of Reference Updates and Committee Appointments on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW01-25

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

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.

Carried

FR-CW-01-25 2024 Housing Write off of Uncollectible Accounts

That report FR-CW-01-25 regarding 2024 Housing Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts be received; and

That the recommended write offs in the amount of \$99,403 as outlined in the report be approved.

TR-CW-02-25 Amendment to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking within the County of Grey Roads System

That report TR-CW-02-25 be received; and

That a by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration to amend Schedule "P" of By-Law 4788-13, being the By-law to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the County of Grey Roads System, by extending the Community Safety Zone to the intersection of Grey Road 9 and Artemesia Street in Dundalk.

PDR-CW-01-25 Update to Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Agreement

That Report PDR-CW-01-25 be received; and

That a by-law be prepared for County Council's consideration to extend the term for 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.

Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated December 2024

That the Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes dated December 5, 2024 be adopted as presented and that the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. That report PDR-AAC-64-24 regarding the Ecological Replacement and Enhancement Policy Consultation Update be received for information purposes; and**

That County staff consider any feedback received from the Agricultural Advisory Committee regarding Ecological Replacement and Enhancement policy considerations.

- i. **That the Grey Ag Services Annual Report be received for information.**

Correspondence from Saugeen Conservation and the Ministry of Natural Resources - Ministry of Natural Resources Directive on Conservation Authority Fees

That the correspondence from Saugeen Conservation and the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the Ministry of Natural Resources directive on Conservation Authority fees be received for information.

Correspondence from TAPMO and Resolution from the Township of Puslinch - New Aggregate Property Tax Class

That the County of Grey supports the correspondence from Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario and the resolution from the Township of Puslinch regarding the new aggregate property tax class and the call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the fairness of taxpayers and ensure the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the tax base.

Correspondence from SWIFT - Grey County Final Report - Release of Contribution Agreement

That the correspondence and final report from Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology Inc. (SWIFT) regarding the contribution agreement between SWIFT and Grey County be received and that the obligations under the contribution agreement have been fulfilled.

Correspondence from Huron County - Urgent Need to Address Court Security Funding Shortfall

That the correspondence from the County of Huron regarding the urgent need to address court security funding shortfalls be received for information.

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

CCR-CW-01-25 Terms of Reference Updates and Committee Appointments

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Paterson

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

That Report CCR-CW-01-25 regarding updates to the Terms of Reference be received; and

That the Terms of Reference for the Budget and Finance Committee be adopted as amended by further increasing membership to a maximum of 8 councillors plus the Warden, and

That the Terms of Reference for the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force be adopted as presented;

That Councillors Sue Carleton, Brian Milne, Dane Nielsen, Kevin Eccles, Scott Mackey, Scott Greig, Shirley Keaveney and Warren Dickert be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee; and

That Councillors Shirley Keaveney, Sue Paterson and Brian Milne be appointed to the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force.

CW02-25

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the motion be deferred pending further information on the Committee of the Whole and Committee structure.

Lost

CW03-25

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That the motion be divided, to separate the matters regarding the Budget and Finance Committee and the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force.

Carried

CW04-25

That Report CCR-CW-01-25 be received and that the Terms of Reference for the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force be adopted as presented; and

That Councillors Shirley Keaveney, Sue Paterson and Brian Milne be appointed to the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force.

Carried

A recorded vote was requested on the motion regarding the Budget and Finance Committee membership.

In Favour: S. Mackey 4; T. McKay 3; S. Carleton 6; G. Pringle 5; P. McQueen 6; D. Nielsen 5; S. Paterson 4; W. Dickert 3; R. Kentner 6; S. Keaveney 5; B. Milne 4; B. Dobreen 3; A. Matrosovs 7; P. Bordignon 7; T. Hutchinson 6;

Opposed: I. Boddy 8; S. Greig 8; K. Eccles 6;

The motion was Carried 74-22.

CW05-25

That the Terms of Reference for the Budget and Finance Committee be adopted as amended by further increasing membership to a maximum of 8 councillors plus the Warden, and

That Councillors Sue Carleton, Brian Milne, Dane Nielsen, Kevin Eccles, Scott Mackey, Scott Greig, Shirley Keaveney and Warren Dickert be appointed to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Carried

Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Strengthening Municipal Codes of Conduct

Councillor Greig pulled the correspondence for discussion. Members of Council provided comments regarding the proposal for a mechanism to remove and disqualify members.

The CAO noted the opportunity for the County to provide comment regarding the proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024. The Clerk indicated that the proposed changes could include, regarding standardized codes of conduct, mandatory training, removal of members of office due to violations, further defining the role of the Integrity Commissioner, and more.

CW06-26

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding strengthening municipal codes of conduct be received for information.

Carried

Closed Session

Committee of the Whole recessed from 11:18 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

Committee of the Whole moved into closed session at 11:25 a.m.

CW07-25

Moved by: Councillor Milne

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. Litigation or pending litigation (Thornbury Acres)

Carried

Committee of the Whole returned to open session at 11:44 a.m.

Warden Matrosovs reported out of closed session that County Council moved into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and only discussed said items.

Items For Direction and Discussion

PDR-CW-03-25 Thornbury Acres County OPA

CW08-25

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That report PDR-CW-03-25 regarding an overview of County Official Plan Amendment application 42-42-000-OPA-25 ('Thornbury Acres') on lands legally described as Part of Lot 27, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Collingwood, now in the Town of The Blue Mountains, be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-02-25 Beaver and Coyote By-law Update

CW09-25

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

That report PDR-CW-02-25 be received; and

That staff be directed to prepare an update to the beaver and coyote/wolf by-laws for Council's consideration, with input and consultation from the agricultural sector, trappers, municipalities, provincial ministries, and the public.

Carried

PDR-CW-04-25 Non-Resident trapping Request - Jack Durant

CW10-25

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That Report PDR-CW-04-25 be received; and

That residency exemption under By-law 3274-91, as amended, be approved for a five-year period from 2025 to 2029 for Jack Durant; and

That the exemption also be applied retroactively to any unpaid claims from 2024.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

Committee of the Whole moved into closed session at 12:09 p.m.

CW11-25

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

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. **personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (staff matter)**
- ii. **position, plan, procedure or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality (staff matter)**

Carried

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

Warden Matrosovs reported out of closed session that County Council moved into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and only discussed said items.

Other Business

Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Community Services, highlighted the recent report from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Municipalities Under Pressure: The Growing Human and Financial Cost of Ontario’s Homelessness Crisis. She noted that additional information will follow alongside a news release.

Councillor Pringle left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Eccles presented a notice of motion for the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to direct staff to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee structures of County Council.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors McKay and Councillor Hutchinson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:24 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk