

# Minutes

## Committee of the Whole

January 23, 2025

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### Call to Order

Grey County Council met on the above date at the County Administration Building. Warden Matrosovs assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. with all members present. Councillor Paterson, Councillor Bordignon, Councillor Nielsen, Councillor Hutchinson participated virtually.

### Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### Business Arising from Minutes

Committee Structures of Grey County Council - Notice provided by Councillor Eccles at the meeting held January 9, 2025

CW12-25

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

**That staff be directed prepare a report that examines the structure of the committee of the whole and committee system.**

Carried

### Delegations

**Bruce Power Update - James Scongack, Chief Operating Officer**

James Scongack, Chief Operating Officer for Bruce Power, presented the annual Bruce Power update to Committee of the Whole noting that Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario's electricity. He reviewed the ongoing work of Bruce Power, including completed and ongoing upgrades to the 8 units, highlighting a peak year of investments into their assets. Celebrating two years of medical isotope generation, he examined the process

for medical isotopes, including approval of use of pluvicto, a drug to treat prostate cancer. He noted that isotopes have the ability to be produced on every reactor. Mr. Scongack noted the the Bruce C Impact Assessment is currently into the federal review process and that they continue to work with engagement with communities. Looking forward, he highlighted the ongoing focus on the collaboration and relationship between the United States and Canada.

In response to questions of Council, Mr. Scongack noted the focus on recognition, commitment to partnerships, and maintaining open dialogues in response to the Joint Chief Letter from the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. Furthermore, the assessment of Bruce C is ongoing but taking time at the Federal approval level. He further noted their focus to support the next stage of waste management with Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO).

Following the delegation, Mr. Scongack presented Deputy Warden Milne with an arial view picture of Bruce Power to thank him for his ongoing support. He thanked Deputy Warden Milne for the policy support and Committee members for their willingness to support public service. Deputy Warden Milne thanked Mr. Scongack for the kind words and highlighted the importance of medical isotopes.

Committee of the Whole took a brief recess from 10:45 a.m. and resumed at 10:52 a.m.

## **Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

Councillor McQueen requested that item 6 a) PDR-CW-06-25 - Musial Subdivision 42T-2021-06 Information on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

## **Consent Agenda**

CW13-25

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

**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

Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Encampment Response

**That the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding encampment response be received for information.**

## Memorandum from Director of Community Services - RE: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Encampment Response

**That the memorandum from the Director of Community Services be received for information.**

## Correspondence from the Nuclear Innovation Institute - Clean Energy Frontier Awards

**That the correspondence from the Nuclear Innovation Institute be received for information.**

## **Items For Direction and Discussion**

### CSR-CW-01-25 - Rowe's Lane Redevelopment Architectural Requirements

CW14-25

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

- 1. That CSR-CW-01-25 Rowe's Lane Redevelopment Architectural Requirements be received; and**
- 2. That in order to qualify for new funding opportunities for a 40-unit affordable housing build in Dundalk a class B construction cost estimate be completed and tender ready construction drawings be prepared;**
- 3. That staff be directed to move forward with Phase 2 of the contract with JPM Architectural Inc. to provide the required architectural services at a cost of \$154,500 excluding HST;**
- 4. And that the cost be funded from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund.**

Carried

## Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference Overview

Staff presented an overview of the Rural Ontario Municipal Conference from January 19th - 22nd. Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO, summarized the two delegations that were made to the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Transportation:

- Ministry of Health

- That the Ministry commit to providing enhanced operating and capital funding to the Hanover and District Hospital following service reductions in Durham and Chesley.
- Discussions focused on developing a system approach to maintaining the critical healthcare network in central Grey/Town of Durham be initiated.
- That the Ministry of Health provide additional funds to support access to primary care in our communities, including nurse practitioner-led clinics, long-term funding for Community Paramedicine, and increased support for medical residents in family medicine to train in our communities.
- Ministry of Transportation
  - Request for signage to improve safety and access to the Grey County Transportation Depot and Paramedic Base north of Chatsworth and some rail trail crossings along Highway 10.
  - Opportunities to work together to streamline the permit process for MTO entrance permits for developments in Grey.
  - Highlighting submission to the Ontario Transit Investment Fund.

He summarized the sessions regarding mental health and addiction strategies which highlighted challenges of stigma in rural communities and barriers of accessing supports in small communities, specifically with no anonymity. Sessions examined the AMO/OMSSA Report on the Homelessness Crisis and the importance of collective and systems based approaches. Additional sessions included navigating approvals for energy procurement under IESO Pathways to Decarbonization, agricultural economic development, and AirBnB trends.

Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism, and Culture summarized numerous takeaways including:

- Changes to the Rural Ontario Development Program through an increase in available funding.
- Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy and the programs available and applicable to rural municipalities.
- Announcement of Health and Safety Water Stream funding of \$175 million under the Municipal Housing Infrastructure program to support infrastructure services for development.
- LAS Water and Wastewater Expert Panel Report which focused on safe water systems and cost-recovery to support development.
- Information coming regarding AMO Healthy Democracy Project.
- Importance of welcoming communities to support Rural Health Services.

She highlighted the positive support and influence of Georgian College.

Warden Matrosovs summarized her experiences including:

- Delegations alongside the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus and their strategy focus on housing, infrastructure, workforce to support economic growth, and mental health and homelessness. Further noting the budgets required to support rural focus.
- Conservation Ontario and Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives and the focus on coastal resilience and water equity.
- Lots of attendance among Grey County colleagues.

Councillors summarized discussions regarding rural bridges and infrastructure deficits and the funding to required to support maintenance and upgrades (ie. limited tax base, development charges), the numerous discussions surrounding work that Grey County currently does, and the possibility of a Grey County room at a future conference.

## PDR-CW-06-25 - Musial Subdivision 42T-2021-06 Information Report

Scott Taylor, Director of Planning, provided an overview of Musial Subdivision, located south of Feversham in Grey Highlands. A Zoning By-law Amendment is currently underway at the lower tier level and a date for the County Public Meeting is to be determined.

CW15-25

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That report PDR-CW-06-25 regarding an overview of County draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2021-06, known as the Musial subdivision, on lands legally described as Part of Lots 16 and 17, Concession 9, geographic Township of Osprey, now in the Municipality of Grey Highlands, be received for information.**

Carried

## Other Business

Councillor Boddy thanked staff for providing a response in recent weeks to the report from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario titled Municipalities Under Pressure: The Human and Financial Cost of Ontario's Homelessness Crisis. In response, Director of Community Services, Anne Marie Shaw, indicated that the winter has been very tough on individuals. 45 spaces in motels have been filled and Safe n' Sound has seen 20-24 individuals per night rotating through their space. She indicated that spaces continue to be opened up as possible but more funding and a bigger space for Safe n' Sound is required to support the demand.

Councillor Boddy indicated that the Southwestern Ontario Isotopes Coalition is seeking lower-tier membership and to reach out if individuals have any questions.

## **Notice of Motion**

Councillor McQueen presented a notice of motion for the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole requesting that options be provided for clearing the parking lot off the CP Rail line in Markdale. He noted that the location has been used previously for snowmobilers to unload and access the CP rail trail.

## **Adjournment**

On motion of Councillors Dobreen and Milne, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 11:58 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

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Tara Warder, Clerk