

# Minutes

## Committee of the Whole

February 13, 2025

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### Call to Order

Grey County Council met on the above date virtually. Deputy Warden Milne assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. with all members present except Warden Matrosovs and Councillor Pringle. Councillor Paula Hope was in attendance as the Town of Blue Mountains Alternate.

### Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### Business Arising from Minutes

#### Snow Removal - Markdale Rail Trail

Moved by: Councillor McQueen  
Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**Whereas the County of Grey values economic development, tourism and culture; and**

**Whereas the CP Rail Trail is a multi-use trail that supports numerous activities for residents and surrounding communities;**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That staff be requested to prepare a report on options for snow removal at the Grey County owned parking lot in Markdale adjacent to the CP Rail Trail.**

#### Amendment:

CW16-25  
Moved by: Councillor Boddy  
Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

**That the motion be amended to insert “and other alternative parking options” onto the end of the third clause.**

Carried

**Main Motion as Amended:**

CW17-25

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

**Whereas the County of Grey values economic development, tourism and culture; and**

**Whereas the CP Rail Trail is a multi-use trail that supports numerous activities for residents and surrounding communities;**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That staff be requested to prepare a report on options for snow removal at the Grey County owned parking lot in Markdale adjacent to the CP Rail Trail and other alternative parking options.**

Carried

## **Delegations**

None.

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

Councillor Greig requested that item 6 (h) - TR-CW-03-25 - Federal Grant Application – Active Transportation Fund on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

## **Consent Agenda**

CW18-25

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

**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

Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee  
minutes dated February 6, 2025

**That the minutes from the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee minutes dated February 6, 2025, and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented and,**

**That the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:**

- i. That Councillor Keaveney be elected Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee for 2025.**
- ii. That Councillor Hutchinson be elected Vice-Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee for 2025.**
- iii. That report EDTC-PEDAC-01-25 regarding the 2024 EDTC Annual Report be received; and that the 2024 Annual Report be distributed to County Council and Member Municipalities.**
- iv. That report EDTC-PEDAC-02-25 regarding the 2025 EDTC Strategic Priorities be received for information**
- v. That report PDR-PEDAC-11-25 regarding the County's Archaeological Management Plan Project Status Update, be received for information.**

### **Town of Aylmer - Motion to Oppose Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes**

**That the resolution from the Town of Aylmer regarding legislative changes to cycling lanes be received for information.**

### **Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Chair to Take Leave of Absence**

**That the media release announcement from the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus regarding the Chair's leave of absence due to the provincial election, be received for information.**

### **PDR-CW-08-25 - Merit Report for Grey County Official Plan Amendment 24, Plume**

**That report PDR-CW-08-25 regarding an overview of County Official Plan Amendment # 24 ('Plume') on lands described as Part of Lot 29, Concession 1 Division 1, Part of Lot 28, Concession 1 Division 1 to 3, being Part 2 and 5 Reference Plan 16R10695, geographic Township of Normanby, now in the Municipality of West Grey, which would have the effect of redesignating the subject lands from 'Rural' and 'Hazard Lands' to 'Rural with Exceptions' and 'Hazard Lands' to permit additional Rural lot creation, be received for information.**

**PDR-CW-10-25 - 24 Alfred Street Subdivision Final Report –  
42T-2022-01**

**That Report PDR-CW-10-25 be received; and**

**That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision 42T-2022-01, known as 24 Alfred Street, were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and**

**That in consideration of draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2022-01, for lands legally described as Town Plot Park, Part of Lots 5 & 6, N/E Alfred St, Plan 107; Part of Lots 5 & 6 RP 16R10171; Parts 2 to 4, (roll number 424200001815700); and Part 1, Plan 107 (roll number 424200001821300), Part of Lot 6, Registered Plan 16R10171, Part of Lot 33, Concession 10, in the geographic Town of Thornbury, now in the Town of The Blue Mountains, the Grey County Committee of the Whole approves the plan of subdivision to create a total of 7 (seven) lots for single detached residential dwellings, 6 (six) semi-detached lots for a total of 12 (twelve) semi-detached residential units, as well as blocks for open space, stormwater management, parking, and a private street, subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1.**

**PDR-CW-12-25 - White Rose Park Redline Revision 42T-2018-08**

**That all written submissions received on the proposed redline revisions to plan of subdivision 42T-2018-08 were considered which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and**

**That PDR-CW-12-25 be received, and that in consideration of the draft plan of subdivision 42T-2018-08, and the matters to have regard for under Subsection 51(24) of the Planning Act, the County of Grey Committee of the Whole hereby approves the revised plan of subdivision on lands described as Part Lot 227, Concession 2, SWTSR (geographic Township of Proton) in the Township of Southgate, subject to the revised conditions of draft plan approval in Appendix 1 to this report.**

**PDR-CW-13-25 - 412 Miller Street Subdivision 42T-2024-01 Final Report**

**That Report PDR-CW-13-25 be received; and**

**That all written and oral submissions received on plan of subdivision 42T-2024-01, known as 412 Miller Street, were considered; the effect of which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and**

**That in consideration of draft plan of subdivision application 42T-2024-01, for lands legally described as Lot 1690 and Part of Lots 1687, 1688, 1689, and 1691, Registered Plan 309, geographic Town of Meaford, now in the Municipality of Meaford, the Grey County Committee of the Whole approves the plan of subdivision to create up to one hundred and forty-seven (147) residential units consisting of; twenty-three (23) single-detached lots, twenty-three (23) semi-detached lots (for a total of 46 units), a townhouse block (for up to 18 units), a multi-attached block (for up to 60 units), as well as blocks for open space/parkland, stormwater management, daylight triangles, road widening, and public streets, subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1 to this report.**

**FR-CW-01-25 - Quarterly Purchasing Report - Quarter 4 of 2024**

**That Report FR-CW-01-25 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 4 of 2024 be received for information.**

## **Items For Direction and Discussion**

**2024-01 - Closed Meeting Investigation Report, Aird and Berlis, LLP**

Meaghan Barrett from Aird and Berlis summarized the Closed Meeting Investigation Report. She noted that a formal request was received for a closed meeting investigation for the Special County of Grey Joint All Council meeting held on August 8, 2024. Based on the investigation, she indicated that Council did not contravene the *Municipal Act, 2001*, or hold an improper meeting on said date.

CW19-25

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

**That the report from Aird and Berlis LLP on closed meeting investigation 2024-01 regarding the joint meeting held August 8, 2024 be received for information.**

Carried

**PDR-CW-09-25 - Forest Management By-law Update**

Committee of the Whole recessed from 11:16 a.m. and returned at 11:25 a.m.

CW20-25

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That Report PDR-CW-09-25 be received; and**

**That staff move forward with public and municipal consultation of the Draft Forest Management By-law; and**

**That staff consider all feedback received on the draft By-law, before preparing a final version of the By-law for County Council's consideration.**

Carried

## **PDR-CW-15-25 - CP Rail Trail Crossings in Dundalk**

CW21-25

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That report PDR-CW-15-25 be received; and**

**That staff be directed to prepare an agreement (or agreements) with the Township of Southgate for the purposes of:**

- **conveying four (4) road crossings of the CP Rail Trail to the Township of Southgate, where the transfers shall reserve an easement in favour of Grey County to ensure that the County maintains its ability to pursue the potential of such things as installation of utilities and the return of rail service on the rail corridor;**
- **lowering a section of the trail in the south end of Dundalk to facilitate the Eco Park Way extension, where such works would be completed by the Township of Southgate, or a contractor working on their behalf;**

**That staff be authorized to enter into a temporary access agreement for any of the four (4) crossings, should it be necessary, ahead of the conveyance of the lands to the Township of Southgate; and**

**That staff be authorized to carry out the above prior to County Council approval as per Section 26.6(b) of Procedural By-law 5134-22.**

Carried

## **CCR-CW-02-25 - Committee of the Whole and Council Structure**

CW22-25

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

**That Report CCR-CW-02-25 regarding Committee of the Whole and committee structures be received for information.**

Carried

## TR-CW-03-25 - Federal Grant Application – Active Transportation Fund

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

**That Report TR-CW-03-25 regarding the County's application to the Active Transportation Fund be received; and**

**That an application for Grey Road 1 reconstruction project be submitted prior to Council approval, as per Section 26.6 (b) of the procedural by-law in order to meet the February 26, 2025 deadline.**

### **Amendment:**

CW23-25

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That the motion be amended to include the Grey Road 17B reconstruction project into the grant application and into the second clause.**

Carried

### **Main Motion as Amended:**

CW24-25

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That Report TR-CW-03-25 regarding the County's application to the Active Transportation Fund be received; and**

**That an application for both the Grey Road 17B reconstruction project and the Grey Road 1 reconstruction project be submitted prior to Council approval, as per Section 26.6 (b) of the procedural by-law in order to meet the February 26, 2025 deadline.**

Carried

## **Closed Meeting Matters**

CW25-25

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**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. (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Georgian Bay Enclave)**
- ii. (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Georgian Bay Enclave)**

Carried

Committee of the Whole proceeded into closed session at 12:46 p.m.

Committee of the Whole recessed from 12:46 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Committee of the Whole returned to open session at 1:00 p.m.

The Warden confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed and that direction was provided to staff.

## **Other Business**

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer, provided information to Committee of the Whole regarding trade and economic challenges. She specifically highlighted the tariff threat of 25% tariff on imported goods from Canada (paused until March) and the 25% tariff applied to Canadian steel and aluminum imports into US on February 10. She noted that purchasing practices will be adjusted to support local procurement and the ongoing work from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is bringing together the work that Canada's 23 largest cities have underway to respond to tariffs and trade disruption to provide resources to municipalities across the country. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario is working to position Ontario's municipalities to emerge strong from these disruptions through estimating the fiscal impact of a trade war on Ontario's municipalities. AMO has requested planned investments in infrastructure (not including housing) to March 2027 for Grey County.

Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism, and Culture, indicated that it is too early for formal outreach and surveys to business. However, any response would be similar to the pandemic response, and staff would work to collect and coordinate information from all sources to be posted on the website. She highlighted Made in Grey and further including Ontario, Canada wherever possible in wording.

Councillor Scott Greig requested further information on the examination of the Multi-Year Capital Plan. Kim Wingrove indicated that an overview of the capital budgeting process and the workplan will be brought forward for discussion at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting next week.

## **Notice of Motion**



Councillor Boddy presented a notice of motion for the meeting of the Committee of the Whole in establishing a Joint Municipal Services Ad Hoc Committee to look at shared approaches to address challenges that municipalities in Grey County encounter.

## **Adjournment**

On motion of Councillors Hutchinson and Dobreen, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:25 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Brian Milne, Deputy Warden

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Tara Warder, Clerk