

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

May 8, 2025

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 10:34 a.m. with all members present. Councillors Boddy, Bordignon, Dobreen, Nielsen and Paterson participated electronically.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

Update from the Nuclear Innovation Institute - Jessica Linthorne

Jessica Linthorne, President and CEO of the Nuclear Innovation Institute, presented on the 2024 annual report. She shared the mission and pillars of the NII include an industry voice, skill development and industry advancement.

She further shared some highlights including that 505,000 people were reached across social media with 158 media mentions, and the importance of community partnership with the potential of other projects in the future.

She noted that engaging and informing youth and others on the opportunities within nuclear energy is a mission within the NII, and that they have established a "Welcome Home" campaign to let people know that there are a wide breadth of jobs and opportunities to come back to once they have finished their education locally or elsewhere.

Lastly, she shared the third pillar around industry advancement and the opportunities for Municipal partners. She shared the opportunities for process improvements to boost efficiency, quality and effectiveness over time. The Committee spoke to the recent news

of the potential creation of four nuclear generation systems within the province of Ontario. Jessica spoke to the opportunities of small modular reactors coming out of the Ontario Power Generation, and that the NII is closely observing these updates.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no items on the consent agenda pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

Councillor Boddy entered the meeting electronically at 10:35 a.m.

CW46-25

Moved by: Councillor Milne

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.

Carried

PDR-CW-29-25 Non-Resident Trapping Request

That Report PDR-CW-29-25 be received; and

That residency exemption under By-law 3274-91, as amended, be approved for a five-year period from 2025-2029 for P. Ryan Patterson; and

That the exemption also be applied retroactively to any unpaid claims from 2025

Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario

That the correspondence and resolution from the Township of Champlain regarding surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario be supported by the County of Grey.

Items For Direction and Discussion

Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee
meeting minutes dated May 1, 2025

Councillor Milne exited the room at 11:21 a.m and re-entered at 11:23 a.m.

Moved by: Councillor Kentner
Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That the Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated May 1, 2025 be adopted as presented and the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. **That Report EDTC-PEDAC-03-25 regarding the Economic Development, Tourism and Culture Strategic Progress Report - April 2025 be received for information.**
- ii. **That Report EDTC-PEDAC-04-25 regarding the Key Sector Scan and Tariffs be received for information.**
- iii. **That the County of Grey send correspondence to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and the Ministry of Sport, to respectfully request the reinstatement of the Ontario Staycation Tax credit and that the correspondence be sent to MPPs for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and Simcoe - Grey.**

CW47-25
Moved by: Councillor Greig
Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That the motion be divided into two parts, by dividing out the first, second and third clauses from the fourth clause.

Carried

CW48-25
Moved by: Councillor Kentner
Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

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- i. **That Report EDTC-PEDAC-03-25 regarding the Economic Development, Tourism and Culture Strategic Progress Report - April 2025 be received for information.**
- ii. **That Report EDTC-PEDAC-04-25 regarding the Key Sector Scan and Tariffs be received for information.**

Carried

CW49-25
Moved by: Councillor Kentner
Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That the County of Grey send correspondence to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and the Ministry of Sport, to respectfully request the reinstatement of the Ontario Staycation Tax credit and that the correspondence be sent to MPPs for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and Simcoe - Grey.

Carried

CSR-CW-08-25 Acquisition of Land for EarlyON Redevelopment in Hanover

Councillor Hutchinson left the meeting at this time. Council recessed from 11:26 a.m. to 11:33 a.m.

CW50-25

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That report CSR-CW-08-25 regarding the acquisition of land for redevelopment of the EarlyON in Hanover be received; and

That staff be directed to enter into an agreement of purchase and sale in the amount of \$225,000, conditional on Council's approval, for the property located at Lot 22, Plan 846, 17th Street Crescent in Hanover and that a by-law be prepared for Council's consideration; and

That the purchase of the property be funded from the EarlyON capital reserve fund; and

That staff be directed to initiate the RFP process to secure the services of an architect to complete site plan and build drawings and bring the RFP results to council for consideration.

Carried

PDR-CW-26-25 County Official Plan Amendment 24 Plume

CW51-25

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Hutchinson

That report PDR-CW-26-25 be received; and

That all written and oral submissions on Official Plan Amendment Number 24 were considered and helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That proposed County Official Plan Amendment number 24 to permit the redesignation of 'Rural' lands to the 'Rural – with Exceptions' designation lands legally 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, in the geographic Township of Normanby, now in the Municipality of West Grey be approved, and a by-law to adopt the County Official Plan Amendment be prepared for consideration by County Council.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

Council entered closed session at 11:49 a.m.

CW52-25

Moved by: Councillor McQueen

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. **(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Thornbury Acres)**
- ii. **(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Thornbury Acres)**
- iii. **(d) labour relations or employee negotiations (UNIFOR and staffing update)**
- iv. **(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (Potential Land Disposition)**

Carried

Council resumed open session at 1:47 p.m. The Warden reported that the Committee discussed only those items noted in the resolution to move in camera.

There was no other business or notices of motion raised.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Pringle and Mackey, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:48 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk