

Minutes Council

May 22, 2025

Call to Order

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:00 a.m. at the County Administration Building. The Warden called Council to order and assumed the Chair.

O Canada

The Warden invited members of Council to stand for O Canada.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the Roll with all members present with the exception of Councillor Boddy. Councillors Bordignon and Hutchinson participated electronically. Councillor Koepke attended as alternate for Councillor Boddy.

Randy Scherzer, Chief Administrative Officer; Tara Warder, Clerk; and Brittany Rier, Deputy Clerk were also in attendance.

The following staff members were also participating:

Niall Lobley, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Jennifer Moreau, Director of Human Resources; Jody MacEachern, Director of Information Technology; Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture; and Robert Hatten, Communications Manager.

Scott Taylor, Director of Planning, participated electronically.

Land Acknowledgement

The Warden read the land acknowledgement.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Adoption of Minutes

County Council and Committee of the Whole minutes dated May 8, 2025

CC36-25

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated May 8, 2025, and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Closed Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated May 8, 2025

CC37-25

Moved by: Councillor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That the closed session Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated May 8, 2025, be adopted as provided.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Reports

There were no reports.

By-laws

CC38-25

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

That By-laws 5233-25 to 5235-25 be introduced and be taken as read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the by-law book.

- i. **5233-25 A By-law to Adopt Official Plan Amendment 24**

- ii. **5234-25 A By-law to Authorize the Acquisition of Certain Lands in the Town of Hanover as described in Schedule 'A' for an EarlyON Centre**
- iii. **5235-25 A By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council**

Carried

News and Celebrations

Randy Scherzer, Chief Administrative Officer, took a moment to introduce Grey County's new Deputy CAO Niall Loble. He noted that Niall Loble comes to Grey County from The Township of Georgian Bluffs as the previous Chief Administrative Officer.

Randy Scherzer recognized Public Works week and Paramedic Services week and took a moment to thank Directors Pat Hoy and Kevin McNab as well as the Transportation and Paramedic Services departments.

Randy Scherzer shared that the Provincial Courts Team is hosting mock court trials with students from local high schools today. These are being held by the Ontario BAR Association in partnership with the Ontario Justice Education Network. He shared that the students will be working with local lawyers and judges where they will be judging these cases. He took a moment to thank Amanda Kokas, Provincial Offences Court Manager, and the department for hosting this.

Councillor Keaveney, congratulated Warden Matrosovs on her recent appointment to the Board of Directors for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

She also shared that the Municipality of Meaford will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new bridge in Meaford on June 14th.

Councillor Dickert congratulated the Hanover Barons on winning the PJHL Schmalz cup this year and shared that the town will be hosting a hockey celebration day on May 31st.

Councillor Carleton shared that The Township of Georgian Bluffs is hosting a planting bee on May 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at which time the Pride flag raising ceremony will also be held.

She further shared that the Owen Sound Attack will be playing out of the Shallow Lake Arena this summer to prepare for the 2025-2026 OHL hockey season during the Bayshore arena renovations.

Councillor McQueen reminded Council that the RAM Rodeo will be taking place in Feversham on May 24th and 25th.

He further shared that Grey Highlands will be hosting an age friendly Seniors Health Fair on June 11th at the Flesherton Kinplex from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Nielsen shared that he attended the Canadian Votes Summit in Montreal on May 20th and 21st.

Warden Matrosovs shared that she attended the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Conference where she noted the opposition to the recent US tariffs, and discussions on water quality, water equity and water access for all.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Dobreen and Nielsen, Council adjourned at 10:23 a.m. to the call of the Warden.

Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk