

Minutes Council

June 26, 2025

Call to Order

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:01 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 McQueen. Councillors Bordignon and Hutchinson participated electronically.

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; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Community Services; Jody MacEachern, Director of Information Technology; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Josh Gibson, Manager of Housing Programs; Caitlin Currie, Homelessness Response Supervisor; Scott Taylor, Director of Planning; Robert Hatten, Communications Manager; and Olivia Yale, Digital Communications Specialist.

Deputy Treasurer, Sue Murray, and Business Enterprise Coordinator, Linnea Catalan, 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 June 12, 2025

CC46-25

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated June 12, 2025, and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting materials.

Reports

There were no reports.

By-laws

CC47-25

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That By-law 5238-25 and 5239-25 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. **5238-25 A By-Law to Adopt Amendment No. 26 to the County of Grey Official Plan affecting lands described as Lot 18, Concession 13, geographic Township of Proton, now in the Township of Southgate.**
- ii. **5239-25 A By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council**

Carried

News and Celebrations

Councillor McQueen joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Community Services, and Josh Gibson, Manager of Housing Programs, recognized one year of operation for the short-term emergency housing motel program. Staff thanked Council for their support with the program and the Grey County team for their hard work and dedication over the last year. He shared some details on the success of the program including supporting 480 unique individuals across 375 households, noting that approximately 50 of these individuals were children under the age of 16.

Business Enterprise Coordinator, Linnea Catalan, shared the recent success at the annual Hawk's Nest Competition noting that five of the seven finalists that competed were from Grey County. Summer company student and young entrepreneur, Wyatt Garren, received both the People's Choice Award and a \$10,000.00 investment for his business Defy the Odds Basketball.

Councillor Carleton shared that on Canada Day, the Township of Georgian Bluffs has 8:00 a.m. yoga at the Big Bay dock. Then at 9:00 a.m., there will be a raising of the Canadian flag ceremony followed by a breakfast.

She further shared that Cobble Beach will have live music starting at 4:00 p.m. followed by a bagpipe rendition of O Canada and fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

Councillor Kentner noted that Meaford was featured in the Rampt Magazine summer edition.

Councillor Keaveney shared that Stomp the Bruce is being held this Friday June 27th starting at 4:00 p.m. through the weekend featuring local musical talents at the Major-General Richard Rohmer Meaford International Airport.

She further shared that on June 30th at the Annan Ballpark, there will be Canada Day celebrations including a BBQ, music and games. On July 1st celebrations will continue with a pancake breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the Military Family Resource Center and Rotary with a formal celebration to follow at 11:00 a.m. A flag raising and O Canada with a BBQ and activities will follow the ceremony.

Councillor Nielsen shared that on Saturday June 28th, Eugenia will be hosting their annual Gold Rush event that is open to all families.

Councillor Bordignon shared that on July 1st at 8:30 a.m., the Legion will be hosting a pancake breakfast followed by family activities. Following that, the Town will have a parade that leaves at 11:00 a.m. from Clarksburg to Thornbury, and events with live music will follow at the Parkette.

Councillor Dobreen noted that Southgate will be hosting the annual Show Your Colours Pride Walk on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

She further shared that on Tuesday in Dundalk from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the JunCtian Community Initiatives Canada Day Connects will be hosting the Fun, Food and Frolic at the Memorial Park Frank MacIntyre building. She further shared that in Holstein, the town will be hosting a car show from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by a BBQ and flying paws dog show starting at 6:00 p.m. and fireworks.

Councillor Eccles shared that the West Grey Durham Lions are hosting the Durham Loves Canada Day event on Tuesday July 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a live band and other activities, with fireworks at dusk.

He further shared that the firefighters from Grey Highlands will be hosting family activities starting at 5:00 p.m. with fireworks to follow in Priceville.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Nielsen and Councillor McKay, Council adjourned at 10:21 a.m. to the call of the Warden.

Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk