

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

July 24, 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 10:18 a.m. with all members present. Councillor Bordignon participated electronically.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

TMHC Inc. - Archaeological Management Plan

Holly Martelle of TMHC Inc spoke to the potential archaeological management plan for Grey County. She noted that archaeology in the County is of high significance as the County has the oldest and most significant sites in Ontario over 10,000+ years old proving Indigenous presence since the last ice age to today.

The number of registered sites in Grey County is small in relation to the land mass and not representative of the number of sites that are actually out there. She showed a map of the registered sites in Grey County, primarily in highly developed areas like Meaford and Thornbury. She noted that the sites are mostly seen in highly residential areas where there has been a lot of construction. Historic Townships have little to no sites likely due to lack of development in these areas.

Today there is legislation, since the 1990's, that Ontario municipalities are responsible for archaeological conservation. She noted that there are some challenges in managing archaeology including identifying areas of interest and uncertainty about when and where to require archaeological assessments.

Goals of the Archaeological Management Plans helps municipalities meet responsibilities under the Planning Act and Provincial Planning Statement. She noted that this develops a good understanding of where archaeological resources are and creates a clear process for addressing archaeological interests.

She identified what an archaeological management plan is and noted the creation of the plan is a collaborative process across many different groups. Components of an AMP include the archeological potential model (GIS based map) and the policy, planning and implementation framework.

She reviewed how they have built the archaeological model for Grey County over four steps including mapping of archaeological sites in the County, mapping areas of archaeological potential, mapping of previously studied areas and mapping and removing areas where there is no further archaeological interest.

She shared a map and data of the 199 archaeological sites that have been included in their model and noted that approximately half have an Indigenous component whereas the others have historic components.

Conditions where areas are removed from mapping were cited, such as where the lands will likely never see development. A large percentage of lands within the County would fall under this category due to the vast size of farming lands.

She noted that declaring the presence of archaeological sites immediately will assist the County with early planning and will help to increase efficiency and reduce risk to the County. The team is close to finalizing the potential model and continue to receive feedback from Indigenous communities and stakeholders.

The Committee sought clarification on the scope of archaeological clearing during the assessment stage and potential risks.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

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

Consent Agenda

Committee of the Whole recessed at 11:09 a.m. and resumed at 11:20 a.m.

CW82-25

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

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.

CSR-CW-03-25 Declaration of Surplus Lands

That report CSR-CW-03-25 regarding declaration of surplus lands be received and;

That Grey County Council declares the following Westmount property as surplus to the needs of the municipality:

1348 7th Avenue West, Owen Sound legally described as Lot 57 Plan 444, Owen Sound; Together with a shared driveway easement Over Part Lot 58 Plan 444, Owen Sound

And That the Clerk be directed to provide notice of Council's intent to sell the property in accordance with the Sale of Land Procedure.

TR-CW-18-25 Award of RFT-TS-14-25 Winter Sand

That report TR-CW-18-25 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-14-25 regarding Supply, Delivery, and Stockpiling of Winter Sand be received; and

That Walker Aggregates Inc. and Robinson Haulage Inc. be awarded the tender for an estimated total amount of \$500,560.00, excluding HST; and

That the deficit be funded from any surplus realized in the Transportation Services capital construction program or, if none exists, be financed from the Transportation Services Winter Control Reserve; and

That action be taken prior to Council approval as per Section 26.6 b of Procedural By-law- 5134-22.

TR-CW-21-25 Award of RFP-TS-26-25 Chatsworth Sand Building

That the report containing the results for RFP-TS-26-25 regarding Design Build for a Sand/Salt Building at Chatsworth Depot be received; and

That Domm Construction Ltd. be awarded the project for a total amount of \$1,388,341.00, excluding HST; and

That the project be funded from any Transportation Services year end surplus and if insufficient funds exist, from the Transportation Services Facilities – Depots & Domes Reserve or the Transportation Services General Reserve; and

That action be taken prior to Council approval as per Section 26.6 b of Procedural By-law- 5134-22.

PDR-CW-45-25 Andrew Bauman Minor Exemption

That report PDR-CW-45-25 be received; and

That the application for Minor Exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for 734626 West Back Line, geographic Township of Artemesia, Municipality of Grey Highlands, be approved.

PDR-CW-46-25 Georgian Woodlands Phase 4 Draft Plan Extension Request

That report PDR-CW-46-25 be received; and

That the County of Grey support the extension of draft plan approval for Georgian Woodlands Phase 4, legally described as Part of Lots 22 – 24, Concession 3, geographic Township of Collingwood, now in the Town of The Blue Mountains, for up to a maximum of three (3) years, subject to Town of The Blue Mountains requested revised conditions of draft approval for the draft plan of subdivision, as set out in the Appendix 1 attached to PDR-CW-46-25; and

That staff be directed to inform the Ontario Land Tribunal of the County's position on the request for extension, regarding Ontario Land Tribunal file number PL030216.

PDR-CW-47-25 Loon Call Grey Highlands Redline Revision - 42T-2021-08

That all oral and written submissions received on the proposed redline revision to plan of subdivision 42T-2021-08 were considered which helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That PDR-CW-47-25 be received, and that in consideration of revisions to draft plan of subdivision 42T-2021-08, 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 of Lots 95, 96, and 97, Concession 1 North and East of the Toronto and Sydenham Road (NETSR), in the Municipality of Grey Highlands (geographic Township of Artemesia), subject to the revised conditions of draft plan approval in Appendix 1 to this report.

FR-CW-16-25 Quarterly Purchasing Report - Quarter 2, 2025

That Report FR-CW-16-25 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 2 2025 be received for information.

Items For Direction and Discussion

PDR-CW-48-25 Archaeological Management Plan – Potential Model and Next Steps

CW83-25

Moved by: Councillor Kentner

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That report PDR-CW-48-25 regarding the Archaeological Management Plan status update be received for information.

Carried

PDR-CW-49-25 County Official Plan Amendment 21 Martin, Final Report

Council recessed for lunch from 11:57 a.m. to 12:44 p.m.

CW84-25

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That report PDR-CW-49-25 be received; and

That all written and oral submissions on Official Plan Amendment Number 21 were considered and helped to make an informed recommendation and decision; and

That proposed County Official Plan Amendment Number 21 on lands legally described as Part of Lot 75, Concession B, being Part 1, Reference Plan 17R531, geographic Township of Normanby, now in the Municipality of West Grey, be approved to redesignate the lands from 'Rural with Exceptions' and 'Hazard Lands' to 'Space Extensive Industrial and Commercial (with site specific exceptions)', 'Rural', and 'Hazard Lands', and a by-law to adopt the County Official Plan Amendment be prepared for consideration by County Council.

Carried

CAOR-CW-22-25 Climate Change Initiatives Snapshot 2024-25

Councillor Hutchinson left the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

CW85-25

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That Report CAOR-CW-22-25 Climate Change Initiatives Update be received for information.

Carried

EDTC-CW-07-25 Options For Schoolhouse Roofing Materials (Motion deferred from June 12, 2025)

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

That report EDTC-CW-06-25 regarding Grey Roots Village Unanticipated Capital Projects 2025 be received; and

That the schoolhouse portion of the 2027 cedar shingle capital project be advanced to 2025 due to failed inspection; and

That the schoolhouse roof replacement be funded from a combination of year end surplus and "Grey Roots - Moreston Village Building Improvements" reserve.

CW86-25

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That the motion be amended to strike out "cedar shingle" and insert "Euroshield" in the second clause.

Carried

CW87-25

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

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Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Eccles and Paterson, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 1:31 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk