



Minutes

Committee of the Whole

February 12, 2026

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 10:15 a.m. with all members present. Councillor Bordignon and Councillor Hutchinson participated electronically.

Councillor McQueen left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Delegations

County Wide Storm Water Management Master Plan

Councillor McQueen returned to the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Brad Mulligan, Andrew McCammon, and Jack Imhof presented on their recommendation of a cohesive stormwater master plan for Grey County. They noted that the area is seeing more frequent and more intense rainfall events, so they see an urgency for this plan to be implemented to protect water quantity and quality.

The group noted the benefits of having a County-wide master plan including the even treatment of development applications, avoiding cost inconsistencies, and reducing or preventing negative downstream impacts. The County-wide plan would allow all nine municipalities to tailor the plan to each specific municipality's needs while keeping the needs of the County in mind. They noted that this would be better than nine separate, inconsistent plans. The group urged County Council adopt a forward-looking master plan, and recommended going beyond the minimum set-standards for a stormwater management master plan.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Councillor Greig requested that item 6a regarding Correspondence from the City of Peterborough Regarding Sustainable Police Funding be pulled for further discussion.

Councillor Nielsen requested that item 6i regarding the University of Guelph Student Project - Best Practices in Rural Event Venues on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW12-26

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

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

Municipality of Meaford Resolution Supporting Grey County on Proposed Changes to Conservation Authorities Act

That the resolution received from the Municipality of Meaford supporting Grey County Comments on Proposed Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act be received for information.

Township of Southgate Resolution Regarding Bill 68, Plan to Protect Ontario Act

That the correspondence received from the Township of Southgate regarding Bill 68, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act and potential impacts to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), be received for information.

Township of Georgian Bluffs Resolution Supporting Grey County Regarding Automated Speed Enforcement

That the correspondence received from the Township of Georgian Bluffs supporting Grey County regarding Automated Speed Enforcement be received for information.

Town of The Blue Mountains Resolution Supporting Grey County Regarding Automated Speed Enforcement

That the correspondence received from the Town of The Blue Mountains supporting Grey County regarding Automated Speed Enforcement be received for information.

City of Owen Sound Resolution Support Grey County Regarding Automated Speed Enforcement

That the correspondence received from the City of Owen Sound supporting Grey County regarding Automated Speed Enforcement be received for information.

Thank you from Grey Ag Services

That the correspondence received from Grey Ag Services thanking Grey County for its support be received for information.

FR-CW-02-26 Quarterly Purchasing Report Q4 2025

That Report FR-CW-02-26 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 4 2025 be received for information.

PSR-CW-01-26 Coat Purchase Approval

That report PSR-CW-01-26 regarding the Purchase of Paramedic Coats be received; and

That the purchase of 112 coats at a cost of \$41,861 exclusive of HST be approved and funded from the Paramedic Uniform Replacement Reserve; and

That staff be directed to donate used coats in safe condition to agencies for distribution within Grey County.

Items For Direction and Discussion

CCR-CW-01-26 Council Compensation By-law

Councillor Boddy left the meeting at 11:17 a.m. and returned at 11:18 a.m.

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That CCR-CW-01-26 regarding a draft updated Council Compensation By-law be received; and

That the Council Compensation by-law as presented be brought forward to County Council in the form substantially attached hereto, for consideration.

Amendment 1

CW13-26

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the proposed by-law be amended to remove per diem compensation for alternate County Council members, effective at the beginning of the new Council term.

Lost

Amendment 2

CW14-26

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the proposed by-law be amended to update the definition of meeting per diems as follows:

- **Full day - defined as a meeting that is greater than four hours (instead of six hours or greater)**
- **Half day - defined as a meeting that is four hours or less (instead of less than six hours)**

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CW15-26

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

That CCR-CW-01-26 regarding a draft updated Council Compensation By-law be received; and

That the Council Compensation by-law as amended be brought forward to County Council in the form substantially attached hereto, for consideration; and

That the proposed by-law be amended to update the definition of meeting per diems as follows:

- **Full day - defined as a meeting that is greater than four hours (instead of six hours or greater)**

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Carried

CCR-CW-02-26 Fees and Service Charges Update

Council took a brief recess from 11:33 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

CW16-26

Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

That Report CCR-CW-02-26 regarding an update to the Fees and Service Charges By-law be received; and

That the proposed updates to the Fees and Charges schedule be supported as presented, and staff prepare a by-law to amend By-law 5090-20, being the Fees and Service charges by-law, for Council's consideration.

Carried

CSR-CW-09-26 Early Learning and Child Care Budget Updates

CW17-26

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

That Report CSR-CW-09-26 be received; and

That the Child Care Mitigation Reserve Fund be utilized to offset any 2026 funding shortfall that exists at year end in the Early Learning and Child Care operating budget.

Carried

TR-CW-06-26 Grey Road 17B Reconstruction - Opportunities for Scope Reductions and Cost Implications

Councillor Bordignon left the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That Report TR-CW-06-26 be received relating to the review of the Grey Road 17B reconstruction project scope and cost reduction; and

That Transportation Services continue to consult Georgian Bluffs working toward confirmation of maintenance of the multi-use trail if constructed; and

That Transportation Services continue to finalize the design summarized as Alternative 5 within the report.

Amendment #1

CW18-26

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Nielsen

That the motion be amended to strike out “Alternative 5” in the third clause and insert “Alternative 1A”, being a rural cross section with existing configuration; and

That Clause 2 be removed from the main motion.

Carried

Main Motion as Amended

CW19-26

Moved by: Councillor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Dobrean

That Report TR-CW-06-26 be received relating to the review of the Grey Road 17B reconstruction project scope and cost reduction; and

That Transportation Services continue to finalize the design summarized as Alternative 1A within the report.

Carried

Joint Municipal Services meeting minutes dated January 28, 2026

Council took a brief recess from 12:50 p.m. to 1:27 p.m.

CW20-26

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

That the Joint Municipal Services Committee meeting minutes dated January 28, 2026, be adopted as presented and the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

- i. **That report CAOR-JMS-02-26 be received; and**

- ii. **That the County of Grey endorses a shared approach to training and development, where appropriate and feasible, under the working title of “University of Grey”**
- iii. **That staff share a schedule of potential training activities in early 2026 with member municipalities.**
- iv. **That report CAOR-JMS-01-26 be received for information; and**
- v. **That no further exploration of County wide library services be considered at this time.**

Carried

Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force meeting minutes dated February 5, 2026

The Committee discussed the importance of providing more time for municipal staff to review information prior to passing the motion.

Councillor Hutchinson left the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

That the Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force meeting minutes dated February 5, 2026, be adopted as presented and the following resolutions contained therein be endorsed:

That Report TR-UR-01-26 be received; and

That the draft road transfer template agreement be approved, and staff be directed to customize the template for each member municipality and circulate the agreements for execution and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements; and

That the road assumption/deletion by-law(s) be brought forward to County Council with a transfer date of July 6, 2026, for both Urban and Rural transfers with the following exceptions being transferred on October 29, 2026;

- i. **Grey Road 4 within Flesherton**
- ii. **Grey Road 12 within Markdale**
- iii. **Grey Road 14 and Southgate SRD 11**
- iv. **Grey Road 9 within Dundalk; and**

That staff be authorized to proceed prior to Council approval as per Section 26.6 (b) of the Procedural By-law.

Motion to Defer

CW21-26

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That the motion be deferred to March 26th (6 weeks) pending further information being provided to the member municipalities on the financial information and Asset Management Plan information, requesting each municipality's consideration and reply to Grey County as soon as possible.

Carried

Correspondence from the City of Peterborough Regarding Sustainable Police Funding

CW22-26

Moved by: Councillor Kentner

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

That the resolution received from the City of Peterborough regarding Sustainable Police Funding be supported by Grey County Council.

Carried

PDR-CW-05-26 University of Guelph Student Project - Best Practices in Rural Event Venues

The Committee noted the importance of this program.

CW23-26

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Dobrean

That Report PDR-CW-05-26 regarding a University of Guelph Student project entitled "Best Practices in Rural Event Venues" be received for information.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

Council proceeded into closed session at 3:02 p.m.

Council took a brief recess from 3:02 p.m. to 3:08 p.m.

CW25-26

Moved by: Councillor Paterson

Seconded by: Councillor Dickert

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. **information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province, or territory or a Crown Agency of any of them (Board of Health governance)**

Carried

Council returned to open session at 3:43 p.m.

The Warden confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to move into closed session were discussed.

CAOR-CW-04-26 Board of Health Appointment Process

CW26-26

Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Grey County's Board of Health members appointed through Resolution CW132-24 be rescinded and that staff be directed to commence the application process for appointment of municipal members using the skills-based matrix with application forms being sent to all of the county council members; and

That action be taken prior to Council approval as per Section 26.6 (b) of the Procedural By-law.

Carried

CW27-26

Moved by: Councillor Dobreen

Seconded by: Councillor Greig

That Report CAOR-CW-04-26 regarding the application process for appointing Board of Health municipal members using the skills-based matrix, be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

The Committee noted that the Ontario government announced \$6.4 billion to support Ontario Colleges and Universities, and their hope that Georgian College benefits from this.

Notice of Motion

Councillor McQueen presented a notice of motion for the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on March 12, 2026 regarding a joint RFP for insurance coverage that would include Grey County and all nine lower-tier municipalities.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillors Paterson and Nielsen, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 3:50 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk