

# Minutes

## Committee of the Whole

March 26, 2026

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### 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 10:22 a.m. with all members present with the exception of Councillor Bordignon. Councillors Dobreen, Eccles and Milne participated electronically.

### Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### Delegations

#### Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership

Hilary Thurston, Supervisor of the Grey-Bruce Local Immigration Partnership, provided an overview of the 2025 to 2028 Grey-Bruce Community Action Plan which sets the direction for the next three years led by Bruce County. The Action Plan serves local newcomer needs for the area.

The Plan includes three key strategic priorities for action including community collaboration, employer engagement and workforce integration as well as fostering a connection to make all feel welcome. The priorities help bring together the vision to have Grey Bruce as a welcoming community committed to diversity and belonging which will in turn support attraction and retention.

She noted that fiscal year 1 was a foundational year for the group and summarized the highlights throughout the year including developing sub-committees, hosting webinars, providing training, and onboarding regional partners.

She reviewed the key initiatives of fiscal year 2 including collaboration with Huron County LIP and a researcher from Western University on a retention study to determine why newcomers leave rural areas.

## **Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

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

## **Consent Agenda**

CW43-26

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

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.**

Carried

## **PDR-CW-12-26 Elverne Martin Minor Exemption**

**That report PDR-CW-12-26 be received; and**

**That the application for minor exemption under the County's Forest Management By-law for Part of Lot 24, Concession 1, geographic Township of Normanby, now in the Municipality of West Grey, municipally known as 082885 Letter Breen Road, be approved.**

## **TR-CW-17-26 Award of Tender RFT-TS-06-26 for the Replacement of Structure 40-086 and Structure 900-114**

**That report TR-CW-17-26 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-06-26 regarding the replacement of two structures in the Township of Chatsworth, being Structure 40-086 (Grey Road 40) and Structure 900-114 (Concession 2) be received; and**

**That Roubos Farm Service be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$3,174,597.41, excluding HST; and**

**That the deficit of \$921,908.79 be funded from a combination of surplus realized in the Canada Community Building Fund from award reports for TR-CW-12-26 and TR-CW-15-26 and funds from the Transportation Services Major Capital Reserve.**

### **TR-CW-15-26 Award of Tender RFT-TS-12-26 - Grey Road 12 Rehabilitation**

**That report TR-CW-15-26 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-12-26 regarding the Grey Road 12 Rehabilitation Project be received; and**

**That Walker Construction Limited be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$624,000.00, excluding HST.**

### **TR-CW-18-26 Award of Tender RFT-TS-18-26 for the Replacement of Structure 900-188**

**That report TR-CW-18-26 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-18-26 regarding the replacement of Structure 900-188 (on Normanby-Bentinck Townline) be received; and**

**That AJN Builders Inc. be awarded the tender for a total amount of \$934,030.00, excluding HST; and**

**That the deficit of \$255,740.30 be funded from a combination of any surplus remaining in the Canada Community Building Fund and, if additional funds are required, from the Transportation Services Major Capital Reserve.**

### **TR-CW-16-26 Tender Award Grey Road 9 - Main Street West, Dundalk**

**That report TR-CW-16-26 containing the tender results for Township of Southgate Contract 5625-26 regarding the reconstruction of Main Street West in the Town of Dundalk be received; and**

**That County Council authorize the transfer of capital funding in the amount of \$2,862,946.69, excluding HST, representing Grey County's projected portion of Contract 5625-26 project costs; and**

**That Staff provide the capital funding to the Township of Southgate at the completion of the project based on actual final construction costs to fund Grey County's share of the Grey Road 9 Reconstruction project in Dundalk.**

#### **FR-CW-05-26 2025 Treasurer's Statement**

**That Report FR-CW-05-26 and the attached 2025 Treasurer's Statement be received for information.**

#### **Grey Bruce OHT - Connecting Patients to Primary Care Update**

**That the correspondence from Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team regarding an update on Primary Care Patient attachment be received for information.**

#### **Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Correspondence Regarding the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities**

**That the correspondence received from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding Decision Notice on the Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities be received for information.**

#### **Correspondence from the City of Owen Sound and the Municipality of Meaford- Proposed Road Transfers**

**That the correspondence received from the City of Owen Sound and the Municipality of Meaford regarding Grey County Road Transfers be received for information.**

#### **Correspondence from the Municipality of Grey Highlands - Approval of Tender for Award RFT-TS-05-26 to Walker Construction**

**That the correspondence from the Municipality of Grey Highlands regarding support for awarding RFT-TS-05-26 Reconstruction of Grey Road 12 in Markdale to Walker Construction Limited be received for information.**

### **Items For Direction and Discussion**

#### **EDTC-CW-07-26 Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership Community Action Plan and Annual Update**

CW44-26

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That report EDTC-CW-07-26 regarding the Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership Community Action Plan and Annual Update be received; and**

**That the Community Action Plan 2025-2028 be endorsed.**

Carried

## PDR-CW-11-26 Age-Friendly Action Plan Progress Report

CW45-26

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That report PDR-CW-11-26 regarding the County's Age-Friendly Action Plan progress be received for information; and**

**That staff be authorized to make minor amendments to the County's Age-Friendly Action Plan, without impacting the intent of the Plan, to enable plan implementation; and**

**That staff be directed to share the Progress Report with all member municipalities for information.**

Carried

## CAOR-CW-06-26 Provincial Offences Court Annual Report 2026

CW46-26

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**That report CAOR-CW-06-26 regarding the Provincial Offences annual report be received for information.**

Carried

## CAOR-CW-09-26 Green Development Program

CW47-26

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That report CAOR-CW-09-26 regarding the Green Development Program be received; and**

**That the voluntary Green Development Program be approved as presented and staff be directed to proceed with program implementation with an anticipated launch in spring 2026; and**

**That staff be directed to continue collaborating with municipalities to confirm their preferred option for participation; and**

**That staff be delegated authority to make minor program adjustments as needed, subject to approval by the Director of Planning and Manager of Climate Change Initiatives.**

Carried

## Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force minutes dated February 5, 2026 and TR-CW-10-26 Road Transfers Supplemental Report - Member Municipal Engagement, TR-CW-10-26

Committee of the whole took a brief recess from 11:13 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

### *Deferred 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:**

- i. That Report TR-UR-01-26 be received; and**
- ii. 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**
- iii. 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;**

- **Grey Road 4 within Flesherton**
- **Grey Road 12 within Markdale**
- **Grey Road 14 and Southgate SRD 11**
- **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 Postpone Indefinitely*

CW48-26

Moved by: Councillor Greig

Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

**That the motion deferred from the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 12, 2026 regarding approval of the road transfer agreement templates and direction to bring forward road assumption / deletion by-laws for Council's consideration, be postponed indefinitely.**

Carried

CW49-26

Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

**That Council direct staff to prepare a comprehensive report based on member municipality feedback and the discussion and direction of Council in respect to report TR-CW-10-26 to be discussed by the Road Exchange Task Force; and**

**That Council support Task Force members in bringing up to two members of their municipal staff to the next Task Force meeting to support discussion; and**

**That the Task Force be directed to bring forward recommendations for potentially a late 2026/early 2027 Roads Exchange.**

Carried

A recorded vote was requested on the motion.

In Favour: S. Mackey 4; T. McKay 3; S. Carleton 6; G. Pringle 5; S. Paterson 4; W. Dickert 3; R. Kentner 6; S. Keaveney 5; S. Greig 8; B. Milne 4; B. Dobreen 3; A. Matrosovs 7; K. Eccles 6; T. Hutchinson 6

Opposed: P. McQueen 6; D. Nielsen 5; I. Boddy 8

Absent: P. Bordignon 7;

The motion was Carried 70-19

## **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 Hutchinson and Milne, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:42 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

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Tara Warder, Clerk