



Minutes
Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole
Held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Absent</u>	Deputy Mayor Bell
<u>Staff</u>	Larry C. Adams, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk. Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer – during report.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – None

Closed Session - None

REGULAR AGENDA:

Matters Arising from the Closed Session – n/a

Public Meetings - None

Delegations

John S. Black

John S. Black commented on the Long Term Care Bed situation, and the upheaval it is creating in local communities. The County of Grey has been placed in a difficult position in having to make a decision respecting Long Term Care Beds. Mr. Black opined that Grey County Council should delay making a decision on this matter to provide more time for information gathering and discussion.

Mr. Black also recounted the roots of his family that were established in Glenelg Township, and other historical happenings.

Business Arising From Previous Meeting - None

Staff Reports

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report COW #04/24/17
Road Supervisor's Report - Staff have been busy with the following activities: Grading, cold patching, brushing, and removing winter maintenance equipment. (received for information)

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Utilities Supervisor's Report - Staff have been busy with the following activities: Sweeping Urbans – Durham completed and now working in Ayton, followed by Neustadt and Elmwood. (received for information)

Letter to Council from Joni Lang - The Department has received a letter from a Joni Lang, resident on Side Road 5 between concession 8 and concession 10 former Bentinck, complaining about the current road conditions and requesting that Side Road 5 be hard surfaced. (The Committee of the Whole requested Side Road 5 be included in the Road Tour.)

Director of Finance/Treasurer – Report COW #04/24/17

2016 Year End Reserve Transfers – resolution #COW 12-17

Cutting-Lawrence, Resolved that the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves the 2016 Year End Reserve transfers contained in Report FTR#04/24/17. ... #COW 12-17 Carried.

Clerk – Report COW #04/24/17

Appointment of Officials & Citizens to Various Committees - The municipal office is encountering some delays in receiving the required accessibility training forms from individuals that have been appointed to various committees. As a result, any by-laws or resolutions appointing individuals to various committees will contain a provision that states that the individuals' appointment to the respective committee will not take force and effect until the individuals have completed the legislatively required West Grey accessibility training. (received for information)

Proposal for Municipal Weed Inspector – resolution #COW 13-17 (The Committee of the Whole suggested having a combined logo on the By-law Enforcement & Property Standard Officer/Weed Control Inspector's truck and crest. The Committee of the Whole questioned if a fee can be assessed against a landowner having noxious weeds on their property – the Clerk will investigate this possibility.)

Proposed Update to Regulation and Control of Traffic By-law Number 133-2004, as amended – resolution #COW 14-17 (The Committee of the Whole requested the Clerk to determine any parking agreements, written or verbal, that West Grey has that permits vehicles to park at various municipal facilities (i.e. Normanby Arena, and if a fee is charged. The Committee of the Whole noted that any arrangements should include a save and hold harmless agreement with the individual in question).

Hutchinson-Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves a by-law to appoint Jennifer Watson as the Municipal Weed Inspector. ... #COW 13-17 Carried.

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Reports/Minutes from Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

1) West Grey Economic Development Committee

Councillor Thompson reported that Bruce Power is forming a committee designed to attract more industries and businesses in Grey, Bruce and Huron Counties. Rose Austin from the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) attended a recent meeting, wherein a Neustadt Vibrant Communities initiative was discussed, with an associated cost of \$37,000 – funding is being sought through the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program administered by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), as well as funding from local municipalities. Ms. Austin also discussed the Town of Minto investment in the SEDC program contributing \$5,000 towards addressing area wide labour shortages, as well as possible investment in an agriculture accelerator innovation centre.

Councillor Thompson also reported that the Economic Development Committee is continuing with the Saints & Sinners Program membership for another year at a cost of \$500. The West Grey Chamber of Commerce has determined not to partner with West Grey's Façade Program, as the Chamber will develop their own program.

Mayor Eccles reported receiving information package regarding economic trends and projections for the Province.

The Committee of the Whole asked Councillor Thompson if the Economic Development Committee is interested in rejoining the "Buggies and Butter Tarts" program. Councillor Thompson replied that the Committee reviewed this with possible stakeholders, however, no real interest was expressed from business community.

The Committee of the Whole suggested the Economic Development Committee more widely advertise the façade improvement programs and other programs available to businesses.

2) West Grey Parks Committee

Councillor Cutting reported that the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works attended the April 11 Parks Committee meeting in order to establish duties and equipment allocation for watering, etc. Some community groups conducted clean-ups during Earth Week.

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The Committee of the Whole questioned if the Canada 150 Committee is entering a float in the Canada 150 Parade. Councillor Hutchinson indicated the Canada 150 Committee has not discussed this matter to date.

The Committee of the Whole questioned if the Committee will be placing hanging baskets in downtown Durham. Councillor Cutting indicated she is not sure at this time, as it is a lot of work.

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

- March 8, 2017 Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee minutes

Councillor Lawrence reporting on behalf of the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated that the annual Normanby Ball Tournament is going ahead this year. The children's introduction to baseball initiative is going ahead as it appears there is a lot of interest in this initiative. There may be a one week trial this summer for the proposed Ayton Summer Children's Program. Outdoor movies to be shown at the Ayton Centennial Hall is being considered. There was discussion about naming the Normanby Arena board room after a certain individual, however, Council would have to approve such action. The Committee is considering the feasibility of a splash pad at the Centennial Hall, however, this would be difficult without municipal water service.

Councillor Lawrence, reporting on behalf of the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated the Neustadt Craft Show is taking place a week from Saturday. The sixth pickle ball court has not been painted yet – will be done in May. Councillor Lawrence also reported on pickle ball and roller skating statistics.

Councillor Thompson, reporting on behalf of the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated the Committee is working on fall programs and the Christmas event. The Ball Diamond Project Committee has located a suitable storage shed for ball diamonds. A clinic is being held in June for training on how to upgrade ball diamonds. The ice is coming out on April 28. Lacrosse is starting on May 8 and will end on June 19. The Committee would like new lighting installed at the ball diamonds.

The Committee of the Whole was advised that there will be a Durham Tennis Court Club again this year. The club would appreciate LED lighting at some point for the tennis courts, with lighting also directed towards the basketball courts. The light panel is being repaired.

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The Committee of the Whole meeting temporarily adjourned for lunch at 12:16 p.m., and reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

Reports/Minutes from Other Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

- 1) West Grey Public Library Board
 - March 21, 2017 minutes

Councillor Hergert reported the Board is hosting a Southern Ontario Library Services workshop on May 10. The West Grey/Durham Lions is helping with improvements to the children's section of the library. The number of users at the Ayton library branch has dropped somewhat, and as a result, the Board the hours of operation, and possible need for additional advertising.

Councillor Thompson reported he is on the library facilities committee, and noted the window above the door is still cracked, and the floor is starting to separate at the Durham Public Library branch. The ground fault receptacle and trim are being replaced at the Durham Public Library branch, and the bike rack at the former Durham Public Library branch building is being moved to the current building. An accessibility sign is being placed at the Durham site. The Board may be requesting lights at the Ayton Public Library parking lot.

Councillor Thompson reported the ductless air conditioning at the Durham site was looked at by Steve Ayerhart, West Grey Public Works Utilities Supervisor, and tests indicated the building did not cool sufficiently. The Committee of the Whole indicated there is more than one air conditioning unit, and for Councillor Thompson to verify whether or not all air conditioning units were turned on when determining if the building is sufficiently cooled by the existing air conditioning units.

- 2) West Grey Police Services Board

The Committee of the Whole discussed the possible appointment of a fifth West Grey representative on the West Grey/Hanover Police Service joint steering committee, as the terms of reference permits the appointment of up to 5 members per municipality on the joint steering committee. West Grey currently only has 4 members appointed, whereas Hanover has appointed 5 members. (Mayor Eccles mentioned he will contact the West Grey Director of

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Finance/Treasurer, to determine her interest in being appointed to the joint steering committee.)

Mayor Eccles reported that Chief Martin attended a volunteer recognition event in Owen Sound, during which Christina Parsons, West Grey Police Service auxiliary officer was recognized for 10 years of service. Chief Martin has also attended a number of other functions to get to know the community better.

- 3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission
 - March 15, 2017 minutes

Councillor Lawrence reported that a quotation was approved for line painting, including lines on all runways, hold lines, taxiways liens and ramp markings. New lights have been installed at the maintenance shop. The Future Air Flight school is now set-up. The rental rates have been raised for the terminal, board room, and overnight parking of aircraft. The kitchen is being renovated by volunteers. The Commission approved a new contract for the operation of the restaurant. A new website is being developed. The Snowbirds event will also include several other air activities.

- 4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Mayor Eccles reported that Arbour Day is being held this Saturday at Sulfur Springs, and some evening tours at various conservation areas are being conducted. Work is continuing on the Children's Safety Village – it will be open this summer to the public, and in the 2017/18 school year for school safety education purposes.

- 5) Elmwood Community Centre Board
 - March 21, 2017 minutes

Councillor Lawrence reported the Board had a presentation from the Homecoming Committee and the Homecoming Committee is proposing improvements to the Lions Firemen's Park at a total cost of \$82,000, to be completed in phases. – resolution #COW 14-17

Review of Elmwood Community Centre Board Agreement (The Committee of the Whole requested the West Grey/Brockton CAOs and the respective Council representatives from both municipalities to review the existing Elmwood Recreation Agreement. The CAO/Deputy Clerk indicated he

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requested the Director of Finance/Treasurer to review the existing Agreement.)

Councillor Lawrence also reported the Board received a positive auditors report. Rental rates were recently increased.

Lawrence-Cutting, Be it resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council that approval in principle be given the proposed upgrade, Phase 1, to the Lion's Firemen's Park as presented by the Elmwood Homecoming Committee, with the work to be carried out in conjunction with Colin Saunders, Brockton Director of Public Works, and the Elmwood Community Centre Board; And further that, such project be funded by the Elmwood Homecoming revenues through a donation to the Elmwood Community Centre Board; And further that, a sub-committee of the Board be approved and added to the Committee by-law consisting of Ed Stangler, Phillip Heard, Kyle Heard, Erin Cowell, Suzanne Leifso, and a member of the Community Centre Board. ... #COW 14-17 Carried.

6) Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Corporation (S.M.A.R.T.) – no report

7) West Grey Chamber of Commerce/Durham BIA/Neustadt Business Group
➤ March 7, 2017 West Grey Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting minutes

Councillor Thompson reported that the Annual General Meeting of the West Grey Chamber of Commerce is being held on May 16, 6:00 p.m., at the Garafraxa Café. There are now 74 Chamber members. The Spring Photo Contest is doing well. The Chamber is working on annual business and youth awards. A large map showing chamber members businesses is now completed. The Chamber donated \$500.00 to the Hanover Scouts #5. The Chamber is looking to appoint a new secretary.

Councillor Hutchinson reported that the Neustadt Business Group is continuing plans for the Canada 150 celebrations in July. Historical signs are being placed at certain businesses as part of Canada 150 initiatives. Canada 150 events are being advertised in The Spotlight.

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- 8) Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management – no report
- 9) Others - None

New Business

The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported ½ load limits on West Grey roads has been lifted, save and except for some roads bordering Grey Highlands.

Mayor Eccles reported that the new CAT grader in Normanby had the engine blow out, however, it is still under warranty.

Mayor Eccles asked if the CAO/Deputy Clerk had a report on the proposed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Policy as requested by Council. The CAO/Deputy Clerk indicated he will bring a report on the proposed PTSD Policy forward at the May 1, 2017 Council meeting.

The Committee of the Whole questioned how individuals can sign up to participate in the clean sweep program, and if there are designated areas for clean-up. The Committee of the Whole was informed that interested individuals should contact Joyce Nuhn at the West Grey Office. The Committee of the Whole suggested area fire departments may wish to organize clean sweeps for Durham, Neustadt, and Elmwood.

The Committee of the Whole was advised of plans by the West Grey Parks Committee to establish an additional small trail section at the south end of Durham. The Committee of the Whole requested that a map indicating the location of the proposed trail, and plans detailing the proposed work be provided to Council or Committee of the Whole for discussion purposes.

Adjournment

Cutting, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 3:16 p.m., to meet again on May 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried.

(Signed)
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

(Signed)
Larry C. Adams, CAO/Deputy Clerk