



**Minutes**  
**Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole**  
**Held on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office**

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<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor John A. Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Absent</u>	Councillor Carol Lawrence
<u>Staff</u>	Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk; Laura Wilson – Administrative Assistant

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – None**

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

1) West Grey Economic Development Committee

Mayor Eccles and Deputy Mayor Bell attended an Economic Development accelerator/incubator meeting held last Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, in Owen Sound to update Grey County vision re: entrepreneurial and business expansion out of the former Sydenham School in co-operation with Georgian College for training and setting up businesses, with the aim to retain the younger generation.

2) West Grey Parks Committee

Councillor Cutting reported that the West Grey Parks Committee meets this Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., at the Durham Fire Hall.

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

Councillor Thompson reporting on behalf of the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated the second amplifier at the Durham Arena needs to be replaced. The Ball Diamond Project will be bringing a request to the April 30, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting to present their proposal for work at the ball diamonds. The Committee received 3 quotes for new playground equipment at Diamond B, with the lowest quote being approximately \$15,000.00.

Mayor Eccles informed the Committee of a proposed lacrosse program in Durham, noting lacrosse representatives will be coming before Council on April 16<sup>th</sup> to request funding for the purchase of shot clocks and lacrosse nets.

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The CAO reported her recent attendance at a Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee to provide guidance on the Procedure By-law and minute-taking. Vulnerable sector checks are needed for volunteers. The Facilities Manager will ensure accessibility requirements for new playgrounds/playground equipment are adhered to. The Committee is also working on the development of new sports camps during the summer.

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

#### 1) West Grey Public Library Board

Councillor Hergert provided a 2017 statistics sheet to the Committee completed by the West Grey Public Library Board. The Library Board is updating policies and procedures for the next term of the library board.

The Committee of the Whole discussed ways to promote improvements that have taken place regarding library services. The CAO is working with the CEO/Chief Librarian to promote the good things happening with the library, and the 2017 statistics information sheet was part of that promotion. The CAO also spoke to the CEO/Chief Librarian to discuss ways to cross-promote library services and other municipal services through some joint programming.

#### 2) West Grey Police Services Board

Mayor Eccles spoke about quorum issues as the Board is waiting for the Province to appoint the two Provincial appointees to the Board. The Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB) Annual Conference is being held in May at the Blue Mountain Resort in the Town of the Blue Mountains. There are many changes to the Police Act that are still being assessed, including the issue of the legalization of cannabis.

Mayor Eccles also reported the board has not completed a costing at this time for the West Grey Police Service to provide policing to the Township of Chatsworth.

#### 3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission

The Air Cadets are holding a fundraising spaghetti supper this Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Airport.

#### 4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Mayor Eccles reported that the SVCA is ramping up for the opening of the new camping season. The Committee of the Whole suggested the SVCA post signs indicating no

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discharge of fire arms is permitted at the Durham Conservation Area. The Mayor/Deputy Mayor will advise the SVCA of this request.

Mayor Eccles reported the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for planning services provided by the SVCA to Grey & Bruce Counties is being worked on, with some of the lower tier municipalities already having signed.

Mayor Eccles reported there was slightly more than a \$200,000 surplus in the 2017 SVCA budget that was transferred to reserves.

- 5) Elmwood Community Centre Board – No Report
- 6) Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Corporation (S.M.A.R.T.)

Councillor Bell reported SMART is assisting with helping people get around the bridge damaged by the flood in Arran-Elderslie, on a fee for service basis.

- 7) West Grey Chamber of Commerce/Durham BIA/Neustadt Business Group

Councillor Thompson reporting on behalf of the West Grey Chamber of Commerce, noted the Annual General Meeting is being held on April 17, 7:00 p.m., at the Durham Legion. The “Beauty of West Grey” photo contest is closing tomorrow, with 21 photos submitted to date.

Councillor Hutchinson reported the Durham BIA Annual General Meeting was held on March 21, 2018. The BIA discussed the beautification of Durham and hanging baskets. The BIA is willing to contribute towards hanging baskets in Durham – this will be discussed with the West Grey Parks Committee. Two (2) dog bag stations for Durham were purchased. The BIA is considering a summer promotion (Pop-up Art Exhibition), using local artists to provide artistic work at empty downtown buildings.

Councillor Hutchinson also reported the BIA is considering holding a street dance in July 2018 at the Durham parking lot as a fundraiser for the Durham Walkway Bridge. The Committee of the Whole mentioned the BIA will have to provide sufficient funding for security purposes during the street dance. The BIA is also discussing the possibility of re-establishing a farmers market in Durham.

- 8) Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management – No Report
- 9) Others

Priceville Improvement Committee - March 19, 2018 minutes. Councillor Hutchinson reported the July 1st fireworks event is going ahead.

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Joint Building Services Committee – The new Chair is Deputy Mayor Bell. There are currently 4 partners comprising the Joint Committee, however, Southgate is withdrawing in June 2018. Building permits are up in West Grey, Grey Highlands, and Southgate. Bill Klingenberg, Director of Building Services for the Joint Building Services Committee, has assumed the position of Chief Building Official (CBO) until a replacement is found.

**Adjournment**

**Bell-Thompson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 10:46 a.m., to meet again on April 30, 2018, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.**

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(Signed)  
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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Mark Turner, Clerk