



## Minutes

### Municipality of West Grey Special Committee of the Whole (2018 Preliminary Budget) Meeting

Held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 3:25 p.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 Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Staff</u>	Mark Turner, Clerk; Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer. Rob Martin, Police Chief (left the meeting after the conclusion of discussion relating to item #2)

### **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof - None**

### **Items of Business – 2018 Preliminary Budgets:**

#### 1) Director of Finance/Treasurer – Report COW #12/11/17

##### 1. Grants to Organizations – additional 2018 requests

Quilters Guild – request for \$300.00 donation (The Committee did not support this request. The Director will advise the Quilters Guild accordingly.)

Grey Highlands Secondary School 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee – resolution #COW 52-17

West Grey - Durham Lions Club – resolution #53-17 (The Committee requested the Director to suggest that the Lions Club promote the event as “West Grey/Durham Loves Canada”. – resolution #COW 53-17

**Hutchinson-Hergert, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves a donation of \$500.00 towards the Grey Highlands Secondary School 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee payable from the 2017 Grants to Organizations budget.**

**... #COW 52-17**

**Carried.**

**Hergert-Lawrence, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves a donation of \$1,000.00 to the West Grey – Durham Lions Club “Durham Loves Canada” 2018 event from the 2018 Grants to Organizations budget. ... #COW 53-17 Carried.**

##### 2. West Grey Police Station Discussion

West Grey Police Service Building Committee – resolution #COW 54-17

(2) December 11, 2017

Mayor Eccles mentioned that there will be a January 12, 2018 Special Council Meeting, at 12 noon, for Council education purposes with VG Architects attending to inform Council of pertinent items to consider when considering building a new police station. The discussions with VG Architects will be in closed session as it will be an educational or training session. The Clerk will prepare a motion to approve this Special Council meeting for consideration by Council during the December 18, 2017 Council meeting. The West Grey Police Service, CAO/Deputy Clerk, Director of Finance, and Police Chief, will be invited to this session.

**Bell-Hergert, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council appoints the following individuals to the "West Grey Police Service Building Committee" – Mayor Eccles, Councillor Cutting, Councillor Lawrence, CAO/Deputy Clerk, Director of Finance/Treasurer, and Police Chief. ... #COW 54-17 Carried.**

### 3. 2018 Preliminary Budget

Changes made to the draft budget since the Nov. 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed. On the Operating Budget adjustments were made to Administration Wages & Benefits \$30,250, reduction of the Parks Committee budget by \$7,500 and a reduction in OMPF funding of \$10,000.

On the Capital Budget it was the consensus to defer the parking lot paving \$15,000 at the Durham Library and re-consider during 2019 budget deliberations due to the potential re-development of a neighbouring property and potential drainage changes which may be necessary.

It was decided to use the Municipal Capital Facilities Reserve for paving Durham Activity Centre in 2018.

The transfer to the Insurance Reserve will be reduced from \$100,000 to \$50,000. This will leave a reserve balance of approximately \$350,000.

The budget for the industrial mower for Durham Recreation was reduced from \$12,000 to \$7,000.

- resolution #COW 55-17

**Cutting-Bell, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves the 2018 West Grey Budget at an approximate 2.5% increase in local taxation, subject to further minor modifications in consultation with the Director of Finance/Treasurer. .... #COW 55-17 Carried.**

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It was noted that Notice will be given at the December 18, 2017 Council meeting of Council's intention to pass the Budget By-law at its January 8, 2018 meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Cutting, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Carried.**

**(Signed)**  
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

**(Signed)**  
Mark Turner, Clerk