



**Minutes**  
**Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole**  
**Held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 1:26 p.m.**  
**At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office**

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<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor Bell, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Don B. Marshall
<u>Absent</u>	Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Staff</u>	Larry C. Adams, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk.

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest - None**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

1) West Grey Economic Development Committee

The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported the Committee is working on a number of promotional items. The November meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum

2) West Grey Parks Committee

Mayor Eccles reported on the floats being entered in the Durham, Normanby, and Neustadt Christmas Parades, and were well received by the public. - resolution #COW 84-16

**Lawrence-Bell, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves a VISA gift card in the amount of \$100 being provided to the West Grey Parks Committee Chair, Trish Black, in appreciation of her volunteer efforts.**

**... #COW 84-16**

**Carried.**

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

Councillor Lawrence, reporting for the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee, noted that the Christmas in the Village was held in Neustadt on the weekend, and was a great success. The work is done at the Neustadt Lions Park (pond, conversion of baseball diamond to soccer field). The Committee approved contributing a maximum of \$12,500 towards painting

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the ceiling of the Neustadt Arena.

Councillor Lawrence, reporting on behalf of the Ayton Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated a new curved tap for a bottle filling station was ordered for the Ayton Arena, and eight free sponsored skates are being held during the Christmas season. The Elvis Extravaganza is being held this Friday, with 150 tickets sold to date. The Ayton-Normanby Homecoming Committee is donating money to the Committee for the proposed purchase of replacement Christmas lights in Ayton, and approval for this purchase will be required from Council prior to ordering.

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

#### 1) West Grey Public Library Board

Councillor Marshall reported the new Durham Public Library branch is getting busier every week. The Board is putting together a plan for their service review presentation during the December 16 Special Committee of the Whole (Service Delivery Review) meeting.

The Committee of the Whole noted the Elmwood Chamber of Commerce donated two e-readers to the library, however, only one e-reader was returned for use at the Elmwood Resource Centre. Councillor Marshall will attempt to verify the whereabouts of the second e-reader.

Mayor Eccles reported that the original Elmwood Public Library building was demolished last week, and there is some interest expressed by individuals to purchase the property, although the future of this property has not been determined. Mayor Eccles reported that it appears there is some willingness expressed by some Grey County Council members to discuss a possible County Public Library system.

#### 2) West Grey Police Services Board

Mayor Eccles reported that the new Police Chief is implementing some new policies and vision. The draft 5-Year contract is going to the West Grey Police Service Board for possible ratification. Work is on-going on the potential Hanover/West Grey Police Services amalgamation, and a report from the consultant on this issue is being provided to the Board on Monday.

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3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission

Councillor Lawrence reported Hanover and Brockton Councils have not decided to date on the one-time funding for capital request from the Board. NAVCAN will be charging the Airport for GPS services this year. The fuel tanks removed from the airport were sold, and there is a party interested in purchasing the old snowblower. Two insurance companies are providing quotes for Airport insurance coverage. Airport staff are assessing operations to find potential cost savings.

4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Deputy Mayor Bell reported the SVCA Board of Directors meets this Thursday, and it is expected the Board will pass the 2017 budget with a 1.65% increase. The Board is continuing its review of the consolidated policies and procedures manual produced by the consultant in order to reduce red tape/redundancies in operations.

Mayor Eccles reported the Saugeen Bluffs Equestrian Park is doing very well. The Durham Conservation Area had a busy year, and the Board is considering upgrades to facilities at the Durham Conservation Area.

5) Elmwood Community Centre Board

Councillor Lawrence reported there was a joint meeting held to review Brockton facilities with the aim to improve operations. A fundraising committee for the proposed kitchen renovation project will be struck in January, however, the project itself will be handled by the Board. The Board may partner with Elmwood firefighters for a Canada 150 breakfast. The septic system was pumped out, and the Board may purchase a backup pump. The Board will be advertising for a new secretary/manager. The Ground Guys contract was extended for 3 years at the same price.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Elmwood Recreation Agreement be brought forward at a future Committee of the Whole meeting for review purposes.

6) Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Corporation (S.M.A.R.T.)

Deputy Mayor Bell reported the 2017 budget is set, and the West Grey levy will decrease by approximately \$2,300. Two small buses and three new vans are to be purchased next year if the funding formula remains unchanged.

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

Councillor Hutchinson, reporting on behalf of the Durham BIA, noted the Heritage Bridge lighting is to take place on December 7, 2016. The BIA is initiating a "BIA Bucks" promotion, from December 7-17. A "Doors Open" event is being held on December 15, with stores staying open late. A Frazil Ice Festival is in the works.

Councillor Hutchinson, reporting on behalf of the Neustadt Business Group, noted a successful Santa Claus Parade was held. The application for funding from the Grey-Bruce Foundation was unsuccessful. Canada 150 planning is ongoing. No response to date regarding the Ontario 150 Grant request. Fundraising calendars for Canada 150 are being sold.

8) Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management – no report

9) Others – no report

**New Business**

Mayor Eccles reported on a meeting being held in London with a representative from Frank Cowan Insurance during the Ontario West Municipal Affairs Conference, regarding the status of the damaged aerial ladder truck. Frank Cowan Insurance has not received anything back yet from the insurance adjuster. There will be some direction from the insurer upon receipt of the report by the insurance adjuster.

The Committee of the Whole requested staff to book the Durham & District Community Centre for the January 23, 2017, 7:00 p.m. meeting regarding the future of Long Term Care Beds in Rockwood Terrace, and to follow through with contacting requested individuals, advertising, etc.

**Adjournment**

**Bell, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby adjourns at 2:47 p.m., to meet again on December 16, 2016, or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.**

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(Signed)  
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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