



MINUTES
For the Regular Meeting of the
Council of the Municipality of West Grey
Held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting (arrived at 10:10 a.m., and left meeting at 11:51 a.m.), Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Don B. Marshall
Absent	Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Staff</u>	Larry C. Adams, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk. Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Brent Glasier, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – during reports.

Moment of Reflection

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
– None

Closed Session

Hutchinson-Bell, Whereas, the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Section 239 (2), authorizes Councils of municipalities to close to the public a meeting or part of a meeting for dealing with certain subject matters,

Now therefore be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey, does now go into a closed session at 9:05 a.m., with the CAO/Deputy Clerk; Clerk; Director of Finance/Treasurer; Tom Culliton, Recreation Facilities Manager; and Fire Chief; to discuss items which relates to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. #412-16 **Carried.**

Marshall-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby returns to Open Session at 10:04 a.m. ... #413-16 **Carried.**

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(Mayor Eccles confirmed that only closed session items identified were discussed in closed session)

Matters Arising from the Closed Session - None
Public Meetings - None

Part I - Consent Agenda

Lawrence-Bell, Be it resolved that, Items A1 to C1 inclusive, contained in Part 1 – Consent Agenda, be adopted, as printed; And further that, authorization be given for the action to be taken as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained therein. ... #414-16 Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Council:

- A1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – November 21, 2016
- Minutes of Special Council Meeting – November 28, 2016
- Minutes of Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (Service Delivery Review) – November 18, 2016
- Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 28, 2016

Committees:

- A2 Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee – October 12, 2016
- Durham Recreation Advisory Committee – October 20, 2016

Other

- A3 Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission – October 19, 2016 & November 2, 2016
- Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management – September 20, 2016
- West Grey Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting – October 5, 2016 – resolution #415-16

Marshall-Lawrence, Be it resolved that, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 21, 2016; the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, held on November 28, 2016; the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole (Service Delivery Review) Meeting, held on November 18, 2016; the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole (2017 Preliminary Budget) Meeting, held on November 21, 2016; and the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, held on November 28, 2016; be adopted, as printed;

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Further that, the Minutes of the West Grey Committees – A2, be received, as circulated;

And further that, the Minutes of the Other Committees – A3, be received, as circulated. ... #415-16 Carried.

Award of Tenders

B1 None

Routine Department Reports

C1 Clerk – Report #CC 12/05/16 – resolution #416-16, #417-16

Lawrence-Marshall, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the additional costs of \$9,864.10 as quoted by Allen Hastings Limited in order to move forward with a sustainable long term solution in the operation of the George Street Pumping Station.

... #416-16

Carried.

Lawrence-Bell, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the Township of McKellar Council petitioning the Province to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Governments Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, and the Township of McKellar.

... #417-16

Carried.

Miscellaneous Correspondence (For Information Only - Not Circulated but Available for Viewing at Meeting)

D1 Ombudsman Ontario – 2016-2016 fiscal year report (hard copy only)

Future Committee Meetings

E1 West Grey Committee of the Whole – December 5, 2016, 1:00 p.m. (or at the conclusion of the December 5, 2016 Council Meeting), West Grey Municipal Office

E2 West Grey Committee of Adjustment – December 12, 2016, 1:00 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office

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- E3 West Grey Committee of the Whole (Planning) Meeting – December 12, 2016, 1:15 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
- E4 West Grey Economic Development Committee – December 15, 2016, 2:00 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
- E5 West Grey Special Committee of the Whole (Service Delivery Review) Meeting – December 16, 2016, 1:30 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
- E6 West Grey Special Committee of the Whole (2017 Preliminary Budget) Meeting – December 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office

Part II - Regular Agenda

Communications from the Mayor and Council

Mayor Eccles, and Councillors Lawrence, Cutting, and Hutchinson, reported on past activities and events since the last regular meeting of Council, and on upcoming events and activities.

Delegations

Committee to Keep Long Term Care (LTC) Beds in West Grey

Stephen Townsend et al., came before Council on behalf of the Committee to Keep Long Term Care (LTC) Beds in West Grey, to express concerns with the potential loss of Long Term Beds at Rockwood Terrace.

Mr. Townsend read from a prepared letter dated November 29, 2016 from the Committee to Keep Long Term Care (LTC) Beds in West Grey. The letter from the Committee, along with a petition signed by over 3,200 individuals, notes the concerns of ratepayers, area residents, West Grey Chamber, Durham BIA, Ministers, and residents and employees of Rockwood Terrace.

Mr. Townsend noted there is land available to rebuild Rockwood Terrace. Mr. Townsend cited the lack of information that has been discussed at the Grey County level, and concerned citizens want an opportunity to share their concerns with West Grey prior to receipt of the Grey County Report anticipated to be forthcoming late Winter. As a result, the Committee is requesting West Grey to hold a public meeting in January 2017 to further support and document the need to keep Long Term Care (LTC) beds in West Grey.

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Mayor Eccles expressed his appreciation for the efforts to date by the Committee to Keep Long Term Care Beds in Durham/West Grey. Mayor Eccles indicated he has contacted landowners whose lands would be made available for a Rockwood Terrace re-build, and submissions have been provided to Grey County to note the availability of these lands.

Mayor Eccles stated the decision on long term care beds issue will be a political decision by Grey County, and not staff driven, and emphasized Council is on board with the Committee's desire to retain the Long Term Care Beds at Rockwood Terrace.

Deputy Mayor Bell stated he is not in agreement with the recommendations of the Grey County LTC Report, and stated his support for retaining the long term care beds at Rockwood Terrace. Deputy Mayor Bell added that he too is waiting for additional information from Grey County respecting this issue.

Mayor Eccles indicated it was clear from Grey County Council that they are not solely considering only the statistics provided in the report as the social and economic impacts have to be taken into consideration as well. The additional information being collected by Grey County, in conjunction with public input, will be carefully considered by Grey County Council. - resolution #418-16

**Lawrence-Hutchinson, Whereas there is a great deal of anxiety displayed by the Rockwood Terrace residents, staff and families, the business and health community and residents of West Grey/Durham due to the recommendation of Grey County LTC Consultant, Sienna-Amico, to close Rockwood and move the 100 LTC beds to Grey Gables in Markdale;
Now therefore be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey in conjunction with the "Save Rockwood Terrace LTC Beds Committee" hold a public meeting, with questions allowed, at the Durham Community Centre Hall on Monday January 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the recommendation and other options and to share with citizens actions and information to date;
And further that Grey County Warden, CAO and Director of Long Term Care be requested to participate and as well all County Councillors be individually informed and invited;**

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And further that such meeting be advertised via West Grey website, electronic board, the Post newspaper, the Spotlight, Owen Sound Bayshore Radio Network, Blue Water Radio-Hanover and with flyers posted at strategic locations around West Grey/Durham with costs funded from West Grey Economic Development budget.

Recorded Vote

For: Deputy Mayor Bell, Councillor Cutting, Mayor Eccles, Councillor Hutchinson, Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Marshall

Against: None

... #418-16

Carried.

Jim Wallis

Jim Wallis came before Council requesting municipal property tax relief for pensioners (individuals aged 65 years or older), noting the pensioners cannot afford to keep paying increased taxation. More specifically, Mr. Wallis requested that all home owners in West Grey who have lived and owned their own homes for 25 years or more and are 65 years or older, have their property taxes reduced to .01%, and when their homes are sold, the property tax rate will revert back to the full mill rate.

Mayor Eccles noted the assessment and tax rate are two different factors in determining the overall tax amount.

Mayor Eccles indicated Council is proposing a 2% increase for 2017, and that West Grey is struggling with increased pressures from downloading of services and regulations passed by the Province, maintaining its present infrastructure, and keeping up with service levels demanded by ratepayers.

Mayor Eccles indicated West Grey will take Mr. Wallis' request into consideration during the December 19, 2016 Special Committee of the Whole (2017 Preliminary Budget) meeting.

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting - None

Staff Reports

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 12/05/16

Approval of Accounts, Voucher #22-2016 – resolution #419-16

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Swimming Program Assessment with Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (Council suggested staff negotiate an annual CPI increase based on the latest CPI Index (October 2016))

Bell-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts presented as Voucher #22-2016 of the Municipality of West Grey, in the amount of \$551,515.64. ... #419-16 Carried.

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report #DIPW 12/05/16
Ayton Sidewalk Winter Maintenance Service – resolution #420-16
Durham Heritage Bridge (The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works reported the Durham Heritage Bridge suffered significant structural (catastrophic) failure when the sidewalk machine traversed the bridge, as two beams failed. The bridge has been barricaded to ensure no access. Council requested the Durham BIA to be notified immediately as the bridge was to be used during the Bridge and Tree Lighting ceremonies.)

Marshall-Cutting, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves engaging the services of Brandon Weber for the 2016/2017 winter season to remove snow on Louisa Street from Victoria Street to Mary Street in Ayton, including in front of the bank and post office, at a cost of \$175 plus HST per call out. ... #420-16 Carried.

Clerk – Report #CR 12/05/16

Township of Madawaska Valley – resolution #421-16

Guy Caron, MP, Rimouski-Neigett-Temisouata-Les Basques – resolution #422-16

**Bell-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Madawaska Council calling on the Provincial Government and Ministry of Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016, in light of the significant fiscal challenge each municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner;
And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Housing, Association of**

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Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, and the Township of Madawaska Valley. ... #421-16 **Carried.**

**Bell-Lawrence, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports Private Member's Bill C-274 introduced by Guy Caron, MP, Rimouski-Neigett-Temiscouata-Les Basques, designed to end unfair taxation on family business transfers;
And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Finance, local MPs, and MP Guy Caron.
... #422-16** **Carried.**

By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings

97-2016 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the December 5, 2016 Council meeting – resolution #423-16

Marshall-Cutting, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 97-2016, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO/Deputy Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. ... #423-16 **Carried.**

New Business - None

Addendum - None

Notice of Motion/Direct Motions - None

Council temporarily adjourned for lunch at 11:51 a.m., and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only

Marshall-Bell, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby returns to closed session at 1:03 p.m. ... #424-16 **Carried.**

Lawrence-Marshall, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby returns to Open Session of Council at 1:24 p.m. ... #425-16 **Carried.**

(Mayor Eccles confirmed that only closed session items identified were discussed in closed session)

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Matters Arising from Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only -
None

Question Period - None
Municipal Act – Notices - None

Adjournment

**Hutchinson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 1:25 p.m., to
meet again on December 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m., or at the call of
the Mayor. Carried.**

(Signed)
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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