



## Minutes

**Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole  
Held on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.  
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office**

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<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles (left meeting at 10:38 a.m.), Deputy Mayor John A. Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Staff</u>	Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk

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

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

#### 1) West Grey Economic Development Committee

Councillor Thompson reported the new Durham Industrial Park sign is ready to be installed when the weather improves. The sign will include the names of the businesses/industries, as well as contact information. Maps noting the location of businesses in West Grey are being worked on.

Deputy Mayor Bell reported on a meeting he will be attending on January 17 regarding a proposed hospice in the Mildmay/Walkerton area.

#### 2) West Grey Parks Committee

Councillor Cutting reported the Park Committee decorated trees for the Christmas season, as well as tree lightings being done. The Parks Committee will be coming to Council later in the year as a delegation to discuss “grow-a-row, plant-a-row” initiatives.

The Committee noted that any garden/landscaping improvements in the area of the Durham Walkway Bridge Project will need to be approved through the West Grey Parks Committee. Durham Walkway Bridge fundraising representatives will attend the February 2 Parks Committee as a delegation to discuss this issue.

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3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

Councillor Lawrence, Council representative on the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee, reported there were 7 sponsors for free skating events held over the Christmas holidays; 2 solar lights at the Ayton entrance signs are to be installed; the Ayton Family Ball Tournament is going ahead in 2018; and approximately 250 people attended the New Years Eve Gala.

Councillor Lawrence, Council representative on the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee, reported the new music system is installed; adult only roller skating is discontinued; and the Facilities Manager is considering the purchase of nets to protect the siding that is being damaged when hit by balls. The last day to register for the Neustadt Craft Show is March 25, and a number of vendors have already registered. The Neustadt Lions Club has requested approval to install a memorabilia case at their cost – the Facilities Manager is working with the Lions on this initiative. There is free skating and roller skating planned for Family Day. Donations are being made to the Hanover Hospital in memory of long time member, Delta Pfeffer.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Recreation Committee Chairs and Facility Managers, in consultation with the Director of Finance/Treasurer, to discuss with current canteen owners, the possibility of the canteen owners placing their own vending machines in West Grey recreational facilities, – individual willing to put vending machines in recreation facilities. Discussions will include payment for hydro and type of products to be permitted for sale if the canteen owners are permitted to install their own vending machines.

Councillor Thompson, Council representative on the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee, reported the Shopping Expo held this Fall was well attended and the vendors were happy. Seventy children registered for the Christmas event. The Advisory Committee is discussing potential plans to expand the playground equipment into Diamond "B".

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

1) West Grey Public Library Board

Councillor Hergert, Council representative on the West Grey Public Library Board, reported there is a West Grey Public Library Board meeting tomorrow to discuss 2018 budget implications. There may be a Media Release by the Board to note the implications of the budget on library

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operations. Councillor Hergert will be attending one day of the Ontario Library Association Super Conference held from January 31 to February 3 in Toronto.

2) West Grey Police Services Board

Mayor Eccles reported there is a West Grey Police Service Building Committee meeting on January 18, starting at 8:30 a.m., with a number of presentations from consulting firms that have expressed an interest in bidding in the future on a new West Grey Police Service building.

Mayor Eccles noted there have been some concerns expressed with their being only one office administrator for the police service, and therefore, the Police Chief is considering the possibility of hiring an individual in the role of a contracted temporary office administrator position. The Christmas Toy Drive was very successful. The Special Olympics fundraiser (St. Peters/St. Paul's Polar Bear Plunge) is happening again this year in March.

Mayor Eccles left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission

Councillor Lawrence reported the LPV (Lateral Plan Vertical) was installed to facilitate safer visual landings in inclement weather. The 2" waterline was installed at the south end of the south hangars that will allow for future hangars. The Accounts/Receivable accounts are now up to date with no overdue accounts as a result of the work of the new bookkeeper.

Councillor Lawrence further reported that a joint Economic Development meeting between West Grey, Hanover, and Brockton, is being held on January 24, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Airport. Council members have been invited. The Commission will determine sometime after this meeting if it wants to go ahead with a study for Airport possible future economic development opportunities. If the Commission recommends proceeding with the study, approval from the three member municipal Councils will be required. The estimated cost of the study is \$30,000.

4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Deputy Mayor Bell reported the SVCA Annual Meeting is being held tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. The 2018 SVCA budget increased approximately 2%.

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5) Elmwood Community Centre Board

Councillor Lawrence reported the existing ECCB joint agreement was reviewed by a Committee with some recommended revisions to be drafted, and brought forward to the respective Councils for discussion purposes. Councillor Lawrence mentioned the Board will abide by Brockton's policies, such as their alcohol and procurement policies.

Councillor Lawrence further reported the internet provider has changed to Eh!Tel, and live streaming of events will now be possible. Ernie Falkiner is the most recent member appointed to the Board. Seniors will be using the hall once a week at a cost of \$50/use for games and exercises – the Elmwood Chamber of Commerce has provided \$3,000 in seed money. A new dishwasher was purchased with 2017 capital funds. The roof will be re-done in the Spring. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the kitchen renovation project should be sent shortly once Brockton has provided approval.

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

Deputy Mayor Bell reported the approved 2018 SMART budget reduces the West Grey portion payable by approximately \$6,800 due to somewhat lower rider participation in West Grey.

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

Councillor Thompson, Council representative on the West Grey Chamber, reported the Fall Photo Shot event is done and the Winter Photo Shot contest is underway. An Ugly Christmas Sweater contest was also held. There is a networking session to be held on January 23 at Eckhardts Shell. The Annual General Meeting will be held in April or May. Two new Chamber members were sworn-in this morning. The Chamber is working with the Durham BIA on the Frazil Fest event. There is a meeting tomorrow with Ministry of Labour representatives regarding the legislated increase in minimum wages, and resulting concerns of the business community.

Councillor Hutchinson, Council representative on the Durham BIA, reported the Frazil Fest committee working is working on this event to be held from February 16-19. A Trivia Night is being considered as a fundraiser for the Durham Walkway Bridge. There are a number of other events planned for Family Day.

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Councillor Hutchinson, Council representative on the Neustadt Business Group, reported on the establishment of a few new businesses in Neustadt. The Grey-Bruce PLAY Committee is holding the DAY OF PLAY on Family Day, February 19, with some free goodies being handed out to children.

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

Councillor Lawrence reported on the appointment of a new Chair (Randy Roppel) and Vice-Chair (Scott Mackey) of the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group. Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) representatives gave a powerpoint presentation during the December 14, 2017 MMWTWG meeting regarding MOECC responses to complaints regarding industrial wind turbines. The response from the MOECC was not satisfactory to the MMWTWG. MOECC representatives are also giving a presentation on the same issue during the March 5 West Grey Committee of the Whole meeting. South Bruce Peninsula has withdrawn from the MMWTWG.

Laura Johnston, CAO, reported that the Joint Building Services Committee (JBSC) met last December to consider a revised Agreement and the proposed 2018 budget. At the meeting, the JBSC referred the proposed revised Agreement to the four member municipal CAOs to discuss further and bring back a recommendation, and the JBSC recommended approval of the 2018 budget. Since the December meeting, the Township of Southgate gave notice of its intention to opt out of the Joint Building Services Agreement. The four member municipal CAOs met last Friday, and the consensus was that further discussions regarding the existing Agreement and the proposed 2018 budget needs to take place between the CAOs, Treasurers, and JBSC, due to some of the concerns posed by participating member municipalities.

**Adjournment**

**Hutchinson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 12:16 p.m., to meet again on January 29, 2018, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.**

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Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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Mark Turner, Clerk