



**MINUTES**  
**For the Regular Meeting of the**  
**Council of the Municipality of West Grey**  
**Held on Monday, January 16, 2017 at 6:06 p.m.**  
**At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office**

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<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Staff</u>	Larry C. Adams, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk; Brent Glasier, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works. Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer – during report.

**Moment of Reflection**

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

**Closed Session**

**Hutchinson-Thompson, 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 6:08 p.m., with the CAO/Deputy Clerk, Clerk, Director of Finance/Treasurer, and Director of Infrastructure and Public Works, to discuss items which relates to labour relations and employee negotiations; and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. ... #19-17** **Carried.**

**Cutting-Lawrence , Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby returns to Open Session at 7:07 p.m. ... #20-17** **Carried.**

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

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

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**Part I - Consent Agenda**

**Thompson-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. ... #21-17** Carried.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Council:

A1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – January 9, 2017

Committees:

A2 Durham Recreation Advisory Committee – November 24, 2016  
(draft)

Other

A3 West Grey Chamber of Commerce – November 15, 2016  
West Grey Public Library Board – November 16, 2016 –  
resolution #22-17

**Cutting-Lawrence, Be it resolved that, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 9, 2017; be adopted, as printed; 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. ... #22-17** Carried.

**Award of Tenders**

B1 None

**Routine Department Reports**

Director of Building Services/C.B.O. – Report #CBOC 01/16/17  
(received for information)

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

D1 None

**Future Committee Meetings**

E1 West Grey Committee of the Whole – January 23, 2017, 9:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office

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E2 West Grey Special Committee of the Whole (Rockwood Terrace)  
Meeting – January 23, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Durham & District  
Community Centre

## **Part II - Regular Agenda**

### **Communications from the Mayor and Council**

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

### **Delegations - None**

### **Business Arising from the Previous Meeting**

Request for Input on a Regional Grant for PLAY – resolution #23-17

**Thompson-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby requests municipal staff to send a letter of support for the PLAY in Bruce Grey – OSRCF Grant Application to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, with the understanding that West Grey's \$300.00 annual contribution will be re-directed for the proposed grant, resulting in no additional financial commitment for the municipality. ... #23-17** **Carried.**

### **Staff Reports**

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 01/16/17

Approval of Accounts, Voucher #25-2016 – resolution #24-17

2017 Budget Approval - At the January 10, 2017 Special Committee of the Whole meeting it was the consensus that the 2017 Operating & Capital budget be presented to Council for approval. Notice is given at this meeting that the 2017 Budget By-law will be presented to Council for approval at its meeting scheduled for February 6, 2017. (received for information)

Mulmur Township (see resolution #30-17)

**Cutting-Lawrence, Be it resolved that, the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts presented as Voucher #25-2016 of the Municipality of West Grey, in the amount of \$169,883.67. ... #24-17** **Carried.**

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Fire Chief – Report #01/16/17

Hanover Fire Agreement and Change of Fire Coverage Area – resolution #25-17

**Hutchinson-Bell, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby directs staff to make the necessary amendments to the Hanover Fire Agreement to reflect the recent changes agreed upon by the Hanover and West Grey Fire Chiefs. ... #25-17 Carried.**

Clerk – Report #CR 01/16/17

Council Vacancy – resolution #26-17 (The Clerk will include in his February 6, 2017 Council Report, an item seeking direction regarding re-scheduling of the March 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.) Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee (The CAO/Deputy Clerk, in response to a question posed by Council, indicated a newspaper advertisement will be going in a local newspaper next week seeking individuals interested in being appointed to the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee.)

**Bell-Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the “Council Vacancy Replacement Procedure” as contained in “Clerk – Report CR #01/16/17”, as amended. ... #26-17 Carried.**

**By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings**

6-2017 A By-law to authorize the use of alternative voting methods (Internet and Telephone) for the 2018 school board and municipal election – resolution #27-17

7-2017 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the January 16, 2017 Council meeting – resolution #28-17

**Lawrence-Cutting, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 6-2017, being a By-law to authorize the use of alternative voting methods (Internet and Telephone) for the 2018 school board and municipal election, 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.**

**... #27-17**

**Carried.**

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**Thompson-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 7-2017, 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. ... #28-17 Carried.**

**New Business**

Rockwood Terrace (see resolution #29-17)

**Addendum - None**

**Notice of Motion/Direct Motions**

Rockwood Terrace – resolution #29-17

Mulmur Township – resolution #30-17 (Council requested that the supporting letter also note the Ministry of Finance should also consider retroactive compensation by the Province for loss of municipal tax dollars. The West Grey Director of Finance/Treasurer will provide financial information relating to loss revenue resulting from the farm tax rebate, managed forest, and conservation land tax exemptions.)

**Lawrence-Thompson, Whereas the removal from Durham of the Long Term Care beds presently in Rockwood Terrace, as recommended by the Sienna report to Grey County Council, would be very detrimental to residents, families and staff, and Whereas, the removal of such beds would leave the west side of Grey County from Mt. Forest to Owen Sound without any municipal Long Term Care beds to serve the residents of that area;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of West Grey seek resolutions of support from the surrounding municipalities, namely Hanover, Chatsworth, Southgate and Grey Highlands, to support the Long Term Care beds remaining in the former Town of Durham within the Municipality of West Grey;**

**And further that copies of same be sent to Grey County Council and MPP Bill Walker.**

**Recorded Vote**

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

**... #29-17**

**Carried.**

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**Thompson-Bell, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the Township of Mulmur delegation to the Ministry of Finance requesting the regulation be amended to allow Managed Forest Properties to be accurately valued prior to providing a reduced tax rate; to keep the communications open between all ministries and municipalities to any initiatives that may change the rebate program requirements or eligibility (for e.g. the NEC expansion) and to exhibit transparency by providing a grant equal to the actual loss experienced by municipalities.**

**... #30-17**

**Carried.**

**Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a**

**Matters Arising from Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a**

**Question Period**

Rebecca Hergert questioned if West Grey is going to provide the Township of Mulmur with individual assessment value information. Mayor Eccles responded that West Grey will provide the estimated sum total of tax dollars lost due to the farm tax and managed forest rebates, and tax exemption for conservation land. Rebecca Hergert asked if West Grey will include information on non-tenanted land. Mayor Eccles indicated this information will not be provided.

Rebecca Hergert questioned what will be the cost savings for Internet and Telephone voting. The Clerk responded that the overall cost for Internet and Telephone voting will likely cost a few thousand dollars more than the past 2014 Municipal Election, however, due to the projected larger voter turnout with Internet and Telephone voting, the cost per ballot cast is projected to be much less than the cost per ballot cast in the 2014 Municipal Election.

**Municipal Act – Notices**

- Notice is hereby given that the 2017 Budget By-law will be presented to Council for approval at its meeting scheduled for February 6, 2017.

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**Adjournment**

**Hutchinson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 8:36 p.m.  
Carried.**

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John A. Bell, Mayor (Acting)

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Larry C. Adams, CAO/Deputy Clerk