



MINUTES
For the Regular Meeting of the
Council of the Municipality of West Grey
Held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

Council Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor John A. Bell (arrived at 9:43 a.m., Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson (arrived at 11:10 a.m.), Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson

Staff Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk. Brent Glasier, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works; Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance Treasurer - during reports.

Moment of Reflection

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof - None

Closed Session

Cutting-Hergert, Whereas, the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Section 239 (2), as amended, 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 of Council at 9:08 a.m., with the CAO/Deputy Clerk and Clerk to discuss items that relate to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Complaint #2017-21); a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (former Durham Public Library property, unopened road allowances); and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Complaint #2017-21).

... #1-18

Carried.

Thompson-Hergert, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby returns to Open Session of Council at 10:19 a.m. ... #2-18

Carried.

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

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

Part I - Consent Agenda

Thompson-Hergert, Be it resolved that, Items A1 to A3 inclusive, contained in Part 1 – Consent Agenda, be adopted, as amended;

And further that, authorization be given for the action to be taken as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained therein. ... #3-18 **Carried.**

Adoption of Minutes

Council:

A1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – December 18, 2017 (draft)

Committees:

A2 Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee – November 28, 2017

Other

A3 Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group – October 12, 2017

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting – October 17, 2017

Saugeen Municipal Airport Committee – November 15, 2017

West Grey Public Library Board – November 21, 2017

Elmwood Community Centre Board – November 28, 2017 – resolution #4-18

Hergert-Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 18, 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. ... #4-18 **Carried.**

Award of Tenders

B1 None

Routine Department Reports

C1 None

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

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- D1 Grey Bruce Health Unit – 2016 Annual Report
- D2 Grey Bruce Health Unit – follow-up information to the “Opioid Crisis: A Call to Action” (hard copy only)

Future Committee Meetings

- E1 West Grey Committee of Adjustment – January 8, 2018, 1:00 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
- E2 West Grey Committee of the Whole (Planning) – January 8, 2018, 2:00 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
- E3 West Grey Police Service Building Committee – January 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office
- E4 West Grey Committee of the Whole – January 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office

Part II - Regular Agenda

Communications from the Mayor and Council

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

Delegations

Malcolm Beddoe, Vice-Chair, West Grey Public Library Board

Malcolm Beddoe, Vice-Chair, of the West Grey Public Library Board, along with Kim Storz, CEO/Chief Librarian, attended the Council meeting to voice the Board’s concerns with the proposed 2018 West Grey Public Library Budget.

Mr. Beddoe noted Council requested the Board to reduce the proposed 6.5% increase in their 2018 budget to a 2% increase, as requested to do so by Council for other departments. Mr. Beddoe indicated there will be implications if the 2018 budget increase is limited to 2%. Mr. Beddoe suggested the budget be set as proposed by the Board and then the Board and municipality can discuss ways to improve services with limiting future budget increases.

Kim Storz, CEO/Chief Librarian, West Grey Public Library Service, indicated that if the 2018 Library budget is limited to a 2.01% increase, as revised by the Board at the request of Council, it will result in a cut of 8 hours in staff time, and a reduction of library

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operating hours, with the hours of the Ayton library being reduced from 12 hours/week to 10 hours/week, and the hours of the Elmwood Resource Centre being cut from 9 hours/week to 4 hours/week. All library branches will also be closed every Saturday of long weekends, and closed the week between Christmas & New Years.

Council stated concerns with the proposed closing of library facilities on Saturday long weekends and during the Christmas/New Year's week.

Council questioned if there are additional revenues or cuts in expenditures that could be considered by the Board in lieu of cutting staff hours/library facility operating hours. The CEO/Chief Librarian indicated the Board can't depend on increased revenues, and noted there were some reductions in mileage, however, the largest cut is in staff hours. Council asked for clarification purposes if it is operational hours that are being cut, not necessarily staff hours. The CEO/Chief Librarian clarified that it is operational hours that are being cut.

Council noted the 6.5% increase was mainly due to an increase in staff wages, and reiterated Council's desire for the library budget to come in at 2%, similar to that requested for other departments. Council indicated a lot of other departmental staff are not redlined at the top of the grid, so there were progressions in employee salaries as well in other departments.

The Director of Finance/Treasurer stated Council could consider using development charges for the purchase of library books to assist with the library budget, being approximately \$5,000 that could be utilized. The CEO/Chief Librarian indicated this would help by cutting the proposed 6.5% increase or approximate \$13,000 increase in the budget, by the \$5,000 amount.

Mayor Eccles clarified that the budget currently proposed to be passed during today's Council Agenda includes the 6.5% increase requested by the Board. Council confirmed they are looking at limiting the 2018 Library budget to 2%, plus the \$5,000 in development charges that can be utilized for book purchases. (see resolution #7-18)

Dale Ahrens, Chair, Elmwood Community Centre Board

Dale Ahrens, Chair, Elmwood Community Centre Board, came before Council to discuss the proposed kitchen renovation project.

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Mr. Ahrens noted they are hosting the Grey-Bruce Farmers Week at the Elmwood Community Centre. The internet capability through Eh!Tel has been upgraded at the Centre, and as a result, the speakers are being live streamed during these meetings. This will also open up other opportunities for conferences and workshops.

Mr. Ahrens confirmed the proposed kitchen renovation project is proceeding. The target cost for the kitchen renovation project is \$80,000, that includes the purchase of a new stove.

Mr. Ahrens noted the Board considered another \$20,000 to \$30,000 to update all the appliances, and have been working on fundraising. The fundraising total to date is approximately \$80,000. The amount will also include some improvements to the front entrance.

Mr. Ahrens is asking for approval from West Grey to seek Request for Proposals for the kitchen renovation project. – resolution #5-18

Bell-Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports plans for the Elmwood Community Centre Board to proceed with Requests for Proposals, through the Municipality of Brockton, for the kitchen renovation project. ... #5-18 **Carried.**

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting - None

Staff Reports

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 01/08/18

Approval of Accounts, Voucher #24-2017 – resolution #6-18

2018 Operating & Capital Budget (The Director of Finance/Treasurer gave a powerpoint presentation on the proposed 2018 budget. The 2018 West Grey tax levy increase is 2.45% or \$222,916, or an estimated local levy increase of \$5.23/year for the average homeowner, based on an average residential assessment of \$228,000 and a reassessment increase of 2.64%. The Director of Finance/Treasurer provided a breakdown of the source of 2018 budgeted revenues, expenditures by department, and capital budget highlights.) (Council asked what the estimated overall increase in taxation will be. The Director of Finance/Treasurer estimated the

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overall tax increase will be 1% to 1.5% based on preliminary education and County budgets, however, she is waiting for confirmation of their budgets being approved. The Director of Finance/Treasurer confirmed the budget as presented includes the initial proposed 6.5% increase in the library budget. Council requested the budget be amended to reflect only a 2% increase in the library budget plus \$5,000 from development charges for the purchase of books, so the library will have to find approximately \$7,500 in savings for the 2018 West Grey Public Library budget.)

Cutting-Lawrence, Be it resolved that, the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts presented as Voucher #24-2017 of the Municipality of West Grey, in the amount of \$503,926.28. ... #6-18 Carried.

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report #DIPW 01/08/18
2018 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Municipal Delegation Requests (Council requested the Ministry of Transportation Ontario be contacted to request lighting at the Glenelg-Egremont intersection on Highway 6.)

Durham Walkway Bridge Update (The Director reported the workers returned to the bridge last Thursday, and completed another section last week, with 6 of 16 sections left to be completed. A revised cost will not be finalized until the work is completed, and it will depend on the condition of the piers and weather conditions. The project is estimated to be completed in 3 weeks, dependent on the shape of the piers and weather conditions. The Director discussed the issue of the piers with the consultant that completed the report, and the consultant did make an attempt to reduce costs by only noting requirement for removing the top 2' of the piers based on their site visit.)

Clerk – Report #CR 01/08/18

Ann Hagedorn (Council indicated it is not proposing to appoint a Trails Manager at this time. Council requested the Clerk to place the issue of the proposed establishment of a West Grey Trails system on the January 29, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion purposes.)

Federal Government Legalization of Cannabis (received for information)

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By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings

- 1-2018 A By-law to adopt the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the year 2018 – resolution #7-18
- 2-2018 A By-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey – resolution #8-18
- 3-2018 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the January 8, 2018 Council meeting – resolution #9-18

Lawrence-Cutting, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 1-2018, being a By-law to adopt the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the year 2018, be now read a first, second and third time, passed as amended and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book, to reflect a net 2% increase in the West Grey Library levy after utilizing \$5,000 from the West Grey Development Charges reserve. ... #7-18 Carried.

Bell-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 2-2018, being a By-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. ... #8-18 Carried.

Lawrence-Hergert, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 3-2018, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the January 8, 2018 Council meeting, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. ... #9-18 Carried.

New Business - None

Addendum - None

Notice of Motion/Direct Motions - None

Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a

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

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Question Period

Dick O'Brien questioned why the Parks budget for 2017 was substantially over-budget, and if steps have been taken to limit any substantial variances in future approved budgets. Mayor Eccles replied that Council approved some extra parks projects so Council knew there were going to be extra expenses.

Municipal Act – Notices - None

Adjournment

Hergert, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 12:18 p.m., to meet again on January 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

(Signed)
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

(Signed)
Mark Turner, Clerk