



Minutes

Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole
Held on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor Bell (left meeting at 1:25 p.m.), Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Don B. Marshall, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Staff</u>	Larry C. Adams, CAO/Deputy Clerk (left meeting at 2:30 p.m.); Mark Turner, Clerk. Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Brent Glasier, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – during reports. Steve Ayerhart, Utilities Supervisor – during Director of Infrastructure and Public Work Report.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – None

Closed Session - None

REGULAR AGENDA:

Matters Arising from the Closed Session – n/a

Public Meetings - None

Delegations - None

Business Arising From Previous Meeting

Rockwood Terrace – Community Impact Study – resolution #COW 48-16
John Diefenbaker House, Neustadt (The Committee of the Whole was informed that tax bills are still being forwarded to the current owner. No action taken at this time.)

**Lawrence-Bell, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council pass the following resolution:
“WHEREAS, Grey County Council has received a Consultant’s Report from Sienna Senior Living, which provides multiple scenarios respecting Long Term Care in Grey County based solely on financial savings in operations with no examination of the socio-economic impact; and**

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AND WHEREAS, the implementation of certain scenarios would result in devastating consequences that would impact the economic viability of a number of businesses and services within the impacted municipalities; and
AND WHEREAS, the families with relatives who are currently residents or potential residents of a potentially impacted Long Term Care Facility would be negatively impacted without the continuance of care through life planned transitions; and
AND WHEREAS, community healthcare facilities from doctors, clinic and hospital would be put at risk by the potential closure of a Long Term Care Facility; and
AND WHEREAS, the excellent continuum of care available in Long Term Care Facilities is a major factor in attracting new residents who are transitioning to their retirement to our communities;
THEREFORE, the Municipality of West Grey requests the County of Grey and the Municipality of Grey Highlands to cooperate and share in the cost for the completion of a comprehensive Community Impact Study, and establish parameters to gather information and factual statistics in all other related aspects, i.e. social, economic, impact on residents & families, etc., that such action as closing a Long Term Care Facility would create; and
FURTHER THAT the Municipality of West Grey requests Grey County Council to delay making a decision on the recommended option in the Sienna Senior Living Consultant's Report to close Rockwood Terrace, or any other options, until the completion of the aforementioned comprehensive Community Impact Study;
FURTHER THAT the proposed time frame of December, 2016, for a decision on the future of Long Term Care in Grey County be extended until such time as the completion of the Community Impact Study, and all other additional information is gathered, and public consultations held, in order that Grey County Council can make an informed decision". ... #COW 48-16 **Carried.**

Staff Reports

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report COW #06/27/16

Road Supervisor's Report - Base Line paving is completed and shouldering to commence in the near future. Application of Surface Treatment is now complete. Staff is now conducting a Stop Sign review to check for visibility and trim brush as required. Road side mowing is well under way. Normanby is finished and now commencing Bentinck. 2002 Volvo Grader requires repairs, radiator needs to be removed and repair leak, rear tandem bearings are worn

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and require replacement - currently seeking a cost. (received for information) Utility Supervisor's Urban Report - Weed Spraying started the week of June 20th using an eco-friendly mix of vinegar, salt and soap. Repaired sewer lateral at Godfather's Pizza June 16th due to collapsed line caused by plate packing ground from previous water main repair. Found two issues and fixed both. Summer student watering flowers and weeding flower beds. Second student to start soon. Staff busy pavement patching and cutting grass. The Committee of the Whole asked the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works to check with the West Grey Police Chief on the possible use of the speed monitoring signs. (received for information)

Meux Creek Bridge Update - The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works recently attended an onsite meeting with representatives from Owen King Limited, Gm Blue Plan, and the Director of Public Works from Municipality of South Bruce. The following is a summary of the items discussed: South Bruce currently undertaking the fine grading of the granular A; Water proofing the bridge proposed for June 24th; Hot mix proposed for Tuesday June 27th; Flex beam guiderail to be installed week of June 27th; Minor topsoil trimming to be completed followed by seeding completed week of June 26th; Silt fencing to be installed in ditch outlet adjacent bridge; Contact adjacent landowners for sign off consent; General site cleanup and removal of signs week of July 4th; Proposed opening of road the week of July 4th. (The Committee of the Whole requested that a joint official opening of the bridge be scheduled with the Municipality of South Bruce, and Grey & Bruce County representatives.)

Extra Soffit Repairs and Placement of waterproofing and Hot Mix to Structure 57 (Kreller Bridge) on concession 12 of Normanby (The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works reported he has received a quote in the approximate cost of \$52,000 to complete the water proofing and paving of the bridge.) - resolution #COW 49-16

Canadian Diabetes Association Clothes Line Program (The Committee of the Whole requested the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works to verify the status of the used clothes bins at the Durham & District Community Centre, and further discuss this matter with the Canadian Diabetes Association representative.)

The Committee of the Whole requested thank-you letters to be forwarded to the individuals responsible for planting flowers and hanging baskets in the municipality.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works to review the sufficiency of barriers blocking vehicular access on the Kennedy Bridge, and consider the cost to repair the bridge at sideroad 25 between Concessions 12 & 14 in Normanby.

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Bell-Hutchinson, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council authorize the completion of the water proofing and paving of Structure 57 (Kreller Bridge) at an estimated cost of \$52,000, to be obtained through the re-allocation of funds in the approved bridge tender. ... #COW 49-16 Carried.

Director of Finance/Treasurer – Report COW #06/27/16

New Horizons for Seniors Program (The Committee of the Whole requested the Director of Finance/Treasurer to provide local seniors organizations in the municipality, such as the Silver Threads, with the contact information for representatives on the Council on Aging Grey Bruce Owen Sound.)

Reports/Minutes from Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

1) West Grey Economic Development Committee

Councillor Thompson reported there is a YMCA Job Fair meeting scheduled for July 5. Work is ongoing the production of promotional items. A Strategic Planning Meeting is scheduled for July 19.

Councillor Hutchinson reported on the Hawks Nest competition held on June 21 at the Kincardine Beach Pavilion, with seven businesses presented their cases for funding, and funds being subsequently provided to a number of businesses for their proposed initiatives.

2) West Grey Parks Committee

Councillor Cutting reported that 12 bridge baskets were placed in Ayton for the Ayton-Normanby Homecoming. Flowers have been planted at the Ayton Centennial Hall, and the planting of flowers at the Durham tennis court park has started. Ball park signs have been erected. The Committee meets this Wednesday. The Committee of the Whole discussed ways to encourage additional individuals to volunteer for planting of flowers and hanging baskets, and asked staff to check how some surrounding municipalities handle this work from a staffing perspective.

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

- Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes – April 28, 2016

Councillor Lawrence reported on Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee actions, noting that the work on the playground at the Ayton Centennial Hall

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is now complete, and all issues identified by the Grey-Bruce Health Unit have been addressed. The meter at the Ayton Centennial Hall was moved to the outside. The Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee has suggested West Grey consider completing a West Grey history book to launch Canada 150, and apply for a grant for the proposed project.

Councillor Lawrence reported on the actions of the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee indicating that swing bowling repairs are underway, and quotes received for painting the Neustadt Arena ceiling will be discussed at budget time. Pickle ball finished for the season and is starting again in September. Pickle ball brought in approximately \$5,900 for the year. A group of volunteers has started work on Neustadt 150th Anniversary celebrations. Another Fibre Arts Festival will be held in 2017. The next Committee meeting is in September.

Councillor Thompson reported there are no Durham Recreation Advisory Committee meetings until September 22. The fence is up at the basketball court at the Durham tennis courts. The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported the Health Unit gave approval for opening of the wading pool, and two functions were held at the wading pool in last week. Councillor Hutchinson reported a price is being obtained by Steve Ayerhart for the cost to place stone dust around the Durham tennis courts.

The Committee of the Whole requested staff to inspect the east side of the Durham Arena as it needs power blasted, and to check the back portion of the Durham Arena as it needs painted. Councillor Thompson noted he informed Randy Murray, Facilities Manager, about these needs.

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

1) West Grey Public Library Board

Councillor Marshall reported the Board is working on a new library agreement with the Municipality of Grey Highlands. The Board has discussed at length the planned move to the new location for the Durham Public Library. The Board rescinded its motion regarding the possible re-location of the Neustadt Public Library to the Neustadt Arena. The bulk of renovations to the new Durham Public Library building have been completed, according to the contractor.

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The Committee of the Whole asked about the disposition of historical records at the current Durham Public Library building. Councillor Marshall responded that the Board is considering options. The Committee of the Whole noted a possible option for the display of these historical records could be at the community halls if there is not sufficient room at the new Durham Public Library building.

The Committee of the Whole temporarily adjourned for lunch at 12:24 p.m., and reconvened at 1:08 p.m.

2) West Grey Police Services Board

Mayor Eccles reported that Rene Berger, Police Chief, is retiring on August 31, and his retirement party was held on June 18. The Board is putting out a job posting for a replacement. A consultant is working on options for the potential amalgamation of the Hanover and West Grey Police Services. Mediation was held with the West Grey Police Service Association, and talks on a proposed 2015 contract broke down during mediation, resulting in the matter now going to arbitration.

3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission

Councillor Lawrence reported on some interest expressed regarding starting a flying school at the airport. The Commission will be contacting Bruce & Grey Counties to determine if they want anything from the Airport for Canada 150 celebrations. Councillor Lawrence read a letter of thanks regarding the services provided by the Airport. The new SMA Manager is continuing to find savings at the airport, and other means to improve operations. The COPA kids event was very well attended.

4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Mayor Eccles reported on the resolution of a major issue in Teeswater regarding the proposed expansion of the Gay Lea Foods plant that was resolved through the implementation of a special zoning provision. The SVCA hired a consultant to put together policies for the planning department. Another study is underway regarding the digitization of mapping that when completed, would reduce the 50 metre buffer area from the Natural Environment Zone/Hazard Lands. The tree planting memorial service was recently held, and it is hoped that a portion of the Children's Safety Village may start in the Fall. The Board is working on lessening the time response for building and planning inquiries.

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- 5) Elmwood Community Centre Board
➤ May 17, 2016 Minutes

Councillor Lawrence reported the ECCB is putting a float in the Ayton and Brockton Homecomings. Brockton Council is holding a Council meeting at the ECC in September. The picnic shelter and washrooms have all been painted. The ECCB is applying for a 150th Canada grant for infrastructure, through the Municipality of Brockton. The ECCB is looking to apply for a grant from Brockton from their Deep Geological Reserve fund, however, it requires matching funds from West Grey.

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

Deputy Mayor Bell reported the SMART Board met last Friday. Ridership was down in February & March by approximately 5%, but ridership increased by more than 5% last month. The Municipality of Meaford is considering becoming a SMART member. Grey-Bruce CAOs attended the SMART meeting, and discussions were held regarding the possibility of moving the service to the Counties level. Deputy Mayor Bell also reported on the success of the Grey-Bruce Ride system, with significant ridership being realized. SMART will be purchasing three vans next year.

- 7) West Grey Chamber of Commerce/Durham BIA/Neustadt Business Group
➤ West Grey Chamber of Commerce - May 2, 2016 Minutes
➤ Neustadt Business Group – May 24, 2016 & June 14, 2016

Councillor Thompson reported the Chamber held discussion on an awards program for businesses, and a sub-committee was struck. An advertisement to promote businesses is being completed. A Thanksgiving promotion is being worked on, and signs advertising the Chamber will be installed at the Durham & Ayton Arenas. Ads for a photo contest are also being placed in the newspaper.

Councillor Hutchinson reported the BIA has secured approval from the municipality to close Mill Street on July 2 for business promotion purposes – there will be music and street art provided during the promotion. The BIA has filed some property standards complaints relating to some downtown businesses. Some new flags have been placed in downtown Durham, and banners are going up on July 5. The Durham Lions Club is planning for a Canada 150 event, and is applying for a grant.

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Councillor Hutchinson reported that some Neustadt Business Group members attended the Hawks Nest event, and the Group is considering applying for a Canada 150 grant. The Neustadt Business Group has noted there is a vacant lot for sale in Neustadt, and is inquiring if West Grey would consider purchasing the lot for parking purposes – the Committee of the Whole did not entertain the possibility of purchasing the vacant lot. The Neustadt Business Group is continuing to look at ways to improve the downtown area.

8) Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management

Mayor Eccles reported the Elmwood Firefighters Breakfast was held, and proceeds were given to Mike Gateman, an Elmwood resident recently paralyzed by an accident.

9) Others

➤ Priceville Improvement Committee – June 9, 2016

Councillor Hutchinson reported the Committee held discussions regarding July 1 Canada Day celebrations, and is considering ways to improve the accessibility of Stodhart Hall.

New Business

The possibility of establishing a Canada 150 Committee was discussed by the Committee of the Whole, however, no direction was given.

The Committee of the Whole asked for an update on the Elmwood Public Library building. The CAO/Deputy Clerk indicated there was nothing new to report. The Committee of the Whole requested the CAO/Deputy Clerk to contact an engineer to inspect the building.

The Committee of the Whole discussed providing a float for the Ayton-Normanby Homecoming parade. Mayor Eccles indicated he was informed that a couple of individuals at the Normanby Roads Depot will put together a West Grey float for the Ayton-Normanby Homecoming and Walkerton Homecoming.

The Committee of the Whole discussed the planned Service Delivery Review, and suggested a venue be secured for discussions on this matter with Council and senior staff. The CAO/Deputy Clerk will consider appropriate venues, and report back to Council/Committee of the Whole.

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The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported that RealTerm Energy is in the process of ordering the new LED streetlight fixtures, and retaining a third party for installation of same.

The Committee of the Whole questioned if flyers were placed in blue boxes to notify ratepayers of proposed changes in garbage/recycling pick-up effective July 1, 2016. The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works informed the Committee of the Whole that the Manager of the waste company has indicated the garbage/recycling pick-up schedule will not change until a new agreement is drafted, and a meeting is held with downtown businesses regarding the best date for garbage/recycling pick-up.

The Committee of the Whole discussed an email from Syd & Karen Parkin regarding alleged violations of the Zoning By-law and Site Plan Agreement by ABATE of Ontario. The Committee of the Whole was informed that the West Grey Bylaw Enforcement Officer viewed the ABATE site, and noted the presence of multiple trailers and no berm being erected to date, although it was required to be completed as per the Site Plan Agreement. The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported the By-law Enforcement Officer will be contacting the ABATE President to discuss the alleged violations. The Committee of the Whole requested the Clerk to send a letter regarding the trailers, and stipulating that the berm is to be completed prior to the August long weekend event.

Mayor Eccles reported the Town of The Blue Mountains is investigating options for de-amalgamating from Grey County. Grey County Council accepted a tender of approximately \$10.5 million for the expansion of the Grey County Administration Building – the tender is considerably lower than the estimated cost of \$13 million. It is anticipated that a new Director of the Grey County Transportation Services Department will be hired by next month. A delegation from LHINS on Long-Term Care, and delegations from Councillor Lawrence on Rockwood Terrace and Grey Gables, and Kris Kennedy on behalf of the West Grey Community and what Rockwood Terrace means to the West Grey community, will be heard at the July 5, 2016 Grey County Council meeting. Mayor Eccles reported he is attending a retirement function at Cobble Beach on June 28 for Dr. Hazel Lynn, Medical Officer of Health, Grey-Bruce Health Unit.

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Adjournment

Lawrence, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby adjourns at 2:52 p.m., to meet again on July 25, 2016, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

(Signed)
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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