



Minutes

Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole
Held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

<u>Council</u>	Deputy Mayor John A. Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson,
<u>Absent</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Staff</u>	Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk; Laura Wilson, Administrative Assistant, Cathy Sweeney, Economic Development, Tourism & Promotion – During items #1 & #7

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest - None

Reports/Minutes from Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

1) West Grey Economic Development Committee

On behalf of the West Grey Economic Development Committee, Cathy Sweeney gave a PowerPoint presentation on a survey created for the Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative. The Main Street funds are to invest in revitalization activities that support small businesses, encourage economic activity and/or attract visitors within West Grey's Main Street. Ms. Sweeney will be providing paper copies to businesses located on main streets of urban settlement areas of West Grey, and all other surveys will be sent to the News & Notices circulation list. The survey is to be closed June 21st to facilitate bringing forward a by-law to Council prior to the July 15, 2018 deadline. The funding will be provided prior to the commencement of any proposed Main Street projects and the funds have to be spent by March 1, 2020.

The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday June 11, 2018 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

2) West Grey Parks Committee

Councillor Cutting reported that the Parks Committee are in the throes of planting and will be finished in the middle of June. Neustadt will have hanging flower baskets where Elmwood, Durham and Normanby will have street baskets. Budget was provided for our information.

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3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

Councillor Hutchinson reported on the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee on behalf of Councillor Thompson. The Durham Recreation Advisory Committee met on Thursday May 24, 2018. The Durham Winter Market will be held on Saturday November 24, 2018. If the members that organize the West Grey Family Christmas return to the Committee, the event can proceed as planned for December 9, 2018. A 2nd amplifier was purchased for the arena. The committee donated 4 hours of arena floor time to the West Grey Lacrosse League. A meeting for the ball diamond project will be held on June 20th with the Agricultural Society and SVCA to address concerns about the proposed location of the new playground equipment. The Diamond project has sold 6 sponsor signs at \$500.00 a sign for 5 years. Concerns were raised about the condition of the diamonds; work to improve the conditions is ongoing and the back screen will be done in the fall.

Councillor Hergert reported that the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday May 31, 2018. They are looking into the possibility of updating the shuffleboard court at the Centennial Hall which would include resurfacing and repainting lines. A suggestion to look for grants for seniors could help with the costs.

Councillor Hergert noted that Rick Minke from Canadian Technical Solutions has expressed an interest to build the frame of two moveable bleachers. Further discussion is needed to clarify specifications and associated costs. The permanent bleachers will be ready for next year. There was discussion regarding the possible re-location of the playground to an alternative location. Fundraising will be needed to help fund this project. Cuneo's are ready to install the new flooring in the arena hall floor, entrance and the kitchen after the provincial election. The plans for the Family Ball Tournament are well underway with six teams already entered. The Normanby Youth Summer Youth Program has 12 kids registered to date.

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

1) West Grey Public Library Board

Councillor Hergert reported that the West Grey Public Library Board is having a visionary meeting today. The Board is looking at increases in wages and benefits for librarians in 2019 due to movement in the pay grids. Still some issues with heaving of floors due to humidity.

2) West Grey Police Services Board: Nothing to Report

3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission: Nothing to Report

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4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Deputy Mayor Bell reported that permits are exceeding expectations and therefore revenues are up. The Board will be looking into the Sunday hunting issue. The Crops and Donuts events are a success with different events throughout the spring, summer and fall.

5) Elmwood Community Centre Board

The Board is getting more quotes to update the kitchen and have installed remote control thermostats in the building for energy saving purposes. The ball diamonds are being cleaned up and repaired as they are being used more often during the summer season.

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

S.M.A.R.T. will have a tender for new vans. S.M.A.R.T. will revisit changing its mandate about allowing people who are 65 and older without accessibility issues to ride through SMART.

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

Councillor Hutchinson reported on behalf of the Durham BIA that the BIA is in the process of planning the July 2018 festival and they are hoping this festival will become an annual event.

Councillor Hutchinson reported on behalf the Neustadt Business Group, noting they will be contacting the County regarding parking on Main Street by Granny's.

Cathy Sweeney attended the General Meeting on Thursday May 8, 2018 to introduce herself. The Chamber received a brochure display rack from the Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce. The Butter Tart and Buggies brochure has been printed and is out for distribution. Ms. Sweeney will come to council at the end of the summer season to report on the statistics and the success of the Butter Tart and Buggies program. The business sign in Durham is moving forward. A future project for consideration is production of a sign for the Neustadt Industrial Park.

8) Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management: Nothing to Report

9) Others

Councilor Hutchinson noted a new plaque will be placed at the Durham Tennis Courts recognizing the Durham Homecoming Committee and the West Grey/Durham Lions

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Club work. Smaller plaques will be placed on benches. The tennis and basket courts are being used frequently and a tennis group from Mount Forest will be using our tennis courts for a training session for kids.

Adjournment

Hergert- Hutchinson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 10:43 a.m., to meet again on June 25, 2018, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

(Signed)

Kevin Eccles, Mayor

(Signed)

Mark Turner, Clerk