



Minutes
Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole
Held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 9:04 a.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

<u>Council</u>	Deputy Mayor John A. Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Councillor Doug Hutchinson Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Absent</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Rebecca Hergert
<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 on the printing of the “Made In Grey” magazine that highlighted a couple of businesses in West Grey. A new West Grey “Nestled in Nature” ad was placed in the Grey-Bruce Escape magazine. The new sign listing the businesses in the Durham Industrial Park will be installed shortly. The Butter Tarts & Buggies Agreement was passed by Council on March 5. The Job Fair was held last week in Owen Sound with 88 businesses and approximately 1,200 individuals participating in the Job Fair.

2) West Grey Parks Committee

Councillor Cutting reported on some budget concerns due to funding not being transferred to the Parks Committee for various projects that were downloaded to the Committee. The Parks Committee Chair/Vice-Chair will meet with staff to determine how projects/works should be allocated in budgets.

A letter is being sent out to service groups about advertising events and providing contact information on the proposed entrance signs.

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

Councillor Lawrence reporting on behalf of the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee, noted there was an approximate profit of \$3,100 from

(2) March 12, 2018

the snow volleyball tournament held on the Family Day weekend. Solar lights for the Ayton entranceway signs are not being purchased, as they are not suitable. The youth sports program will be held for 7 weeks in June and July with various sports being offered. The Recreation Facilities Manager is obtaining quotes for the new flooring at the Hall. New swings or other equipment will be purchased for the Ayton Centennial Hall. The ice is being removed on March 24. Free skating is being offered during March break, sponsored by AC/DC Masonry, Neustadt Optimists, and Ayton-Normanby Lioness.

Councillor Lawrence reporting on the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee, noted an estimate is being obtained for the purchase of roll-up netting to protect the outside of the arena. There are 122 pickleball members, and about 100 participants in roller skating per week. An Easter Egg Hunt is being held at the Neustadt Arena on March 31, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Facilities Manager is obtaining quotes on painting the arena ceiling. There will be some free roller skating during March break sponsored by Crispy Rentals and the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee.

Councillor Thompson reporting on behalf of the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated the Durham Holiday Market is being held on November 24 and the West Grey Family Christmas event will be held on December 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., with free skating. The Grey-Bruce Highlanders have booked 21 hours for tryouts, down 18 hours from last year. The Durham Figure Skating booked 36 hours of ice-time, which is less than last year. The Durham Ball Diamond Committee is holding a 3-3 hockey tournament fundraising event. There was some damage to the sun cover at Diamond "B" that will be replaced in sections.

The Committee discussed the need to advertise for appointments of committee members as early as October.

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

1) West Grey Public Library Board

Deputy Mayor Bell noted the Board was provided an additional \$5,000 this year from development charges that was used towards the purchase of books.

(3) March 12, 2018

The CAO indicated she is attending the March 20 Library Board to meet Board members and discuss library issues.

2) West Grey Police Services Board

Councillor Cutting reported the Midland Police Service is going to OPP, and the West Grey Police Service was able to purchase some equipment from the Midland Police Service, resulting in significant savings. Councillor Cutting also reported on her attendance at the Zone 5 meeting in Guelph.

Councillor Thompson reported the Polar Plunge was held last Friday with 25 participants, raising approximately \$8,000.00.

Councillor Hutchinson reported the Province is providing \$25 million to police services in Ontario for marijuana enforcement.

3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission

Councillor Lawrence reported the Commission has decided not to approve going ahead with an economic study due to the cost of the study (\$30,000). The Commission will look in-house for potential revenue sources, and is engaging Cheryl Brine from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs to complete a strategic plan, and to possibly enlist the aid of the Grey County Economic Development team. The Commission presented plaques to Phil Englishman and John Critchfield, Co-Chairs of the Snowbird event in recognition of their efforts, and to Phil Englishman for his many years as volunteer secretary for the Commission.

Councillor Lawrence also reported the Commission is considering advertising venues for airport promotion. There is a problem with the furnace, and it may need to be replaced if it cannot be fixed. There is a co-op student from Walkerton Secondary School this semester.

4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Deputy Mayor Bell reported that a few municipalities have signed the new Memorandum of Understanding with the SVCA, with Grey County currently reviewing their MOU, as well as West Grey.

5) Elmwood Community Centre Board

Councillor Lawrence reported the Board has approved a workplace violence

(4) March 12, 2018

and harassment policy. An eye wash station was installed. The rental contract rates have been amended. The catering group is touring various facilities to get ideas for the kitchen renovation. Two lock boxes for keys will be installed with codes for access by users and contractors. The Lions Park had some problems with flooding that will be discussed with Grey County. A website is being developed. A "Strengths", "Weaknesses", "Opportunities" and "Threats" (SWOT) exercise was completed at the Chamber of Commerce's recent visioning meeting, with the need for better communication among groups being identified as a priority. A steering committee will be formed to address this issue, with the first meeting being held on March 18. The Chambers' annual meeting was held recently with no changes to the Executive.

- 6) Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Corporation (S.M.A.R.T.) – no report
- 7) West Grey Chamber of Commerce/Durham BIA/Neustadt Business Group

Councillor Thompson reporting on behalf of the West Grey Chamber of Commerce, indicated the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Durham Legion on April 17, at 6:00 p.m. There are now 84 Chamber members. A Networking Social is being held on March 20 at the Garafraxa Theatre. Councillor Hutchinson reported the Annual Meeting for the Durham BIA is scheduled for March 21.

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

Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group (Councillor Lawrence reported MPP Lisa Thompson attended their meeting last Thursday, and MPP Thompson indicated the Province is not discussing the de-commissioning of industrial wind turbines that have reached the end of their life cycles, noting the blades cannot be recycled.)

Durham Walkway Bridge/Parks Committee (The CAO reported she will be meeting with the West Grey Lions Club to review a draft Memorandum of Understanding and to clarify roles respecting the Durham Walkway Bridge project. The proposed work will be developed in phases, and will be brought back to Council/Committee of the Whole for discussion purposes.)

(5) March 12, 2018

Adjournment

Cutting-Hutchinson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 10:51 a.m., to meet again on March 26, 2018, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

_____(Signed)_____
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

_____(Signed)_____
Mark Turner, Clerk