



**Minutes
For the Regular Meeting of the Council of the
Municipality of West Grey**

Monday March 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm

at Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

Council: Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Rob Thompson

Absent: Deputy Mayor John A. Bell, Councillor Carol Lawrence

Staff: Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Brent Glasier, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works; Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance - during reports; Cathy Sweeney, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

At 6:00 pm

Moment of Reflection

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None

Closed Session

Thompson/Hutchinson, 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 6:05 pm., with the CAO/Deputy Clerk and Director of Finance/Treasurer, to discuss items that relate to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (potential locations for a new West Grey Police Service building); and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

#82-18 Carried.

Hutchinson/Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby returns to Open Session of Council at 7:00 p.m.

#83-18 Carried.

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

Matters Arising from the Closed Session

None

Public Meeting

None

Part 1 – Consent Agenda

Hergert-Cutting, Be it resolved that, Items A1 to B2 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.

#84-18 Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Council:

- A1 Minutes Regular Council Meeting–March 5, 2018 (draft)
- Minutes Committee of the Whole (Planning)–March 5, 2018 (draft)
- Minutes Committee of the Whole–March 12, 2018 (draft)
- Minutes Committee of the Whole (Planning)–March 12, 2018 (draft)

Committees:

- A2 West Grey Parks Committee – December 13, 2017 & February 7, 2018 (date amended) (Pulled for further discussion under New Business)
- Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee – January 31, 2017
- West Grey Committee of Adjustment – March 12, 2018 (draft)

Other :

- A3 Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group-January 11, 2018
- West Grey Public Library Board-January 16, 2018
- West Grey Chamber of Commerce Meeting – February 13, 2018

Routine Department Reports

- B1 CBO Report# CBOC 03/19/18
- B2 Clerk Report#CC03/19/18- resolution #84A-18, #84B-18, #85-18

Thompson-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the transfer from the Normanby Arena Hall Renovation Reserve for new flooring in 2018, and an RFP for the same be

authorized, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. #84 A-18 Carried.

Hutchinson-Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby designates the Hypnotist Event sponsored by the Ayton Firefighters Association to be held on April 7, 2018 at the Normanby Arena Complex to be an “Event of Municipal Significance”. #84 B-18, Carried.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

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

C1 Brian Corley, Jay Kennedy, Daryl Hunter, Jim Sullivan, letters of support for Sunday gun hunting.

Future Committee Meetings

D1 West Grey Committee of the Whole – March 26, 2018, 9:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office

Part II - Regular Agenda

Communications from the Mayor and Council

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

Delegations

1) Brian McRae-Zone/Member & Club Services Liaison Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters provided a presentation regarding Sunday Gun Hunting. Mr. McRae noted that in 2005, 67 municipalities across Southern Ontario passed a resolution in support of Sunday gun hunting. There are currently 179 municipalities who have voted in favour of Sunday gun hunting. Mr. McCrae continued to share facts and figures from his presentation regarding crop and livestock predation, wildlife management, public safety and economic development.

Mr. McRae stressed that land owners have the right to determine whether or not to allow Sunday gun hunting on their land. Similarly, if a landowner wishes to hunt on his or her own property, they cannot proceed until such time their municipality approves it.

Mayor Eccles thanked Mr. McRae for his presentation.

Councillor Cutting voiced concerns received from calls and emails regarding the trespassing onto private property, and stated she will not support Sunday gun hunting.

2) Art Hawes – Mr. Hawes has served as a firearms safety instructor since 1994. Mr. Hawes provided a very detailed summary of gun licencing, and safety of the steps and stages that are required to become a fully licenced hunter. Mr. Hawes reviewed the many safety measures that are in place, minimum passing marks, and reported on the apprenticeship program. Mr. Hawes noted that membership dynamics are changing, with a large influx of youths and females.

Councillor Hergert asked how licensed firearm card carrying members are provided with updates to new locations permitting Sunday hunting as well as changes to applicable laws. Mr. Hawes advised all changes are updated through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on-line or at a Service Ontario licence issuing office.

Thompson-Hutchinson, WHEREAS hunting in Ontario is regulated by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; AND WHEREAS individual municipalities may decide whether to permit Sunday gun hunting; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry be notified that the Municipality of West Grey supports and authorizes Sunday gun hunting in the Municipality of West Grey in accordance with provincial legislation; AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that staff requests the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to amend the appropriate regulation to include Municipality of West Grey in the list of municipalities that authorizes Sunday gun hunting in Ontario.

#85-18, Carried.

3) Janice McEachnie- Bruce Street Re-construction Project – Ms. McEachnie commented that in the future, consideration for safety, lighting and community use should be considered as per the West Grey 2020 Action Plan. Ms. McEachnie also noted the busyness of the intersection of Bruce Street.

4) Janet Wright – Ms. Wright requested Council to waive fees for the Durham Community Center for the “Open Mic Night Mental Health” Wes for Youth initiative. Ms. Wright shared her personal experiences and stories from speakers to promote health wellness.

Councillor Cutting asked about the number of attendees at previous events, and length of the sessions. Councillor Cutting offered to personally pay for the use of the hall for this initiative for the 2 hour allotment requested. Councillor Cutting was fully supported and Mayor Eccles thanked Ms. Wright for her efforts.

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting - None

Staff Reports

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 03/05/18

Hutchinson-Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts presented as Voucher No.05-2018 in the amount of \$1,925,985.62, of the Municipality of West Grey. #86-18, Carried

Councillor Hergert inquired regarding the vacant Durham BIA Credit, the commercial vacant tax rate, and the farmland tax status. Mayor Eccles and the Director of Finance/Treasurer advised this is a County lead initiative, and can be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. The Director of Finance/Treasurer advised she will have a report from the Tax Collector who attended the last Grey County Treasurers' meeting.

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report #DIPW 03/05/18

Speed Limit Reduction on Artemesia-Glenelg Townline & on the Southgate/Glenelg Townline (see By-law Number 40-2018)

American Water Canada Corporation Agreement (see By-law Number 18-2018)

Neustadt Sewage Lagoon Report (The Director explained the deficiencies rectification on the log books with the explanation provided by American Water Canada Corp.)

Clerk – Report #CR 03/19/18

Durham Thundercats – resolution #87-18

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority – resolution #88-18

Thompson-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves licensing the Durham & District Community Centre stands on Friday, March 30, 2018 for the Durham Thundercats game 6 playoffs, if necessary, and to permit the sale of canned beer, as requested by the Durham Thundercats. #87-18, Carried

Hergert-Cutting the Council of the Municipality of West Grey recognizes that there is only one taxpayer supporting all levels of government and that these are challenging times for the Province of Ontario with respect to its budget. We also recognize that transfer payment funding cuts to the Conservation Authorities were initially implemented in 1995, and have subsequently never been increased in the 22 years since, remaining at the same 1995 dollar value, with the only change being the further cut of several hundred thousand dollars directed at the two largest of the Authorities, Toronto Region and Grand River.

As a member municipality of our local Conservation Authority we followed with interest the multi-year review of the Conservation Authorities Act in which a consistent message was heard from virtually all stakeholders that there was a need for the Province of Ontario to address the chronic underfunding of the Conservation Authorities.

We wish to point out that while the base funding for Conservation Authorities comes through the MNR&F, and the MOE&CC for Drinking Water Source Protection, the work that Conservation Authorities do in partnership with those ministries also benefits other provincial ministries through the various programs and projects of the Authorities, i.e. Education; Health; Agriculture,

Food and Rural Affairs; Municipal Affairs and Housing; Tourism, Recreation and Culture; Infrastructure; and Community Safety. Further, we observed that during debate on Bill 139 addressing the proposed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act, MPPs of all parties were supportive of the work of the Conservation Authorities, and acknowledged the need to address the chronic underfunding. We also observed that the subsequent passage of Bill 139 received *all* party support so as to be passed in the Legislature in December of 2017, and receive Royal Assent immediately thereafter.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby requests that the Province of Ontario, demonstrate their all party support for Conservation Authorities and the work that they do on behalf of all our ratepayers by increasing the transfer payment allocation through reallocation of dollars from other benefiting provincial ministries, or other new revenues, i.e. Carbon Cap and Trade revenues; and That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey direct staff to forward a copy of this letter and resolution to the Ministers of Finance, MNR&F, MOE&CC, Education, Health, Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, Municipal Affairs & Housing, Tourism, Recreation & Culture, Infrastructure, and Community Safety; local MPs and MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Conservation Ontario; and the member municipalities of its local Conservation Authority. #88-18, Carried

By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings

By-law Number 18-2018 – resolution #89-18

By-law Number 40-2018 – resolution #90-18

By-law Number 41-2018 – resolution #95-18

By-law Number 42-2018 – resolution #91-18

By-law Number 43-2018 – resolution #92-18

By-law Number 44-2018 – resolution #93-18 (TABLED), resolution #94-18

Cutting-Thompson Be it resolved that, By-law number 18-2018, being a By-law to enter into an Operation, Maintenance and Management Agreement between the American Water Canada Corp. and the Municipality of West Grey, 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. #89-18, Carried Hergert-Cutting, Be it resolved that, By-law 40-2018, being a By-law for setting the rate of speed of motor vehicles in the Municipality of West Grey, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed the By-law book. #90-18, Carried

Hergert-Cutting, Be it resolved that, By-law 41-2018, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 19, 2018 Council Meeting, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed the By-law book. #95-18, Carried.

Hergert-Cutting, Be it resolved that, By-law 42-2018, being a By-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Municipality of West Grey, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed the By-law book. #91-18, Carried

Hutchinson-Thompson, Be it resolved that, By-law 43-2018, being a By-law to rezone Lot 18, East Part Lot 17, Concession 16, former Township of Normanby (Schenk – ZA-05-18) in the Municipality of West Grey, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed the By-law book. #92-18, Carried

Thompson-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, By-law 44-2018, being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer to enforce By-laws of the Municipality of West Grey, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed the By-law book. #93-18, Tabled

Hergert/Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby tables resolution #93-18. #94-18, Carried

New Business

Corrections to the Minutes of the Parks Committee Feb 7/18 meeting being;

Councillor Hergert had concerns about Meeting minutes not reflecting the Parks review and comment of Heritage Bridge approach work and lighting. Councillor Hergert requested that she would like those other discussion points removed. Councillor Cutting explained that Parks is approached on various possible projects and these are captured in the minutes. Councillor Hergert opined that the other comments are out of line and beyond the scope of Parks as it is not germane to the delegation.

Councillor Hergert questioned that the current walk-through of trails be open to the public and volunteers. Councillor Cutting advised that Trails and walkthrough meeting of our trail system planned is specifically for the insurance company for direction on signage prior to the opening of the trail system. Mayor Eccles and the Director of Public Works and Infrastructure supported keeping the meeting for the core group to initially develop a plan with recommendations to make the trail safe.

Councillor Hergert inquired if the Chair of Parks is one and the same person as the recording secretary. The answer supplied was affirmative.

Councillor Hergert recommend removing from the Parks minutes the statement that “fundraising is no longer for the construction of the bridge”, as Council has already paid for the bridge entirely.

Addendum - None

Notice of Motion/Direct Motions - None

Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only - None

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

Question Period

Beth Hamilton raised concerns regarding the Sunday Gun Hunting resolution passed and expressed the need to have further discussion and public participation. Ms. Hamilton asked was there a public comment on this topic? Mayor Eccles advised no public forum happened and that many municipalities have passed a resolution in the same way as West Grey Council has tonight. Councillor Cutting voiced concerns that both sides be heard by providing the public with an opportunity to revisit the issue. Mayor Eccles advised that a motion to reconsider at a future council meeting is possible.

Bill Wilkinson raised concerns regarding Sunday Gun Hunting and expressed his disappointment with this resolution being passed. Mr. Wilkinson opined that there was no discussion, not a full council in attendance, and people outside of West Grey in attendance. Mr. Wilkinson said he has seen hunters in the Saugeen Conservation Area hunting squirrels and chipmunks in the campground. Mayor Eccles clarified that any delegation can ask for a motion to be prepared prior to the council meeting.

Mark Mariash voiced his concerns on the Sunday Gun Hunting resolution. Mr. Mariash indicated he had no time to prepare a counter-presentation. Mr. Mariash provided information regarding deer vehicle collisions noting that shooting deer was not considered a top 7 factor for decreasing collisions, and cited complaints of garbage and carcasses in ditches.

Municipal Act – Notices – None

Adjournment

Hergert-Cutting , Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 9:20 p.m., to meet again on April 2, 2018, 10:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

(Signed)

Kevin Eccles, Mayor

(Signed)

Mark Turner, Clerk