



Minutes
Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole
Held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor John A. Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Staff</u>	Larry C. Adams, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk. Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Brent Glasier, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – during reports. Phil Schwartz, Fire Chief (during “New Business”)

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

The Committee of the Whole considered the “MPM Consulting – Final Report on the Feasibility of Amalgamating the Hanover and West Grey Police Services, dated February 27, 2017”, that was referred to the Committee of the Whole by Council during the March 20, 2017 Special Council meeting.

The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported that the Town of Hanover has accepted the MPM Consulting Report and has recommended setting up a committee to continue the process.

Councillor Thompson asked if the MPM consultant has completed his contract now that he has completed his final report. Mayor Eccles responded that he is done now, unless he is hired for any future steps in the process, if applicable.

Councillor Lawrence questioned the benefits to West Grey as opposed to the Town of Hanover, opining that the only benefit to West Grey may be relating to a new police building. Councillor Lawrence mentioned West Grey could give a costing to provide policing service to Hanover.

(2) March 27, 2017

Deputy Mayor Bell inquired if a facilitator will be required if the amalgamation proposal continues. Councillor Cutting indicated some of the work would be done by West Grey Council and staff, so a facilitator may not be needed right away. Councillor Cutting added that a facilitator may be required for certain aspects, such as the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Service (OCOPS) process.

Deputy Mayor Bell asked if there are any timelines for completion of the process, and noted assistance from a consultant can be obtained when needed. Councillor Cutting indicated there would be another Request for Proposals (RFP) if additional consulting work is required.

Councillor Thompson expressed that he is not in favour of amalgamating the police services, as it will result in a drop in service with less officers (3 vs. 4). Councillor Thompson stated West Grey can build a new police building, and offer its police service to Hanover, Grey Highlands or Chatsworth.

Councillor Hutchinson noted his concerns with safety, specifically, relating to only 3 officers working at a time, and when reviewing crime statistics it appears the bulk of work will be in Hanover, leaving West Grey without an adequate police presence at times. Councillor Hutchinson also stated that the West Grey Police Service can contract services to Hanover, or even Chatsworth or Grey Highlands. Councillor Hutchinson opined that West Grey should obtain a costing from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Councillor Cutting indicated she is not in favour of requesting an OPP costing, opining that it will be a waste of time, and noting it has always been the public's opinion that they want a municipal police service. Councillor Cutting stated that the OPP will not provide the level of police presence that the West Grey Police Service provides to ratepayers.

Mayor Eccles indicated it is his understanding that 3 officers is a minimum level, and every normal shift would have 4 officers. Councillor Thompson stated he asked the consultant that question during the March 20, 2017 Special Council meeting and the consultant affirmed it would be a minimum of 3 officers.

Councillor Lawrence stated there won't be immediate cost savings and there will not be the same community policing that West Grey currently enjoys.

(3) March 27, 2017

Councillor Lawrence questioned if there is a cost to a municipality for requesting an OPP costing. Mayor responded that he believes there is such a cost, and has heard it can cost upwards of \$100,000. Councillor Lawrence stated that OPP costings usually come in at a reasonable rate at first and then costs escalate markedly afterward. Mayor Eccles stated that he is aware that the last three OPP costings requested by municipalities were at a considerably more cost than the current municipal police services costs.

Deputy Mayor Bell noted the independent consulting report indicates a potential savings of \$650,000/year, and this would be a significant cost saving to the municipalities even if the savings are not realized right away. Deputy Mayor Bell stated it would be a dis-service to ratepayers if West Grey did not support the continuation of the process to the next phase, noting two new police stations are not needed. Deputy Mayor Bell also indicated he is not in favour of requesting an OPP costing.

Councillor Cutting stated she is not convinced that West Grey will save much money as the West Grey Police Service is an extremely efficient service. Councillor Cutting indicated a lot of the savings in the report are combined savings, and felt Hanover would save more than West Grey by amalgamating the police services. Councillor Cutting mentioned that perhaps the next step would clarify where the savings would be for West Grey.

Deputy Mayor Bell stated the report indicates each of the municipalities would have to absorb some liabilities of the other police service, and would look to negotiators on the committee to protect the interests of West Grey.

Councillor Hergert asked what the liabilities are for West Grey pursuant to the Police Services Act. The CAO/Deputy Clerk indicated it is his belief that each police service will be responsible for their own liabilities, and approval from OCOPS will be required. Councillor Hergert questioned if that is something that can be addressed prior to amalgamation. The CAO/Deputy Clerk responded that this would be negotiated in the formation of the agreement. Councillor Hergert noted it would have to be determined where an adequate police building could be constructed in West Grey, and if the West Grey Police Service remains on its own, West Grey may want to oversize the building if the West Grey Police Service may provide service to Hanover or other local municipalities. Councillor Hergert indicated a funding formula can be established for the provision of such services, and a dispute resolution mechanism can be implemented through the negotiation process.

(4) March 27, 2017

Councillor Thompson opined that if the West Grey Police Service remains a sole entity, that a police building would be built that is adequate for West Grey purposes, and if services are provided to other municipalities, a substation would be provided in that municipality. Mayor Eccles stated that West Grey requires an approximate 10,000 square foot new police building at an estimated cost of between 3.5 to 4 million, and if the West Grey Police Service took on other contracts there would be substations, and the West Grey Police Service main building would also likely have to expand due to more employees being required in the central building.

Councillor Hutchinson questioned if the process moves forward, can the option of West Grey providing service to Hanover be considered. Mayor Eccles responded that the MPM report was solely to determine if the amalgamation of the two police boards is feasible.

Deputy Mayor Bell stated this issue has to be addressed from a business perspective, and if West Grey can't negotiate an agreement, then West Grey stops the process.

Mark McComb, West Grey Police Service Sergeant, and President of the West Grey Police Association, noted his appreciation for the process to date. Sergeant McComb stated the Association's concerns include there was a lot of discussion regarding an OPP style of policing which the Association does not want, as the Association wants policing similar to what is now being provided; the minimum of 3 officers working is felt by West Grey Police officers to be insufficient, noting calls for service in Hanover vastly outweigh calls in West Grey, so would see 2 officers in Hanover and only 1 in West Grey that would not be sufficient; the premise in the report regarding the hiring of five part-time police officers is problematic as West Grey has not been able to hire part-time police officers very successfully in the past, and will not in the future; the proposed minimum staffing levels are set through the collective agreements with the Hanover & West Grey Police Service Associations which is currently a minimum of 2 officers in both West Grey and Hanover at one time and that would continue in the mind of the Association, even though the consultant indicates the minimum staffing level for an amalgamated police service would only be 3 officers, and not 3 officers and a sergeant. Sergeant McComb, speaking on behalf of the West Grey Police Service Association, stated the West Grey Police Service is moving along well with new leadership and a long term contract, and the proposed amalgamation process will undermine what the West Grey Police Service is doing now.

(5) March 27, 2017

Sergeant McComb stated that the West Grey Police Service has a unique opportunity to offer Hanover a costing for the provision of policing by the West Grey Police Service, and if the proposed amalgamation talks continue, it will undermine what the West Grey Police Service is doing now.

Robert Martin, West Grey Police Chief, stated the benefit of remaining solely as the West Grey Police Service is that the service is already fiscally responsible, and has recently found additional savings. Chief Martin stated he has some concerns with the MPM report, including the consultants statement that if the amalgamated police service with only the 3 proposed officers working at a time get busy, the service can just call for help, whereas presently when the West Grey Police Service gets busy it typically calls the Hanover Police Service, so another police service would have to be called that is further from the municipalities; that West Grey is a community and people focused, and would have to integrate Hanover with its way of thinking; that people in West Grey view the West Grey Police Service as a fiscally responsible and community oriented policing force; and the minimum staffing levels projected would have to be negotiated with the police associations.

Councillor Hutchinson questioned if West Grey stays status quo, can the West Grey Police Service contract its police service to Hanover. Chief Martin indicated the West Grey Police Service can provide contracted services.

Mayor Eccles stated the only issue with contracting a police service is when the agreement expires, a municipality can contract with another police service, and then the West Grey Police Service would have an issue with extra officers and how to deal with them.

Sergeant McComb recounted that when the Hanover and Walkerton Police Services amalgamated and then subsequently separated, it was a messy situation. When the OPP took over policing, it took the 9 most senior police officers. Mayor Eccles stated if the West Grey Police Service was on a contract basis with Hanover, for instance, the contracted officers don't go to the OPP, but remain with the service, and it would be difficult to downsize the force.

Councillor Cutting stated her deepest concern is if West Grey doesn't approve going to the next step in the process, they may be negating the possibility of any possible savings down the road.

(6) March 27, 2017

Jeremy White, West Grey Police Service Sergeant, indicated the Association would not be willing to give up on the contract requiring a minimum of two officers in West Grey, among other stipulations.

Councillor Hergert noted the MPM report indicated there will be approximate \$650,000/year in the short term, and \$3.2 million savings in the longer term, and questioned how a decision not to proceed to the next step would be explained to the constituents. Councillor Hergert questioned how much money the West Grey Police Service has saved. Chief Martin responded the West Grey Police Service does not have the economies of scale to save the aforementioned amounts, however, their savings will be detailed in a future report to Council.

Mayor Eccles indicated that a lot of time was spent on assessing potential cost savings, how a force of 20 West Grey Police Service Officers will be able to meet future service levels and demands, and questioned if the West Grey Police Service has the capacity to continue with what is currently in place. Chief Martin noted a lot of expertise has been lost due to past retirements, and the police service is doing its best to replace the lost expertise. Chief Martin noted emerging mental health calls are going up which are time and cost consuming, and significant human resources issues are arising – the police service can hold the line but are stretched thin.

Sergeant White stated Chief Martin has completed positive work regarding training on mental health issues, and opined that an amalgamated police service would typically take the best of both contracts.

Councillor Hutchinson opined that future negotiations should include a minimum of 4 officers and reflect the costing accordingly.

Councillor Hergert stated the best of both contracts can be negotiated for a new contract.

**Bell-Hergert, Be it resolved that, the Committee of the Whole having received the MPM Consulting Report, recommends Council continue to explore police service board amalgamation discussions with the Town of Hanover;
And further that, Council appoint representatives to a joint steering committee with the objective of developing a detailed amalgamation plan for presentation to the respective Police Services Boards and Councils.**

(7) March 27, 2017

Recorded Vote

For: Deputy Mayor John A. Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson
Against: Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson
... #COW 7-17 **Carried.**

Staff Reports

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report COW #03/27/17

Road Supervisor's Report - Staff have been busy with the following activities: Winter control, grading, cold patching, brushing. Seasonal Staff will be finished by April 1st pending weather. (received for information)

Utilities Supervisor's Report - Staff have been busy with the following activities: Staff cut trees for roadway access to Well #2 Durham (see photo), winter control, new rad installed in street sweeper \$2,000 repair, street sweeping to commence next week, supervisor was being cognisant of Frazil Ice issues that developed over the weekend of March 10th to March 12th, however, mild weather later that week eased any potential threat. (received for information.)

Grey Road 4 (Bruce and Lambton Street) Upgrades (The Director is to include the proposed project for consideration in the 2018 budget. The Director will utilize approximately \$5,000 from the \$70,000 set aside for the bridge/road study review for camera work and completion of a report for the proposed project. The Director will ask Grey County about any work plans for the Lambton Street Bridge.)

Review of 2017 Bridge Work (The Director will obtain an engineers' estimate for a prefab bridge for the Kennedy Bridge Project, although this project will likely not happen until 2018 at the earliest, if it is done. The Committee of the Whole suggested organizations such as NextEra, Welbeck Sawmill, Bruce Power, and CP Rail, be contacted for possible donations towards the replacement of the Durham Walkway Bridge. – resolution #COW 8-17

Administration Building Upgrades (The Director reviewed some proposed minor upgrades to the Administration Building.) – resolution #COW 9-17

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting (Road Tour) - resolution #COW 10-17

Lawrence-Hutchinson, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves the recommendation from the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works, being, that the full amount of the Gas Tax revenue of \$373,533 be redirected to the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital and the balance of \$150,000 be redirected to the Durham Walkway Bridge, resulting in increasing

(8) March 27, 2017

the Bridge Rehabilitation Capital to \$573,533 and increase the Durham Walkway Bridge budget to \$300,000, in part to facilitate the construction of the Durham Walkway Bridge by 2017.

... #COW 8-17

Carried.

Bell-Thompson, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council accepts the quotation from R Knapp Construction in the amount of \$2285 plus tax to complete planned administration building upgrades detailed in the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Report. ... #COW 9-17

Carried.

Lawrence-Hergert, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council schedule a Special Committee of the Whole (Road Tour) Meeting for May 24, 2017, 8:00 a.m.

... #COW 10-17

Carried.

The Committee of the Whole temporarily adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m., and reconvened at 1:12 p.m.

Director of Finance/Treasurer – Report COW #03/27/17

Letter from 5th Hanover Scouts re: Donation Request (The Durham Recreation Advisory Committee has passed a resolution to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 for the 5th Hanover Scouts. A resolution to this effect will be presented at the April 3, 2017 Council meeting. It was noted that there may be funds available from the public works department to pay the Scouts to provide paper/plastic cleanup work at the Durham Landfill Site.) Farmland Assessment Review (The Committee of the Whole reviewed the statistics provided by the Director.) (received for information)

Reports/Minutes from Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

1) West Grey Economic Development Committee

Councillor Thompson reported the Job Fair was held last Thursday at the Durham Arena, with 28 employers and 130 individuals in attendance. Positive overall comments were received from the employers, and the Committee handed out promotional items to employers. A de-briefing meeting will be held in a couple of weeks to discuss ways to further improve future Job Fairs.

(9) March 27, 2017

Councillor Thompson also reported the Committee is going to discuss if it wants to continue participating in future Saints & Sinners events.

Councillor Hutchinson reported the Neustadt Business Group will be discussing a possible economic development plan for downtown Neustadt with Rose Austin, from the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), and if there are any possible grants from Grey County for same.

2) West Grey Parks Committee

The Committee of the Whole asked if a proposed parks clean-up day has been scheduled for this year. Councillor Cutting responded that the Committee will be discussing this matter during their April meeting.

The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported there is a "Clean Sweep" day on May 13, and a household hazardous waste day is planned in Durham on the same day. A goods exchange day will be held on May 20.

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

- March 8, 2017 Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee Draft Minutes
- March 1, 2017 Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee Draft Minutes

Councillor Lawrence, reporting on behalf of the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated four roller skaters attended the last Committee meeting to discuss their concerns. Another cruiser is required as there are over 100 roller skaters at times, and this is too many roller skaters for one cruiser to supervise. The roller skating fees also need to be adjusted. The sound system at the Neustadt Arena needs replaced. The roller skaters have offered to fundraise to replace the sound system, and to look for used sound system equipment. The Committee may consider providing either an afternoon or different night for younger skaters. The Neustadt Craft Show will be held on the 1st weekend in May at the Neustadt Arena. A free roller skating event was held on Family Day with 195 skaters participating, and there was a total of 729 roller skaters in February. There are 107 pickle ball members. A session was recently held for kids 8 and up to learn how to play pickle ball, and this event was well attended. – COW #11-17

(10) March 27, 2017

Councillor Lawrence reporting on behalf of the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated the ice is being removed, and there will be repairs and painting done afterwards. The ice will go back in July for hockey schools. There are a number of Canada 150 celebrations being sponsored by the Normanby Recreation Committee. Dave Foerster is organizing minor ball, and letters are being mailed respecting the Ayton Ball Tournament this year. The insulation project at the Normanby Arena is scheduled for this year, and the CAO/Deputy Clerk noted that Requests for Proposals (RFPs) have already gone out for this project.

Councillor Thompson, reporting on behalf of the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated that \$1,170 was raised for the paint night fundraiser for the Durham Ball Diamond Project – this amount does not include bar proceeds. The Ball Diamond Committee is holding ball diamond infield workshops on June 6 and June 13. A bench was placed at the ball diamonds in memory of Gord Reaburn. Funds may become available through an estate for new outfits for Durham minor ball players. A machine that dispenses baseballs to umpires will be donated in memory of Bill Eden. Playground equipment was ordered by the ball diamond committee, and should arrive in 5-6 weeks. The Committee is seeking more quotes for the proposed shed. The price for steel siding at the south end of the Durham Arena came in at \$4790 from Domm Construction. Ice use is down at the Durham Arena. A large honey bee nest was removed from the Durham Town Hall. Inspection work was completed in the refrigeration room on March 14. The Shopping Expo in the Fall, and the Christmas event, are going ahead.

Mayor Eccles reported he was approached by an individual interesting in initiating a children's summer program in Ayton that would be overseen by Normanby Recreation, however, there is no budget for the proposed program in 2017, but could be considered for 2018. Councillor Lawrence will discuss this item during tomorrow's Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

Lawrence-Bell, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves the recommendation by the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee that a 2nd cruiser be hired for roller skating;

And further that, admission be raised to \$4.00 per person for ages 13 and over, children under 13 remaining at \$2.00 and skate rentals for all ages be raised to \$2.00 effective 2 months after approval by Council. ... #COW 11-17 **Carried.**

(11) March 27, 2017

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

1) West Grey Public Library Board

Councillor Thompson reported that the library agreement between the Grey Highlands Public Library Board and the West Grey Public Library Board is signed. The Board is considering purchasing a vending machine to dispense books, possibly at the Durham Arena – the CEO/Chief Librarian is collecting information on this matter in order to report back to the Board.

Councillor Thompson further reported that the Board is considering “pop-up” (book mobile) libraries that will travel to seniors’ homes, etc. The CAO/Deputy Clerk questioned how this is being proposed by the Board, when the Board did not support the concept of a mobile library. Committee members questioned where the Board is going to obtain funds for a book mobile. Councillor Thompson indicated the estimated cost for a book mobile program is \$400,000, not including the vehicle. Fire inspections were completed at all library branches by Deputy Fire Chief Hilgendorf, and everything is fine.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Clerk to prepare a resolution to appoint Councillor Hergert as an additional Council representative on the West Grey Public Library Board.

2) West Grey Police Services Board

Mayor Eccles reported that the new Police Chief has introduced some new community based ideas and programs. There is a greater push for community policing to include foot patrols and involvement in various community events. Councillor Cutting stated Chief Martin is getting better known in the community through attendance at various functions. Mayor Eccles noted he attended the zone meeting held earlier this month, and Cam McCracken was voted in as Vice-Chair of Zone 5. Mayor Eccles mentioned there is more of a focus on drug trafficking enforcement with recent arrests and cleanup projects.

3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission

Councillor Lawrence reported that Future Air from Collingwood is setting up a new flight school, and approvals are in process, with the ground school starting up immediately. It is anticipated there will be an increase of \$25,000

(12) March 27, 2017

to \$40,000 in fuel sales due to the flight school. New lights were installed at the maintenance building, with the total net costs being only \$8.90 due to funding being secured – the new lights will save \$300 to \$400 in hydro.

Councillor Lawrence noted that Victim Services want to rent the facility for 24-30 nights of the year – rental rates are to be reviewed. An RFP is going out for someone to operate the kitchen, which is closed at the moment for renovations. A new website is being set up. A runway reserve refurbishment fund is being established. County Council is donating \$4000 for the Snowbirds event.

Mayor Eccles reported that a refresher course will be run at the airport to address pertinent new legislation, relating to such issues as liability and airplane maintenance.

4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Deputy Mayor Bell reported the Authority is reviewing policies and procedures and comments received regarding same. The Board is addressing issues relating to hunting at the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area. Some tenders were let for wood clearing and cutting.

Mayor Eccles reported that Gaylea Foods has obtained building permits in Teeswater that will result in approximately \$60 million in upgrades to the plant, and the creation of 30-40 direct jobs at the Gaylea Foods factory. Discussions were held regarding what constitutes a natural waterway, and Authority staff indicated if water flows across lands, the Authority regulates it, and this applies to municipal drains, for example. The Maple Fest was held at the Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Authority this past weekend, and was well attended. Arbor Day is being held in mid-April. The Children's Safety Village should be open by July, and they are hoping to be open for school admissions by the Fall.

5) Elmwood Community Centre Board
➤ February 21, 2017 Minutes

Councillor Lawrence reported the Board met with Homecoming representatives who informed the Board they have raised \$26,000 to date for proposed work at the Lions Park that would cost \$80,000 – the Board understands that approval for any improvements to the Lions Park will require approvals from both West Grey and Brockton Council. The

(13) March 27, 2017

Homecoming Committee may be considered for appointment as a sub-committee of the Board so funds can flow through Brockton, and a HST rebate will be available. A recommendation from the Board to West Grey and Brockton Councils to consider appointing Homecoming Committee members as a sub-committee may be forthcoming.

Councillor Lawrence further reported that Shirley Young and Dale Ahrens attended a workshop respecting grants, and obtained ideas for grants for the proposed kitchen renovations. The hiring process is continuing to replace Shirley Young, and Ms. Young will stay on until her replacement is hired.

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

Deputy Mayor Bell reported the auditor was present at the SMART meeting held on Friday, however, he was unable to attend the meeting. Chatsworth may not continue being a SMART member due to limited usage by ratepayers. Deputy Mayor Bell reported ridership is down slightly in January and February, likely due to weather.

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

Councillor Thompson reported the Chamber is working on a map and directory to note the names and locations of Chamber members. Business awards are being worked on to recognize chamber members. The Annual General Meeting is slated for May 16, 6:00 p.m., at the Garafraxa Café, with guest speaker, Dan Sullivan, from the Save Rockwood Terrace Committee. The Chamber has over 70 members at present. The Chamber has inquired if it can partner with the West Grey storefront program to provide additional funding for the business community – this item will be brought forward to the West Grey Economic Development Committee for discussion purposes. West Grey is now a member of the Chamber.

Councillor Hutchinson reported the BIA held a well-attended Annual Meeting on March 15 at the Garafraxa Café. The status of the Durham Walkway Bridge and enforcement of the “poop and scoop” bylaw were discussed at the meeting. The Committee of the Whole suggested added signage could be used to remind dog owners to clean up after dogs.

The BIA also requested increased enforcement of the 2 hour maximum parking limit, and additional signs directing people to the municipal parking lots. Mayor Eccles stated he will bring this to the attention of the Police

(14) March 27, 2017

Chief, and consider additional signs directing individuals to municipal parking lots. The BIA has also inquired if the hanging baskets can be re-instated. Councillor Cutting indicated the Parks Committee planted additional hanging plants for the Homecoming event, and noted troubles with keeping the flowers sufficiently watered.

The Neustadt Business Group is discussing possible Canada 150 events, and has received funding from Bruce Power for a photo booth. Canada 150 funds were distributed for various events.

8) Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management

Councillor Cutting reported that calls are up marginally to date. A couple of new auxiliary members are being added. The thermostat issue has been resolved so the Board hopes to see savings on the furnace bill. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10.

9) Others - None

New Business

The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported that the West Grey Drainage Superintendent has reversed his decision to resign, so will be continuing on in this capacity.

The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported West Grey received notice on March 17 of a pending lawsuit arising from an incident in 2015 at the Durham Arena. The insurance adjuster was assigned this matter.

The Committee of the Whole was informed that Grey County has scheduled meetings at the Durham Arena on March 30 at 7:00 p.m., and in Markdale on March 31 at the Centre Grey Arena Complex, 7:00 p.m., respecting Long Term Care Beds.

Phil Schwartz, Fire Chief, reported that the RFP for the replacement Aerial Ladder Truck came back, and a recommendation has gone out to the adjuster. A report with further information will be provided during a future Council meeting.

(15) March 27, 2017

Adjournment

Hutchinson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 3:51 p.m., to meet again on April 24, 2017, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried.

(Signed)
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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