



**MINUTES**  
**For the Special Meeting of the**  
**Council of the Municipality of West Grey**  
**Held on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office**

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<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor John A. Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rebecca Hergert (assumed office upon recital of the Declaration of Office), 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

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**  
**– None**

**Councillor Vacancy Replacement Proceedings**

Mayor Eccles noted this is a special council meeting to appoint an individual to the position of Councillor as a result of the resignation of a former Councillor. – resolution #95-17

**Bell-Thompson, That the following individuals, who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold office and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy, be considered for appointment to fill such vacancy: Edward Dosman, Andy Grant, Beth Hamilton, Dawn Hartman, Rebecca Hergert, Thomas Hutchinson, Michael Lawler, Wayne McFadden, John McPhee, Jenny Parsons, Ralph Paylor, Laurel Pedersen, Wilfred R. Ringler, Steven Shelley, Thomas Sullivan, Goldwyn Tilker, Stephen Townsend, Paul Wettlaufer, Jeff White, Heather Wright, Chris G. Young.**  
... #95-17 **Carried.**

Each candidate was given five minutes to present their reasons for running for the position of Councillor, and reasons why they are a good candidate for Councillor, in the order drawn by lot by the Clerk. The Clerk also drew the names of Council members by lot in order to determine the order of voting. Candidates Andy Grant, Steven Shelley, and Thomas Sullivan, were unable to attend the meeting. Council members were provided the opportunity to ask questions of each candidate at the conclusion of each candidates' presentation.

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The Clerk reviewed the voting procedure after the conclusion of the speeches by candidates. The successful candidate will have to achieve the maximum number of votes by Council, being four votes, or after a round or rounds voting if there are two candidates with three votes each, the Clerk will draw one of the two remaining candidates names by lot, and the name of the candidate drawn by the Clerk will be the successful candidate for the position of Councillor. The Clerk provided a number of combinations and permutations that may result during the voting process.

In the first round of voting, Stephen Townsend received two votes (Councillor Hutchinson; Councillor Lawrence); Thomas Hutchinson received one vote (Councillor Thompson); Paul Wettlaufer received one vote (Deputy Mayor Bell); Rebecca Hergert received one vote (Councillor Cutting); and John McPhee received one vote (Mayor Eccles). The candidates receiving no votes were excluded from being included in the voting during the second round.

In the second round of voting, Stephen Townsend received two votes (Councillor Hutchinson, Councillor Lawrence); Rebecca Hergert received two votes (Councillor Cutting, Mayor Eccles); Thomas Hutchinson received one vote (Councillor Thompson); and Paul Wettlaufer received one vote (Deputy Mayor Bell). The Clerk drew by lot from the candidates that received one vote each, being, Thomas Hutchinson and Paul Wettlaufer, to determine which candidate would not proceed to the next round. The name of Thomas Hutchinson was drawn, and was therefore excluded from the next round of voting.

In the third round of voting, Stephen Townsend received two votes (Councillor Hutchinson, Councillor Lawrence); Rebecca Hergert received two votes (Councillor Cutting, Councillor Thompson); and Paul Wettlaufer received two votes (Deputy Mayor Bell and Mayor Eccles). The Clerk drew by lot from the three candidates to determine which candidate would not proceed to the next round. The name of Stephen Townsend was drawn, and was therefore excluded from the next round of voting.

In the fourth round of voting, Rebecca Hergert received four votes and Paul Wettlaufer received two votes (Deputy Mayor Bell, Mayor Eccles). Rebecca Hergert received the majority of votes required to become the successful candidate for Councillor, being four votes. As a result, the voting process was complete.

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**By-law**

24-2017 A By-law to appoint an Elector to the Office of Councillor for the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey – resolution #96-17

**Lawrence-Cutting, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 24-2017, being a By-law to Appoint an Elector to the Office of Councillor for the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and CAO/Deputy Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. ... #96-17 Carried.**

**Declaration of Office**

Rebecca Hergert recited and signed the Declaration of Office for the office of Councillor, pursuant to section 232 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended. The Clerk commissioned the document.

The newly appointed Councillor Hergert subsequently assumed a seat at the Council table.

Mayor Eccles congratulated Rebecca Hergert on her appointment as Councillor for the Municipality of West Grey.

**Adjournment**

**Hergert, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 3:51 p.m., to meet again on March 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.**

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(Signed)  
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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