



MINUTES
For the Regular Meeting of the
Council of the Municipality of West Grey
To be Held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 10:00 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 – during report.

Moment of Reflection

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
– None

Closed Session - None

Matters Arising from the Closed Session – n/a

Public Meeting - None

Part I - Consent Agenda

Thompson-Cutting, Be it resolved that, Items A1 to C1 inclusive, contained in Part 1 – Consent Agenda, be adopted, as printed;

And further that, authorization be given for the action to be taken as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained therein. ... #155-17 Carried.

Adoption of Minutes

Council:

- A1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – April 17, 2017
- Minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 24, 2017

Committees:

- A2 Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee – March 8, 2017
- Durham Recreation Advisory Committee – March 23, 2017
- West Grey Committee of Adjustment – April 13, 2017

Other

- A3 West Grey Public Library Board – February 21, 2017
- West Grey Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting – March 7, 2017

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Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group – March 9, 2017
Canada 150 Committee – March 16, 2017 (draft)
Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission
Elmwood Community Centre Board Meeting – March 21, 2017
Neustadt Business Group – March 28, 2017 – resolution #156-17

**Hergert-Cutting, Be it resolved that, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 17, 2017; and the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 24, 2017; be adopted, as printed;
Further that, the Minutes of the West Grey Committees – A2, be received, as circulated;
And further that, the Minutes of the Other Committees – A3, be received, as circulated. ... #156-17 Carried.**

Award of Tenders

B1 None

Routine Department Reports

C1 Clerk – Report #CC 05/01/17 – resolution #157-17 to #160-17

**Hergert-Cutting, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the 2016 Year End Reserve transfers contained in Report FTR#04/24/17, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.
... #157-17 Carried.**

**Cutting-Lawrence, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves in principle, the proposed upgrade, Phase 1, to the Lion's Firemen's Park as presented by the Elmwood Homecoming Committee, with the work to be carried out in conjunction with Colin Saunders, Brockton Director of Public Works, and the Elmwood Community Centre Board;
And further that, such project be funded by the Elmwood Homecoming revenues through a donation to the Elmwood Community Centre Board;
And further that, Council hereby appoints sub-committee of the Board consisting of Ed Stangler, Phillip Heard, Kyle Heard, Erin Cowell, Suzanne Leifso, and a member of the Community Centre Board to be named by the Board. ... #158-17 Carried.**

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Lawrence-Cutting, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the Township of West Lincoln Council requesting the Minister of Education place an immediate and retroactive moratorium on school closures until the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) is re-written;

And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and local MPPs.

... #159-17

Carried.

Hergert-Lawrence, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby designates the 32nd Annual Family Fun Ball Tournament on August 11, 12 & 13, 2017 to be held at the Ayton Centennial Hall grounds, as "Municipally Significant". ... #160-17

Carried.

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

D1 John McKeown – letter re: Grey Gables

Future Committee Meetings

E1 West Grey Committee of Adjustment – May 8, 2017, 1:00 p.m.,
West Grey Municipal Office

Part II - Regular Agenda

Communications from the Mayor and Council

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

Delegations

Alan Barfoot, Grey County Warden & Kim Wingrove, Grey County CAO
Alan Barfoot, Grey County Warden, and Kim Wingrove, Grey County CAO, gave a powerpoint presentation to Council detailing the "Grey County Outlook" for 2017.

The County of Grey has a 2017 operating budget of \$144 million, and a 2017 capital budget of \$30.8 million. There are 877 County roads, 888 rent-geared to income housing units, 450 non-profit housing units,

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5 transportation depots, 7 paramedic bases, and 3 long-term care homes.

County 2017 projects and initiatives include improvements in ambulance service, investments in roads and bridges, community and health care funding, planning for future growth and environmental sustainability, renovations for court services and administration building, coordinated rural transit (Movin'GB), recreational trails master plan, investments in affordable housing, quarry assessment, supporting agricultural sector and local food; and a new planning application tracking system.

New construction at the Chatsworth Depot off Highways 6 & 10 cost \$517,000, and has greatly improved emergency response times in the Chatsworth area. The County has completed road improvements to Grey Roads 18, 25, and 119, and bridge improvements at Grey Road 18 & 112. The County provided \$200,000 towards the Chapman House hospice in Owen Sound.

The "Recolour Grey Update" proposes a timeline of December 2017 for the adoption of a new Grey County Official Plan. A RFP was issued in February for a County Trails Master Plan. The County is planning for the future of long-term care and services for seniors by assessing delivery options for Rockwood Terrace and Grey Gables.

The County is collaborating with local Grey County municipalities and their CAOs, planning staff, road supervisors, human resources, and emergency management. The County is also working with the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority on invasive species issues.

The County is proud to have been named as one of the Top7 Intelligent Communities in the world, and won Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO) awards for the best Destination Development Action Plan and tourism marketing.

CAO Wingrove indicated there are two meetings planned for discussion regarding long term care, being, the May 11 County Council and a May 25 meeting that will receive additional delegations as a result of additional information being provided during the May 11 Council meeting.

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Mayor Eccles thanked Warden Barfoot and CAO Wingrove for their presentation and asked Council if they have any questions.

Council asked if the report and other information respecting long term care mentioned during the April 13 County meeting has been forwarded to lower tier municipalities as was indicated would be done during that meeting. CAO Wingrove responded the information has not been forwarded to date, as the consultant is doing additional work anticipated to be done by Thursday and the information will be made available on the Grey County website at that time.

Council asked for clarification respecting the process for reaching a decision on long term care, as it was told there would be no decision at the May 11 County Council meeting. Council also noted it was told there would be extensive in-camera discussion, and asked if there will be discussion in open session during the May 11 County Council meeting. CAO Wingrove responded that there will not be extensive discussion in-camera, as only matters that can be discussed in closed session will be discussed in closed session, so the majority of the discussion will be in a public forum.

Council asked if there will be a recommendation respecting long term care that will be made during the May 25 County Committee of the Whole meeting. CAO Wingrove noted that she is unable to forecast County Council's direction during the May 11 meeting, and indicated she is not sure at this time if the May 25 meeting will be a County Council meeting or Committee of the Whole meeting. CAO Wingrove emphasized there will be no decision made respecting long term care beds during the May 11 County Council meeting.

Council asked about the SWIFT broadband initiative, and the next steps/time frames for getting the infrastructure in place. CAO Wingrove noted that southwestern Ontario received \$288 million in funding from the Province, and there are a number of agreements that need to be put in place. SWIFT will be releasing a request for pre-qualification to various telecom providers to gauge interest in participating in this initiative, and to indicate where they would like to add to their existing infrastructure. SWIFT then will be able to design the backbone of where the infrastructure is to be filled in by pre-qualified telecom providers. The RFP will likely go out in Fall 2017, with actual construction taking place a year or so from now. SWIFT is

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providing the fibre, then individual internet service providers will use this to provide high speed internet service.

Council asked if the County is considering a multi-use trail system. CAO Wingrove responded that there are a number of sites where a multi-trail system would work well, and there are other sites where a multi-use trail system will not work due to factors such as topography, however, a consultant and Grey County staff will be developing a master plan for trails.

Council asked if the County is involved in trying to expand the availability of natural gas in the County. CAO Wingrove stated that Grey County is a member of the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus, and this organization is strongly pushing for the expansion of natural gas to Southwestern Ontario. Warden Barfoot indicated the County received an email last week from the Province regarding natural gas, and the County is sending a letter to natural gas providers who are considering their request.

Mayor Eccles noted that the intelligent communities designation involves more than just broadband/internet connection, as Grey County was judged on other innovative methods instituted by the County. Warden Barfoot encouraged individuals to google "intelligent communities" to learn more about the program.

Adele Goldsmith

Adele Goldsmith, owner of Part Lot 6, Concession 4, in the former Township of Glenelg, came before Council to express her concerns respecting large scale pig/turkey operations, citing a farm beside them that recently went to auction and remained on-sold at this time. She has been informed that the individuals wishing to purchase the property want to construct a pig barn and other properties may have similar uses in mind. Ms. Goldsmith indicated the establishment of pig barns would result in the de-valuation of their property. Ms. Goldsmith requested Council placing a moratorium on large scale livestock operations, similar to what another municipality south of West Grey has done, to provide an opportunity to study this matter and enact certain restrictions.

Council asked Ms. Goldsmith which municipality placed a moratorium respecting large scale livestock operations. Ms. Goldsmith responded she is not sure, but was told this is the case.

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The Clerk noted Section 38 of the Planning Act provides for an interim control by-law to be passed by local municipalities to place a one-year freeze on a certain type of development until a review or study is undertaken on the topic, and Council has the opportunity to pass a by-law to extend the interim control by-law for one additional year. The Building Department issues building permits based on applicable law, including the Building Code Act, and the West Grey Comprehensive Zoning By-law Number 37-2006, as amended, which includes Minimum Distance Separation requirements that have to be met for all livestock barn operations. The Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, establishes minimum distance separation requirements that are contained in the West Grey Comprehensive Zoning By-law. The Province recently updated minimum distance separation policies that in turn will be updated in the West Grey Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Council questioned the advisability of passing an interim control by-law to initiate a freeze on intensive livestock operations. Mayor Eccles indicated Council will consider if this can or should be done.

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting - None

Staff Reports

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 05/01/17
Approval of Accounts, Voucher #8-2017 – resolution #161-17

Hutchinson-Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts presented as Voucher #8-2017 of the Municipality of West Grey, in the amount of \$289,419.33. ... #161-17 Carried.

By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings

39-2017 A By-law to amend By-law Number 122-2004 (Municipality of West Grey Personnel Policy Manual) in order to establish a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Prevention Plan (Council requested the CAO/Deputy Clerk to invite a Grey County staff person with expertise on this matter to a future Council or Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion purposes.)

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- 45-2017 A By-law to enter into a weed inspector/enforcement contract position (Jennifer Watson) – resolution #162-17
- 46-2017 A By-law to assume Part of PIN 37230-0051, being Part of Lot 48, Concession 2 EGR, Geographic Township of Glenelg, being Part 1, Plan17R-2227, now in the Municipality of West Grey, County of Grey, as previously described in Instrument No. GS153907, into the municipal highway system – resolution #163-17
- 47-2017 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the May 1, 2017 Council meeting – resolution #164-17

Bell-Thompson, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 45-2017, being a By-law to enter into a weed inspector/enforcement contract position with Jennifer Watson, 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. ... #162-17 Carried.

Hergert-Cutting, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 46-2017, being a By-law to assume Part of PIN 37230-0051, being Part of Lot 48, Concession 2 EGR, Geographic Township of Glenelg, being Part 1, Plan17R-2227, now in the Municipality of West Grey, County of Grey, as previously described in Instrument No. GS153907, into the municipal highway system, 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. ... #163-17 Carried.

Hutchinson-Bell, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 47-2017, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the May 1, 2017 Council meeting, 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. ... #164-17 Carried.

New Business

Council discussed the decision of the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works to apportion out and tender the former Kelly Lantz

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contract in Neustadt, noting the tender doesn't close until May 11. Council discussed the possibility of extending the contract in the short-term to facilitate getting tables set up for the Neustadt Craft Show this weekend, and the upcoming Neustadt Crab, Steak & Lobsterfest. The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works reported that Tom Culliton, Arena Manager, has engaged Kelly Lantz to look after the tables for Neustadt Craft Show, and Mr. Lantz will cut the grass at the cut ball diamonds and parks in Neustadt in the interim.

Council asked if the tender includes work for setting up the tables at the Neustadt Arena that are required to be moved approximately 20 times per year. The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works indicated he thought it would be more cost efficient to tender out various facets of the former tender, and he is getting quotes on moving tables when needed at the Neustadt Arena.

Addendum - None

Notice of Motion/Direct Motions - None

Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a

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

Question Period

Marian Ratcliffe spoke in favour of the concerns expressed by Adele Goldsmith respecting intensive livestock operations, and asked that Council be pro-active with their by-laws. Marian Ratcliffe questioned the statement by the Mayor that West Grey can't be more restrictive than the Province. Mayor Eccles responded that typically that is the case, however, the Province requires municipalities to follow right-to-farm legislation, farm management plans, and minimum distance separation legislation, so cannot to be more restrictive.

Municipal Act – Notices - None

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Adjournment

Hergert, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 12:06 p.m., to meet again on May 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

(Signed)
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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