



## Minutes

Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole  
Held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.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 Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Absent</u>	Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rebecca Hergert
<u>Staff</u>	Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk; Laura Wilson – Administrative Assistant

### **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 that an Economic Development meeting was held on Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>. Updated West Grey maps will be distributed at the front counter. Durham Business Park sign was put up two weeks ago. The new sign has the businesses name, phone number, and email of groups and businesses in West Grey. Cathy Sweeney attended the Job fair in Owen Sound in February 2018 and it was a huge success. Butter Tarts and Buggies Agreement has been signed and several businesses in West Grey are taking part. There were discussions about starting a farmers market in Durham and the Saint and Sinners program is still going strong. There was a new advertisement placed in the Escape Grey Bruce. Cathy Sweeney is attending Economic Development training at the University of Waterloo from May 7-11, 2018. The 2018 Business Profiles are Candue Homes and Ground Effects.

#### 2) West Grey Parks Committee

Councillor Cutting reported that different trees are being donated throughout West Grey. Don and Susan Tremble are donating a Blue Spruce for West side of the Heritage Bridge. Mclean's Home Hardware has a tree project which will allow them to pay to have two trees planted in each community, upon the successful application submitted through Home Hardware. Durham Furniture is also interested in donating trees for the West Grey Community. The trees will be planted in fall 2018. Planting of flowers will start around the 1st of June.

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The Parks Committee is very interested in joining Communities in Bloom. Communities in Bloom is about greening through environmental, natural heritage conservation and horticultural actions that involves citizens, businesses, institutions, and municipalities. The program is focused on environmental stewardship through enhancement of green spaces. Resolution #COW 28-18

There is a Bee City Canada Society that promotes taking action to protect pollinators. The Parks Committee would like West Grey's support in the application to become a Bee City community. Referred back to the Parks Committee for further discussion.

**Cutting-Bell, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves applying as a "Friend" of the Communities in Bloom Ontario at a cost of \$250.00 for 2018, with funding being secured from the Parks Committee budget. #COW 28-18 Carried.**

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

Councillor Hutchinson noted that the craft show on May 5, 2018 at the Neustadt Arena was a success with 411 attendees and a total of 90 vendors. Pickle ball is doing well with 133 members. There are now 80 members signed up for soccer, new nets purchased.

Councillor Thompson noted the next Durham Recreation Meeting is on Thursday May 24, 2018. The committee awarded the contract for the construction of Diamond B fencing which is starting week May 14<sup>th</sup>. The speakers were replaced at the arena.

**4. Reports/Minutes from Other Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives**

1) West Grey Public Library Board

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Laura Johnston, CAO attended the April Meeting and was introduced to the board members. The yearend report is required to be completed by end of June. The West Grey Library is looking to hire a summer student which was advertised through the West Grey website and closed on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board received permission from Archives Ontario digitalize to our records from 1897-1940. There have been some repairs to the West Grey Libraries. There is a training session booked for June 5<sup>th</sup> for board members.

2) West Grey Police Services Board

Councillor Cutting reported that the last meeting was on May 8, 2018. The board will be attending the Ontario Association of Police Service Board Conference during the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>, where there will be programs on new regulations and sessions on the legalization of marijuana. There has been an increase in mental health calls in the last

month or two, and the board is looking to find different avenues for people to access services. West Grey Police Services Board has an agreement with Owen Sound for office back up when needed and to share IT services. The mutual ride program is planned for the August weekend for a joint effort to control impaired driving. The Touch a Truck Event is on Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Durham Arena.

3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission

Mayor Eccles reported airport is busy with the new restaurant, Tilly's Café and Bakery. Strategic planning meeting next week on financial sustainability.

4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Mayor Eccles reported the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with lower-tier member municipalities is still being worked on. The Board is continuing to work on greater revenue generation at the SVCA parks.

Deputy Mayor Bell reported that SVCA timber sales are up this year, with the result being the generation of an additional \$100,000+ in revenues.

5) Elmwood Community Centre Board

Mayor Eccles reported the boards focus is to complete kitchen renovations and they are making good progress. Bookings are up for 2018.

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

Councillor Bell informed the Committee that SMART wants to buy up to three (3) new vans. There was a discussion that SMART would be changing its mandate and will allow people who are 65 and older to ride through SMART.

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

Councillor Thompson reporting on behalf of the West Grey Chamber of Commerce, that the Annual General Meeting was held on April 17, 7:00 p.m., at the Durham Legion. Nella Monaco-Wells is the President and Tom Hutchinson is the Vice-President. The Chamber of Commerce is very active with new members. Nella request enhanced visitor signs and a new rack for brochures.

Councillor Hutchinson reported the Durham BIA is planning an Arts Festival July 13-14, 2018 in Durham. They are hoping owners will display paintings in their store. Saturday night there will be a street dance with a live band, in the parking lot of the credit union from around 6:00 to 11:00 pm. They are hoping to pair up with the lions club for fundraising. They are inquiring about closing Queen Street from the Credit Union to Colpeppers. Councillor Hutchinson mentioned that they are worried about power in the

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location and there will need to be a generator or some sort of power directed in that area.

Councillor Hutchinson reported that the Neustadt Business Groups main focus is refurbishing bulletin board on Main Street. Noah's Inn is open for business

It was asked if there are any Incentive programs for residents who live on the main street of Neustadt. The CAO will investigate this matter.

8) Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management

Councillor Cutting reported that the 2017 annual report indicated there were 48 incidents in 2017 within West Grey and Brockton. In 2018 there have been a total of 18 calls. Three members received appropriate training and are now fulltime fire fighters. In 2018, the Elmwood fire fighters are continuing training courses. Longtime service awards were given out on Sept 12, 2017.

At the last Elmwood Fire Community fishing derby there were 57 kids and there were 200 kids at the 2018 community Easter Egg Hunt. The Elmwood Fireman's Breakfast is booked for June 2, 2018 at 8:00 am.

Elmwood Fire Department presented a mock design of a home training facility behind the Elmwood Fire Station for a smoke house and a place where they can train in entry, removal, confined safe training. They were asked to bring more information to the next meeting.

9) Others

Durham Cemetery Decoration Day is set for June 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**Bell-Cutting, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 11:31 a.m., to meet again on May 28, 2018, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.**

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(Signed)  
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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Mark Turner, Clerk