



**MINUTES**  
**For the Regular Meeting of the**  
**Council of the Municipality of West Grey**  
**Held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office**

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<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Don B. Marshall, 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.

**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**

**Marshall-Cutting, Be it resolved that, Items A1 to C1 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. ... #398-16** **Carried.**

**Adoption of Minutes**

Council:

- A1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – November 7, 2016  
Minutes of Committee of the Whole (Planning) Meeting – November 14, 2016

Committees:

- A2 West Grey Committee of Adjustment – October 11, 2016  
West Grey Committee of Adjustment – November 14, 2016  
(draft)

Other

- A3 Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit – September 19, 2016  
Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group – October 13, 2016

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Elmwood Community Centre Board – October 18, 2016 –  
resolution #399-16

**Hutchinson-Bell, Be it resolved that, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of West Grey, held on November 7, 2016; and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Planning) Meeting, held on November 21, 2016; be adopted, as amended, and as printed, respectively; 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. ... #399-16 Carried.**

**Award of Tenders**

B1 None

**Routine Department Reports**

C1 Director of Building Services/C.B.O. – Report #CBOC 11/21/16  
(received for information)

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

- D1 Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration – re: June Callwood  
Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario
- D2 Township of Southgate – Southgate Council resolution in support  
of Grey County’s resolution re: inequity between rural and urban  
hydro rates

**Future Committee Meetings**

E1 West Grey Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 28,  
2016, 9:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office

**Part II - Regular Agenda**

**Communications from the Mayor and Council**

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

**Delegations**

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Loretta Dunn, Dave Bradley, Wally Halliday, Mary Lou Pfeffer, et al., Council on Aging – Grey, Bruce, Owen Sound

Loretta Dunn, Dave Bradley, Wally Halliday, Mary Lou Pfeffer, et al., Council on Aging – Grey, Bruce, Owen Sound, came before Council to discuss the proposed formation of a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) in partnership with West Grey.

Mary Lou Pfeffer and Loretta Dunn provided a number of statistics that portrays the need to enhance seniors services in this area, and to educate seniors as to the services available in the region.

Mary Lou Pfeffer identified ways that a Community Advisory Committee can assist seniors in West Grey, and how Age Friendly Communities ties in with the West Grey Action Plan.

Mary Lou Pfeffer identified the 8 points of an Age Friendly Community, including outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, respect and social inclusion, social participation, communications and information, civic participation, and community supports and health services.

To summarize, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet with seniors in all areas of West Grey to gauge the issues that are important to them using the 8 points of an Age Friendly Community as a springboard. It is hoped a Seniors' Health Fair will be held in late spring in Durham, to inform seniors of current topics that impact them. The CAC will be in direct consultation with seniors allowing West Grey Council to have current information when setting priorities.

Mary Lou Pfeffer indicated the Council for Aging Grey Bruce Owen Sound is asking for support from West Grey Council by appointing a representative on the CAC, and providing resources to support such things as submission of grant applications, and covering costs for meeting halls as they travel around the municipality.

Council asked if 2-1-1 services are utilized. Mary Lou Pfeffer indicated probably not to the extent they could be.

Mayor Eccles noted one of the biggest issues in rural Ontario is the availability and cost of transportation. The Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit is promoted well throughout the area, although more can be done to inform potential users of this service.

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Mayor Eccles thanked the Council for Aging Grey, Bruce, Owen Sound representatives for their presentation, and noted their requests will be taken up for further consideration during the November 28, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Patrick Gillette, Director, Kinet Ontario – a subsidiary of Natel Energy  
Patrick Gillette, Director, Kinet Ontario – a subsidiary of Natel Energy, gave a powerpoint presentation to council respecting a proposed small Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) at the Durham Middle Dam, for water power generation.

Mr. Gillette requested the Municipality of West Grey Council to pass a Municipal Council Support Resolution in support of the proposed small FIT project no later than November 28. The resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT program. Discussions with municipal staff would be held in 2016/17 on how to optimize local benefits from the project, and how to work with the community.

Council asked Mr. Gillette if he has discussed the proposed project with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA). Mr. Gillette responded that he has just initiated discussions with the SVCA regarding flood control. Mr. Gillette stated the project will not be able to proceed unless it is demonstrated that the proposed project is either enhancing or not impacting flood control.

Council expressed a concern regarding the potential change of water level of water in the Mill Pond, and resulting impact on swimmers, etc. Mr. Gillette indicated the project would not be permitted to impact these uses, and access will still be available to the walkway.

Council noted there may be an error in the Service Ontario map provided by the applicant. Mr. Gillette will review this with their solicitor.

Council asked why the proposed project was not presented earlier as the November 28 is a very short deadline for Council to respond when there are many questions that Council needs answers to. Mr. Gillette apologized for the short notice.

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Council asked what are the benefits to West Grey if the project ensues. Mr. Gillette noted that the IESO process would likely cover legal costs to the municipality incurred as part of the engagement process, and the company is willing to share in revenues and benefits.

Council inquired if the small FIT projects are being cancelled, as there is a moratorium on large FIT projects. Mr. Gillette surmised that this may be the last round, or second last round, as the Provincial government is under a lot of pressure to keep electricity costs under control.

Council asked if there is to be access from Garafraxa Street. Mr. Gillette indicated they do not plan to access the project from Garafraxa Street, and will utilize an access that creates the least disruption.

Council expressed concerns with the proposed infrastructure location as it would appear to be in a floodplain area, and recommended Mr. Gillette contact the SVCA regarding this issue.

Council asked about the projected water levels in the winter time. Mr. Gillette indicated a minimal flow is required or the plant would have to shut down temporarily, however, it would be designed to minimize impact.

Council asked about the projected size of generation. Mr. Gillette responded it will be between 200-250 kW.

Council asked if the Municipal Support Resolution is approved, can Council not support the project at a later stage. Mr. Gillette responded affirmatively.

Council asked if any studies have been completed on the potential impact on the flow of water on the lower Durham Dam. Mr. Gillette asked if a water management plan was completed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), and Council noted it is not aware of such a plan being completed. Mr. Gillette reiterated that they cannot create negative impacts, and the MNRF and SVCA will ensure no negative impacts are realized. Mr. Gillette stated the company will have to demonstrate that they will be improving the water flow.

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Council asked if some trees may need to be cut down, and if so, where. Mr. Gillette noted it depends where the power house is located.

Council asked who will own the infrastructure when the contract expires. Mr. Gillette responded that it is normally the proponent (MNR), or there could be an option for a partnership, or in the long term, the municipality may assume ownership.

Council asked if Natel Energy is a Fortune 500 company. Mr. Gillette indicated Natel Energy is not a Fortune 500 company, as it is a small company with approximately 30 employees in California.

Council asked why the Durham site was selected by Natel Energy. Mr. Gillette indicated that Bobcaygeon and Peterborough project sites were also selected.

Council asked if the project goes forward, will the company maintain the dam. Mr. Gillette responded affirmatively. Council asked if the Municipal Support Resolution is not approved by Council, what will Natel Energy do. Mr. Gillette indicated there is an option to submit an application without municipal support, however, it makes it quite difficult to gain approval in that case.

Mr. Gillette reiterated that Council has the power to stop the project. Council questioned if a municipality can stop the project as the Green Energy Act has largely taken away the powers of the municipality for these projects. Mr. Gillette noted there is a great deal of power through the Environmental Approval process, and emphasized there is a different approval process for water power generation, as opposed to the approval process for solar/wind turbine projects.

Council indicated Durham has encountered major problems in the past with flooding due to frazil ice, until actions were taken to mitigate future frazil ice issues. Council noted it wants input from the SVCA and studies indicating there would be no flooding/frazil ice impacts. – resolution #400-16 #401-16

Council requested Mr. Gillette to attend as a delegation to the November 28, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting to further discuss the concerns of Council.

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Council also requested municipal staff to contact the SVCA to request a suitable SVCA staff member attend the November 28, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting during Mr. Gillette's delegation.

Council requested Mr. Gillette to provide the regulations indicating a municipality has the authority to stop the project if given initial approval. Mr. Gillette mentioned he can send a copy of the Lakes & Rivers Improvement Act, and Water Power Class EA process. Mr. Gillette stressed that he is not aware that the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOEE) has given approval where an agency is not satisfied that their concerns are addressed, unless the company believes it has satisfactorily addressed the issues, and that being the case, the company can request the MOEE to make a decision.)

A Special Council meeting is to be held on November 28, 2016, 1:00 p.m., at the West Grey Municipal Office, for Council to consider the Municipal Support Resolution after Mr. Gillette's delegation at the November 28, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Marshall-Hutchinson, WHEREAS capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 5.0.**

**AND WHEREAS Kinet Ontario (the "Applicant") proposes to construct and operate a Waterpower (the "Project") on Durham Dam (provincial), Saugeen River (the "Lands") in the Municipality of West Grey under the province's FIT Program; AND WHEREAS the Applicant has requested that the Council of West Grey indicate by resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property; AND WHEREAS pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 5.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of West Grey supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.**

**This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Projects, or for any other purpose.**

**... #400-16**

**TABLED.**

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**Lawrence-Cutting, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby tables resolution #400-16 until November 28, 2016. ... #401-16 Carried.**

**Business Arising from the Previous Meeting - None**

**Staff Reports**

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 11/21/16  
Approval of Accounts, Voucher 21-2016 – resolution #402-16

**Bell-Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts presented as Voucher #21-2016 of the Municipality of West Grey, in the amount of \$801,395.52. ... #402-16 Carried.**

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report #DIPW 11/21/16  
Spectrum Communication Ltd. Use of Durham Standpipe (see By-law Number 96-2016 – sections 3 & 14 amended)  
Hanover/Neustadt Snowmobile Club – resolution #403-16

**Lawrence-Cutting, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Deputy Clerk to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to permit the use of municipal lands for snowmobiling purposes by the Hanover Neustadt Snowmobile Club, described as Part Lots 4, 5 & 7, Concession 14, former Township of Normanby, from November 21, 2016 to May 1, 2017, subject to the Municipality of West Grey being added as an additionally insured party by the Hanover Neustadt Snowmobile Club, and a copy of the insurance certificate being provided to the Municipality of West Grey. ... #403-16 Carried.**

Clerk – Report #CR 11/21/16  
Township of North Frontenac – resolution #404-16  
Township of South Stormont – resolution #405-16  
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby-Ottawa – resolution #406-16  
Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group (Council requested the clerk to obtain a copy of a resolution or submission from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie regarding the Provinces' Long-Term Energy Plan, and bring back for discussion purposes at the December 5, 2016 Council meeting)

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**Thompson-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the Township of North Frontenac Council requesting the Province to remove the distribution charges from consumer's electrical bills to make it more affordable and more comparative to other Provinces;**

**And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy, and local MPPs.**

**... #404-16**

**Carried.**

**Lawrence-Cutting, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the Township of South Stormont Council regarding school closures;**

**And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Education, and local MPPs.**

**... #405-16**

**Carried.**

**Thompson-Bell, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports Bill 9, entitled, End Age Discrimination Against Stroke Recovery Patients Act, 2016, introduced by MPP Lorne Coe;**

**And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and local MPPs. ... #406-16**

**Carried.**

CAO/Deputy Clerk - #CR 11/21/16

Delegations at the upcoming ROMA conference - Two delegation requests were submitted for the upcoming 2017 ROMA Conference. One request was to meet with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) regarding their connecting link program and one to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to discuss the non-release of submitted environmental studies by the proponents of Industrial Wind projects. (received for information)

Joint delegation requests for 2017 ROMA conference - In consultation with our neighbouring communities - Chatsworth, Grey Highlands and Southgate - four submissions for delegations have been submitted: Ministry of Finance to discuss the new market value assessment for farm land change in comparison to residential; Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding wolf and coyote hunting bans in other parts of Ontario - are we next?; Ministry of Energy - Rural Electricity rates and delivery charges - working with the County on this delegation; and

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Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs CWWF formula to set base funding. (received for information)

**By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings**

94-2016 A By-law to appoint officials and citizens to various committees – resolution #407-16

95-2016 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the November 21, 2016 Council meeting – resolution #408-16

**Thompson-Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 94-2016, being a By-law appoint officials and citizens to various committees, 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. ... #407-16 Carried.**

**Marshall-Cutting, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 95-2016, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, 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. ... #408-16 Carried.**

**New Business - None**

**Addendum - None**

**Notice of Motion/Direct Motions**

Invoices – resolution #409-16

By-law Number 96-2016 – resolution #410-16

**Bell-Thompson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves an invoice from H. Bye Construction in the amount of \$114,467.58 (includes HST) for maintenance gravel, and an invoice from Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd., in the amount of \$88,262.55 (includes HST), for maintenance gravel. ... #409-16 Carried.**

**Cutting-Lawrence, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 96-2016, being a By-law to authorize entering into an Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and Spectrum Communications Ltd., for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining communications equipment on the Durham**

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**Stand Pipe Water Tower located at the intersection of Garafraxa Street and John Street, 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 CAO/Deputy Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. ... #410-16** **Carried.**

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

**Question Period**

Bob Miller asked if internet/telephone voting is approved, how will electors be able to vote if they don't have the internet. Mayor Eccles responded that Council has not decided yet on the method of voting in the next municipal election. Mayor Eccles noted that if internet/telephone voting is approved, electors can vote by telephone, and if they do not have the internet, they can vote at "Help Centres" - municipal facilities (i.e. municipal office, libraries), that will provide electors with access to computers and the internet.

Bob Miller asked whether or not there will be cost savings resulting from the recent placement of new LED streetlights in the municipality. Mayor Eccles indicated that it is recognized by Hydro One that the new LED lights will provide energy savings of between 60-70%, and there is a projected payback of approximately 3.5 years.

**Municipal Act – Notices - None**

**Adjournment**

**Hutchinson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 9:28 p.m., to meet again on December 5, 2016, 10:00 a.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