



**Minutes**  
**Municipality of West Grey Special Committee**  
**of the Whole Meeting**  
**Held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office**

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<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Don B. Marshall, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Absent</u>	Deputy Mayor John A. Bell
<u>Staff</u>	Larry C. Adams, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk; Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer.

**Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

– Councillor Marshall declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the potential sale of the former Durham Library building and he left the meeting during discussion of same.

**Closed Session**

**Lawrence-Thompson, Whereas, the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Section 239 (2), authorizes Councils of municipalities to close to the public a meeting or part of a meeting for dealing with certain subject matters,**

**Now therefore be it resolved that, the Special Committee of the Whole (2017 Preliminary Budget) Meeting, does now go into a closed session at 9:08 a.m., with the CAO/Deputy Clerk, Clerk, and Director of Finance/Treasurer, to discuss items which relate to labour relations or employee negotiations.**

**... #COW 75-16** **Carried.**

**Lawrence-Cutting, Be it resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby returns to Open Session at 9:19 a.m.**

**... #COW 76-16** **Carried.**

(Mayor Eccles confirmed that only closed session items identified were discussed in closed session)

**Matters Arising from Closed Session - None**

**Items of Business**

- 1) 2017 Preliminary Budget

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2017 Wage Grid Adjustment – resolutions #COW 77-16, #COW 78-16, #COW 79-16

**Lawrence-Cutting, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves a 1.5% increase in the 2017 grid adjustment for municipal staff and Council.**

**Recorded Vote**

**For: Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence**

**Against: Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Don B. Marshall, Councillor Rob Thompson**

**...#COW 77-16 Tied Vote – DEFEATED.**

**Thompson-Hutchinson, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby amends resolution #COW 75-16 by increasing the 2017 grid adjustment by 1.8%**

**Recorded Vote**

**For: Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Rob Thompson**

**Against: Councillor Bev Cutting, Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Don B. Marshall**

**...#COW 78-16 DEFEATED.**

**Cutting-Thompson, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves a 1.6% increase in the 2017 grid adjustment for municipal staff and Council.**

**Recorded Vote**

**For: Councillor Bev Cutting, Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Rob Thompson**

**Against: Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Don B. Marshall**

**...#COW 79-16 Carried.**

The Committee of the Whole temporarily adjourned for lunch at 12:10 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

The Other Library budget was discussed. Councillor Marshall left the meeting during discussions relating to the possible sale of the Durham Public Library property.

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It was noted that the legal encroachment issues with the Knox United Church at the former Durham Library building have yet to be finalized.

**Hutchinson-Cutting, Resolved that, a letter of opinion from our Real Estate Broker be requested for the former Durham Public Library building located at 240 Garafraxa St N.**

**... #80-16**

**Carried.**

It was the consensus that revenues from the sale of the former Durham Library would be applied to the unfinanced balance of the purchase and renovations at 453 Garafraxa St S.

Councillor Marshall rejoined the meeting. Discussions ensued on the Elmwood Resource Centre and it was the consensus to include \$25,000 as a capital expense for options for an Elmwood Library. Councillor Marshall advised the Committee that the Elmwood Resource Centre is not being utilized very much. It was noted that there are reports that there may be a renewed interest in requesting the County of Grey to investigate a County-Wide Library Service.

The Planning Budget was reviewed. It was suggested that any unused West Grey/Hanover Collaborative Expenses for the road environmental assessment in 2016 should be transferred to a Planning Reserve and utilized to offset the 2017 project expenses. It was the consensus to add 12,500 transfer from Planning Reserve in 2017 budget. It was also decided to increase revenues from Zoning Amendment Fees to \$14,000 and Minor Variance Fees to \$1,800.

It was the consensus that the budget for West Grey's share of the Saugeen Municipal Airport levy should include the one time funding request on the provision that Hanover and Brockton approve the one time funding as well. It was suggested that taxi licensing fees be reviewed.

Discussions ensued on the Canada 150 grant from West Grey. It was suggested that requests for funding would be submitted to the West Grey/Canada 150 Committee to review and provide recommendations to Council.

The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority 2017 Draft Budget is proposing a 1.4% (\$22,360) municipal levy increase (\$2,193 increase

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in West Grey levy), to be voted on during the December 8, 2016 SVCA Board of Directors meeting.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Clerk to contact the West Grey Property Standards Officer to request her attendance at the November 28, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss general enforcement issues.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Director of Finance/Treasurer to send a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change requesting approval to utilize unspent Source Water Protection funding for future contract labour costs. The Committee of the Whole requested the Clerk to invite Source Protection staff to a future Committee of the Whole meeting to provide an update on their work to date.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Director of Finance/Treasurer to include the issue of staffing considerations as an item on the December 19, 2016 Special Committee of the Whole (2017 Preliminary Budget) Meeting Agenda.

The Committee of the Whole retained the \$25,000 line item for Canada 150 celebrations.

**Adjournment**

**Cutting, Resolved that, the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting hereby adjourns at 3:14 p.m., to meet again as a Committee of the Whole on November 28, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.**

**Carried.**

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(Signed)  
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

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