



Minutes

Municipality of West Grey Special Committee of the Whole (2018 Preliminary Budget) Meeting

Held on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

<u>Council</u>	Mayor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Absent</u>	Deputy Mayor John A. Bell
<u>Staff</u>	Mark Turner, Clerk (arrived at 11:55 a.m.); Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer Tom Culliton & Randy Murray, Recreation Facilities Managers (during Recreation budget discussions); Phil Schwartz, Fire Chief (during Fire budget discussions)

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof - None

Items of Business – 2018 Preliminary Budgets:

1. Recreation

The Committee of the Whole suggested that Minor Ball rental rates for the ball diamonds, as well as private swim lesson rates, be examined during the overall fees and changes review. It was also suggested that a netting/mesh be considered as part of at the Durham Ball Diamond "A" backstop project. Some concerns were expressed that there should be a greater staff presence/availability during hall rentals at our recreation facilities. The Facility Managers will review this and report back. The Durham Arena Hall utilities budget was increased by \$15,000 for a total of \$75,000. The Summer Program Revenues was increased by \$2,000.

The Facility Manager will investigate the possibility of overhauling the dehumidifiers as opposed to replacement of the compressor at the Normanby Arena. Discussions ensued on preventing overnight parking at the Arena/Hall parking lots. The Treasurer will contact the insurer in this regard to see if they have any concerns. It was the consensus to defer the Normanby Centennial Hall kitchen renovation and instead \$2,500 to a reserve for the kitchen renovation. The Neustadt Arena Program Revenue was increased by \$2,000.

The Committee of the Whole temporarily adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m., and reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

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2. Fire

The Committee of the Whole requested the proposed 2018 Neustadt Fire Department revenue for 2018 be increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000. It was decided to utilize \$4,500 from the Fire Truck Reserve for the refurbishment of the Durham Tanker 14.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Fire Chief to bring a proposed fees for service proposal to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion purposes. The Committee of the Whole indicated the Fire Chief might wish to obtain the fees for service document from the Elmwood Joint Fire Department as they recently approved increased rates.

Emergency Measures – remove \$5,500 emergency measures rent item as the approved new West Grey storage building will be used in lieu of renting a facility. Equipment upgrades – proposal to purchase 30 cots at a cost of \$3,000 was removed from the budget – Mayor Eccles will check with Grey County to determine if an agreement with the County can be arranged regarding the provision of cots.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Director of Finance/Treasurer to review the proposed \$6,900 health services membership/conference line item re: HRdownloads, to determine if it is worthwhile to continue with this service.

There is a projected decrease of 0.43% overall in the 2018 West Grey Fire Department operational budget.

3. Economic Development

There is no projected increase in the 2018 budget. A downtown revitalization program for downtown Durham will be considered in conjunction with the proposed 2019 "Big Dig", dependent on West Grey obtaining an OCIF grant, with possible funding from the economic development reserve.

4. West Grey Public Library Board

The Committee of the Whole deferred discussions respecting the proposed 2018 budget for the West Grey Public Library until the CEO/Chief Librarian and Board Chair can attend a future budget meeting to answer questions from the Committee of the Whole.

5. Director of Infrastructure and Public Works (re-scheduled to next Special Committee of the Whole (2018 Budget) Meeting)

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The Committee of the Whole tentatively scheduled Special Committee of the Whole meetings for 2018 Budget purposes to be held on November 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m., and on November 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m., at the West Grey Municipal Office.

Adjournment

Cutting, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 3:59 p.m. Carried.

(Signed)

Kevin Eccles, Mayor

(Signed)

Mark Turner, Clerk