



Minutes

**Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole
Held on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 9:00 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>	Mark Turner, Clerk Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Brent Glasier, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works; Phil Schwartz, Fire Chief – during reports

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof – None

Closed Session - None

REGULAR AGENDA:

Matters Arising from the Closed Session – n/a
Public Meetings - None

Delegations

Grey Bruce Health Unit

Sarah Ellis, Program Manager and Chief Nursing Officer; Lynda Bumstead, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; and Tim Duivesteyn; Grey Bruce Health Unit, gave a powerpoint presentation respecting the Opioid Crisis in Bruce-Grey.

Opioids are a family of drugs that have morphine-like effects. The primary medical use for prescription opioids is to relieve pain. Opioids can also produce euphoria, making them prone to abuse. The most commonly misused opioids are prescription drugs. Opioids are depressant drugs, which means that they slow down the part of the brain that controls breathing.

Ms. Ellis shared some harrowing statistics, noting that 1 person dies every 12 hours in Ontario from an Opioid overdose; 1 in 170 deaths in Ontario is now related to opioid use; and 1 in 8 deaths of young adults (25-34 years) is related to opioids.

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In Grey-Bruce, Opioid related Emergency Department visits have tripled over the past 14 years; acute opioid toxicity rates have increased by 2.5x since 2002; and between 2010 and 2014, Grey Bruce had 9 deaths related to acute fentanyl toxicity. There is a new Opioid tracking tool from Public Health Ontario.

Some of the factors contributing to the opioid crisis include trends in High Dose Prescribing; no increase in addiction or mental health services; and the lack of understanding and treatment options for chronic pain.

Ms. Ellis indicated the next steps to address the opioid crisis is to advocate for more funding to develop a community opioid response; increase monitoring and surveillance; work with physicians, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, and dentists about safe prescribing; increase public awareness; educate target groups; and engage municipal leaders.

The Committee of the Whole asked if there are any needle exchange facilities in West Grey, and questioned if opioids are injected or ingested. Sarah Ellis responded that opioids can be consumed in many forms, including by injection, and indicated there is a needle exchange at the Durham Hospital apothecary.

The Committee of the Whole noted the "Bring Back" prescription drug campaign in Owen Sound was successful, and asked if this initiative will be tried in other local communities. Sarah Ellis indicated the expansion of this program is being considered.

The Committee of the Whole questioned why the Province does not regulate the number of opioids that can be prescribed.

The Committee of the Whole asked how many free treatment centres are there in Grey-Bruce for treating addictions. Sarah Ellis responded that there is only one such facility in Grey-Bruce at this time. Lynda Bumstead stated the Health Unit is looking at best practices to support individuals in the community. Sarah Ellis mentioned that one of the shortcomings of the residential programs is even after treatment, the individual may not have a job, housing, or care in the community, so the individual tends to relapse, so the Health Unit is trying to provide these supports.

The Committee of the Whole questioned how many recovery homes are located in Grey-Bruce? Sarah Ellis indicated there is one recovery home in Grey-Bruce. The Committee of the Whole noted the Health Unit needs to

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advocate for additional funding from the Province. Ms. Bumstead mentioned that the Health Unit is primarily trying to address how to avoid opioid use.

The Committee of the Whole asked if the Health Unit is making schools aware of the dangers of opioids. Ms. Bumstead responded affirmatively, not that both school boards have contacted for discussions regarding both drugs and alcohol, and have requested these issues be included in school curriculums.

Mayor Eccles thanked the Grey Bruce Health Unit representatives for their presentation.

Rakesh Sharma, GSS Engineering

Rakesh Sharma, GSS Engineering, presented the Durham Sewer CAD Modelling update, to assess the impacts on the existing sewer system that may result due to residential plans of subdivision being proposed in Durham.

Durham sewage collection system concerns include flows greater than capacity, sewer surcharge, and need for timely replacement of some sewers. The sanitary sewers are designed to handle peak domestic sewage flows, however, there can be infiltration from leaky joints, or inflows from foundation drains or sump pump connections.

The Durham Sewage Treatment Plant is designated for a average daily flow of 2,184 cubic metres/day with peak flows of 6,816 cubic metres/day.

Rakesh Sharma provide four modelling scenarios as follows: Model Run 1 – peak sewage flow – no inflow & infiltrations, no new subdivisions; Model Run 3 – peak sewage flow – no inflow & infiltrations, new subdivisions; Model Run 4 – peak sewage flow – inflow & infiltration @ 112 litres/m/day, all new subdivisions except SMRS Subdivision; and Model Run 6 – peak sewage flow – inflow & infiltration @ 112 litres/m/day, all new subdivisions including SMRS Subdivision. There are deficiencies in the existing sewer system that are progressively greater from Model Run 1 to Model Run 6.

Mr. Sharma indicated one possible next step is to conduct smoke testing to determine cross connections that exist, however, the smoke system will not work in all cases. Mr. Sharma recommended the monitoring of sewage flows at select locations including Durham Rd. East & Garafraxa Street; Saddler & Queen Street; Saddler & Bruce Street; and South Street & Countess Street. Rakesh Sharma noted he obtained a quote of \$30,000 from a consulting firm to complete this work, however, Mr. Sharma felt the work may cost closer to

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\$40,000.00. The completion of this work would serve to identify extraneous flows and provide for a remedial action plan.

The Committee of the Whole referred this matter for further discussion during the November 2, 2017 Special Committee of the Whole (2018 Preliminary Budget) meeting.

The Committee of the Whole temporarily adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m., and a Special Council meeting, and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

Business Arising From Previous Meeting - None

Staff Reports

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report COW #10/30/17

Road Supervisor's Report - Staff have been busy with the following activities: Fall grading as weather permits; brush mower continues to cut brush along road sides; construction on Concession 4 NDR between Allan Park Road and Mulock Road continues; completion of this year's work to end by Nov. 3rd; staff have commenced equipping some of the machinery with winter maintenance equipment; and staff attended a Winter Ops training hosted by the Grey County Public Works Association. (received for information)

Utilities Supervisor's Report - Staff have been busy with the following activities: Prepping George and Queen Street hot mix spot repairs; rehabilitating boulevard from new sidewalk installation along Garafraxa St. from Elizabeth Street to the new Library; staff attended a Winter Ops training hosted by the Grey County Public Work Association; and Utilities Supervisor attend training for CRS certification that covered the following subjects; process management, continuous improvement and communications. (received for information)

Equipment - No major issues, Tandem TR10WG is requiring a new regen muffler at approx. \$4,000 cost. Tandems are in the que for annual safety inspections. (received for information)

Contracted Work - Repairs to Bridge #26 on Mulock Road are now complete and road reopened. Curb and sidewalk repairs on George and Queen Street are now complete. New sidewalk on Garafraxa Street from Elizabeth Street to new Library now complete. Hot mix repairs to George Street and resurfacing of Starret Lane, McDonald Cres., Queen Street from Lambton to George Street and Barbra Street in Neustadt from Queen Street to William Street and paving at the Neustadt Arena has commenced and expected to be completed the week of October 30th. Durham Walkway Bridge update, the

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contractor has scheduled the week of Nov. 6, 2017 to commence the project. (received for information)

Appointment of New Drainage Superintendent for West Grey – resolution #COW 47-17

Bill Bishop (The Committee of the Whole authorized the Director to offer to pay approximately \$200 for the load of gravel used for remedial measures relating to flooding.)

Bell-Lawrence, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council appoints Cobide Engineering as the new West Grey Drainage Superintendent. ... #COW 47-17 Carried.

Director of Finance/Treasurer – Report COW #10/30/17

Hope Haven Therapeutic Riding – Request for Donation (received for information)

Fire Chief – Report COW #10/30/17

Grey County Emergency Management Mutual Assistance Agreement – resolution #COW 48-17

Fees for Service By-law (The Committee of the Whole referred this item for further discussion during the November 14, 2017 Special Committee of the Whole (2018 Preliminary Budget) meeting.)

Hergert-Thompson, Resolved that, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council approves entering into a Grey County Emergency Management Mutual Assistance Agreement. ... #COW 48-17 Carried.

Clerk – Report COW #10/30/17

Proposed 2018 Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting Dates & 2018 Committee of Adjustment/Committee of the Whole (Planning) Meeting Dates (The Clerk will bring this item forward to the November 6 Council meeting, as well as the changes discussed under “New Business”.)

Nic Whiteside – letter requesting approval of Sunday gun hunting (received for information)

Christmas/New Year – West Grey Office Hours (received for information)

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) 2018 Annual Conference (The Committee of the Whole requested a delegation with the Minister of Transportation Ontario be submitted for MTO to consider maintenance costs as well as capital works being eligible for Connecting Link funding. Another delegation is to be requested with the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change regarding the insufficient response to wind turbine complaints. The

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Director of Infrastructure and Public Works will contact the MTO regarding the proposed OCIF project and possible repair work that can be completed on the Garafraxa street bridge at the same time to minimize disruption to downtown businesses. Councillor Cutting, with Council input, will prepare a list to provide to Grey County and lower tier member municipalities to submit to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board detailing their expectations when requesting delegations to various Ministers, such as anticipated responses times, and more timely confirmation of delegation approvals.)

Durham Murals (The West Grey Economic Development Committee has expressed interest in assuming the responsibility for preserving existing murals and possibly proposing new murals, and will discuss this item at their next meeting. Steve Ayerhart, West Grey Utilities Supervisor, indicated by email he is obtaining a few more quotes from individuals for mural repairs.)

Mandatory Drug Testing for New Employees (The Clerk will update Council when new policies and best practices are developed upon the implementation of cannabis legislation.)

Proposed Elmwood Public Library Building (The Committee of the Whole expressed an openness to considering the proposal from the Bruce County Public Library Board to provide a bookmobile in Elmwood, and requested this item be further discussed with West Grey Public Library Board representatives during the November 2, 2017 Special Committee of the Whole (2018 Preliminary Budget) meeting.)

West Grey/Hanover Police Steering Committee (Councillor Cutting reported the steering committee is meeting this Wednesday, and will be reviewing revised financial spreadsheets, as well as discussing the location of a proposed police building. There may be a recommendation presented during the November 6, 2017 Council meeting from West Grey representatives on the steering committee. Mayor Eccles noted an ad was placed in The Post by the Town of Hanover seeking a new police constable due to the resignation of a Hanover constable that has accepted a position with the West Grey Police Service.)

Financial Securities for Plan of Subdivision Agreements (The Committee of the Whole requested the Clerk to forward the subdivision agreement template to solicitor, Erroll Treslan, to incorporate appropriate clauses respecting the requirement for financial securities in the amount of 100% of the estimated cost of works of the most expensive phase of the subdivision, in the form of an Irrevocable Letter of Credit, with these securities to be held by the municipality until completion of the final phase.)

Reports/Minutes from Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

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1) West Grey Economic Development Committee

Councillor Thompson reported the Committee was successful in obtaining a \$5,000 grant from Grey County, of which \$2,500 was allocated towards the Saugeen Connects initiative, and \$2,500 used to hire a reporter/writer to produce a pamphlet/inventory to promote local businesses. A new sign for the Durham Business Park is made, and business park owners will pay for their own sign to be placed underneath it.

Councillor Thompson further reported that Kevin Drier, will be the West Grey representative on a regional advisory group of local business owners to advise the Saugeen Economic Development Committee (SEDC) of what is happening from a business perspective.

2) West Grey Parks Committee – no report

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

- Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee – September 20, 2017 minutes

Councillor Lawrence, reporting on behalf of the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated the new decorative streetlights will arrive by November 1 and will be up in time for the November 19 Ayton Christmas tree lighting event. Ayton entrance signs are done. An Elvis Tribute event and New Years' Eve Gala event will be held.

Councillor Lawrence, reporting on behalf of the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee, noted the new music system was delivered and will be installed shortly. There are 135 vendors for the Neustadt Craft Show. Tom Culliton, Normanby/Neustadt Arena Facilities Manager, has indicated he wants the vending machine at the Neustadt Arena to be removed as it is not providing a positive cash flow – this item will be brought to the attention of the Director of Finance/Treasurer as the proposed Coca-Cola contract will need to be amended accordingly. The Committee of the Whole will also discuss the need for a soft drink contract.)

Councillor Thompson, reporting on behalf of the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated the Shopping Expo will take place on November 25, and noted there are over 25 tables to date. There will be a Christmas event at the Durham Arena on December 10, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with posters being circulated this week. The West Grey Fire Department inspected the Durham Arena and a few minor repairs are required. Three loads of sand

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were placed on ball diamonds A & B. The Middle dam washrooms have been cleaned and winterized. the perimeter of the basketball court next to the Durham tennis courts is to be paved.

Reports/Minutes from Other Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

- 1) West Grey Public Library Board (no report due to time constraints)
- 2) West Grey Police Services Board (no report due to time constraints)
- 3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission
 - September 20, 2017 minutes (no report due to time constraints)
- 4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors (no report due to time constraints)
- 5) Elmwood Community Centre Board
 - September 19, 2017 minutes (no report due to time constraints)
- 6) Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Corporation (S.M.A.R.T.) (no report due to time constraints)

- 7) West Grey Chamber of Commerce/Durham BIA/Neustadt Business Group
 - West Grey Chamber of Commerce - September 5, 2017 minutes

Councillor Hutchinson, reporting on behalf of the Neustadt Business Group, stated plans for the Christmas in the Village event are underway. There was a small profit realized from Canada 150 celebrations, and the Neustadt Business Group has inquired if some display cases can be built at the Neustadt Hall to display some historical artifacts that were provided by individuals. The Committee of the Whole indicated the request for the display cases should be submitted by the Neustadt Business Group to the Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee for a recommendation to Council.

Councillor Hutchinson reported that the Durham BIA will be meeting with the West Grey Parks Committee to discuss placement of banners in the downtown area.

- 8) Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management (no report due to time constraints)
- 9) Others – no report due to time constraints)

New Business

The Committee of the Whole requested the proposed 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting dates be changed so Committee of the Whole meetings are

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scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. to discuss Committee updates only, on the morning of scheduled planning meetings. The Committee of the Whole meetings typically held on the last Monday of each month, will solely deal with Staff Reports and delegations.

The Committee of the Whole requested the Clerk to invite the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change representative in Owen Sound to a future Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss concerns respecting responses to wind turbine complaints.

Adjournment

**Lawrence, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 5:38 p.m., to meet again on November 27, 2017, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor.
Carried.**

(Signed)
Kevin Eccles, Mayor

(Signed)
Mark Turner, Clerk