



## Minutes

Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole  
Held on Monday, September 10, 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 Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Rob Thompson
<u>Absent</u>	Councillor Carol Lawrence
<u>Staff</u>	Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk Cathy Sweeney, Economic Development, Tourism & Promotions (during West Grey Chamber/BIA discussion)

### Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – None

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

- 1) West Grey Economic Development Committee
  - July 24, 2018 minutes

The Committee of the Whole questioned what West Grey articles will be included in the next “Made in Grey” edition. The CAO/Deputy Clerk indicated the next edition is the last edition of the year, and to send any suggestions to Ms. Sweeney.

The Committee of the Whole indicated West Grey needs to provide welcome packages to new businesses being established in the municipality. Welcome packages are being worked on for new businesses. The CAO/Deputy Clerk mentioned consideration is being given to provide information packages to new residential property owners as well to be distributed through local realtors if they are willing to do so.

- 2) West Grey Parks Committee
  - July 18, 2018 & August 1, 2018 minutes

Councillor Cutting reported a Parks Committee meeting was held on September 5. Doug Mclean from McLean’s Home Hardware attending the meeting. Mr. McLean is working with the Parks Committee and Trees Canada, and over \$1,600 was donated to plant 4 large caliper trees, to plant one tree in each of the communities of Durham, Neustadt, Elmwood, and Ayton on September 27.

The entrance signs were re-painted and “places of worship” added. There is a Trail Liability session being held on October 17, 1:00 p.m, at the Durham Arena. Pollinator gardens are a huge success. The Parks Committee has collaborated with Durham Furniture and Rivest Landscaping on the main street planters, and were given a certificate of thanks. A thank-you letter was received from a downtown Durham business noting appreciation for the tree plantings.

(2) September 10, 2018

The Committee of the Whole questioned the reference in the Parks Committee minutes to the "Main Street Floral Beautification Program". Councillor Cutting noted some of the Durham businesses asked when the big dig happens will trees be incorporated in the design, and that was part of the reason for planting the trees this year.

The Committee of the Whole suggested the Parks Committee duties be more focused to flowers/gardens, and indicated items such as signage and trail development can be dealt with by the Recreation Manager or Director of Infrastructure and Public Works. The CAO/Deputy Clerk stated the Terms of Reference, to be presented in draft at the September 24, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting, will help establish duties and mandate of Parks Committee, as well as other Committees. The CAO/Deputy Clerk indicated the Recreation Manager will be completing Parks Committee minutes in the future.

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees

Councillor Thompson reported there is a Durham Recreation Advisory Committee next Thursday evening. The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works will be providing a cost on a new railing to be installed behind the Durham Arena to the snack booth/ball diamonds. Ice is going in now at the Durham Arena.

Councillor Hutchinson reported there is a Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee meeting this Wednesday.

Councillor Hergert, reporting on behalf of the Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee, indicated the Christmas Tree Lighting in Ayton is being held on November 17, the same day as the craft sale. A dance is planned for June 15, 2019, in partnership with the firefighters association – a band is being booked.

The Committee of the Whole asked if volunteers are required to do police checks. Mayor Eccles indicated criminal record checks should be completed for those volunteers with interaction with youth/children, and to check with the West Grey Police Service if there is a reduced rate for bulk police checks for West Grey. The Committee of the Whole noted there is some vandalism to the port-a-potties at the Ayton Centennial Hall – staff will monitor this situation.

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

1) West Grey Public Library Board

Councillor Hergert reported the heaving of the floor at the Durham Public Library building is fixed. The Durham Public Library worked in partnership with the Horticultural Society last week to encourage people to attend the library.

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The Committee of the Whole indicated the Bruce County Public Library system will be provided a bookmobile soon in Elmwood at no cost to West Grey users.

2) West Grey Police Services Board

Mayor Eccles reported there is a Board meeting tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. at the West Grey Office. The contract with the West Grey Police Association runs to the end of December 2019, and the Board will be starting preliminary negotiations soon. Premier Ford has quashed the Police Services Act review. West Grey is seeking a suitable site for a new West Grey Police Service building.

The Committee of the Whole asked if the police service goes into high point situations (i.e. murder, drug raids, stand-off), how does that work? (i.e. does West Grey bill the OPP, or vice-versa) Mayor Eccles responded that there is a reciprocal agreement, with no costs to either police service, noting the West Grey Police Service has a good working relationship with the OPP.

The Committee of the Whole asked about if the West Grey Police have been training for cannabis enforcement. Mayor Eccles responded that all 18 officers have been trained, with 3 going through the train the trainer courses/ The West Grey Police Service is ahead of other forces in terms of training. There is a concern with the cost of saliva tests for cannabis, that could cost \$40-\$60 per test, and has been proven that the saliva tests won't work in temperatures over 30 Celsius or below 4 Celsius. The Ontario Chiefs of Police have indicated concerns with this equipment for testing. The Province is not providing funding for police services to purchase the required testing equipment. The revenue from cannabis sales is also an issue as municipalities are seeking more revenue sharing to pay for anticipated enforcement costs.

The Committee of the Whole requested the police service to investigate the parking of trailers on roads in Ayton. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will discuss with the Grey County Transportation Services Director the issue of visibility/site lines due to parking on the east side of the County Road by Trixie's Saloon in Ayton.

Mayor Eccles reported the Board is still waiting for the Province to fill the public appointee vacancy on the West Grey Police Services Board.

3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission

Mayor Eccles reported the most recent operator of the restaurant has resigned and the restaurant is closed right now as it is difficult to get sufficient staff to work particularly on weekends. Fuels sales are up, and there are new inquiries respecting hangars. Some businesses are interesting in operating at the airport. Equipment is in good working order, and the airport facility is in good shape. One of the runways needs some repairs.

(4) September 10, 2018

The Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) held free flights for kids this past Saturday, with approximately 150 kids being given a free airplane ride.

The Committee of the Whole asked if the flight school is still operating. Mayor Eccles responded that the flight school ownership has changed, but is still being operated.

4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Mayor Eccles reported a lot of SVCA permits are being issued relating to buildings and property sales, and there are a lot of inquiries asking if there any environmental concerns on properties.

The Committee of the Whole questioned if the children's safety village is in operation. Deputy Mayor Bell indicated it is not operating at present, but may start next Spring.

The Executive Board accepted the Huron-Kinloss Official Plan mapping that was completed by a consultant acting on behalf of Huron-Kinloss, even though the SVCA staff did not give full approval initially.

5) Elmwood Community Centre Board

Mayor Eccles reported the kitchen renovation project will be started by the winning bidder, Domm Construction, in November. The Board is initiating a community fundraising campaign. Mayor Eccles also reported a new caretaker was hired due to the recent resignation of the caretaker.

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

Deputy Mayor Bell reported SMART received 3 new vans, one now in operation, and the other two will be in operation shortly. Individuals need to book rides early as the demand is high.

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

Cathy Sweeney reported the Chamber's next meeting is tomorrow at the Durham Public Library starting at 6:30 p.m. The Committee of the Whole noted its appreciation for getting notice of new Chamber members. The Committee of the Whole suggested the West Grey Economic Development Committee and Chamber coordinate their efforts respecting planned Christmas events. Ms. Sweeney will provide a report on proposed Chamber Christmas events.

Neustadt Business Group and Durham BIA – no reports.

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8) Elmwood Fire Department Joint Board of Management

Councillor Cutting reported the Joint Board is presenting long-term service awards to Elmwood Fire Department firefighters on September 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Fire Hall.

9) Other Committees

Joint Building Services (JBS) Committee (The CAO/Deputy Clerk reported that Bill Klingenberg, current Chief Building Official (CBO) of the JBS Department, has resigned effective September 25 as he has accepted a new position with another municipality. – There are two other individuals that can act as the CBO for the JBS Department. Discussion with JBS partners on this issue and others will happen at the next JBS Committee meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Hergert-Bell, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 10:40 a.m., to meet again on September 24, 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