
Committee of the Whole

April 27, 2017

Grey County Council met on the above date at 9:04 AM at the County Administration Building. Warden Alan Barfoot assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order with all members present.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Business Arising from the Minutes

CC73-17 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

Whereas Canada is celebrating its 150th anniversary and The Wiarton Keppel International Airport is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2017; and

And Whereas Georgian Bluffs, as part of the celebrations, will be hosting an Air and Auto Show June 17th which will include the Acer Cold War Museum (ACM) War Birds of Canada and its Aero L-29 Delfin aircraft; and

And Whereas the Township of Georgian Bluffs is requesting financial sponsorship from Grey County for the event;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Grey County provide financial support in the amount of \$4,000 towards the cost of bringing the Aero L-29 Delfin military jet trainer to the event;

And That the funds be provided from any surplus within the 2017 Corporate Administration budgets, and if insufficient funds exist at year end, the remaining balance be funded from the Conference/Sponsorship Reserve.

CC74-17 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor McKean

That resolution CC73-17 be deferred to the May 11, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried

Deputations

Grey County Celebrates Agnes Macphail on Commemorative Banknote

Grey County Archivist, Karin Noble provided an overview of the history of Agnes Macphail in Grey County and the process for Ms. Macphail being chosen as one of four famous figures on the Canada 150 commemorative \$10 banknote.

Rob Hatten, Communications Manager then spoke to the #BecauseofAgnes campaign focusing on the first woman to appear on a new series of Canadian banknotes in 2018.

Petal Furness, Manager of Grey Roots then spoke about the ceremony in Ottawa April 7, 2017 which unveiled Canada's 150th commemorative \$10 banknote.

Grey Roots will be holding a pre-release celebration May 31, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The banknote goes into circulation June 1, 2017.

Congratulations were extended by County Council on the work completed by staff.

SWIFT (SouthWestern Integrated Fibre Technology) Municipal Capital Agreement

Executive Director Geoff Hogan spoke about the Municipal Capital Agreement that SWIFT is requesting municipalities sign to provide funding in support of open-access fibre to all residents and businesses in southwestern Ontario. Mr. Hogan then provided an overview on the total SWIFT project as well as details related to the Municipal Capital Agreement.

Questions and comments then followed.

Planscape-Local Agri-Food Strategy

Manager of Economic Development, Savanna Myers provided an introduction to the Local Agri-Food Strategy. Margaret Walton, Partner/Senior Planner and Stefan Szczerbak, Senior Planner, Planscape then presented the Local Agri-Food Strategy to Council. Ms. Walton noted that there are very strong agriculture and rural communities in Grey County. She outlined the process undertaken as well as the findings and vision of the strategy.

Ms. Walton then provided the focus points of this strategy including:

- providing targeted support to strengthen the County's agricultural sector
- coordinate services to ensure gaps are addressed
- support innovation
- promote local product
- build programming partnerships
- facilitate links between producers and consumers

Questions and comments then followed.

Committee recessed briefly and reconvened with Warden Barfoot in the Chair. Councillor Jack was absent from the remainder of the meeting.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

There were no items requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

CW75-17 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Wright

That the following Consent Agenda items be received; and

That staff be authorized to take the actions necessary to give effect to the recommendations in the staff reports; and

That the correspondence be supported or received for information as recommended in the consent agenda.

- 1. That Report FR-CW-10-17 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 1 of 2017 be received for information.**
- 2. That Report PDR-CW-25-17 regarding the quarterly By-law Enforcement Report be received for information.**
- 3. That support be given for processing the remainder of the previously draft approved units within the Edgewater development in the Town of The Blue Mountains through a condominium exemption application.**
- 4. That the Building Task Force minutes dated April 13, 2017 be adopted as presented.**
- 5. That the correspondence received from the Ontario Good Roads Association regarding acquiring collision reports to recover damages to municipal infrastructure, be received for information.**

Carried

Items for Direction and Discussion

FR-CW-12-17 SWIFT Municipal Capital Agreement

CW76-17 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Report FR-CW-12-17 regarding the SouthWestern Integrated Fibre Technology Inc. (SWIFT) Municipal Capital Agreement be received; and

That a by-law be brought forward for council's consideration authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the SWIFT Municipal Capital Agreement; and

That the County of Grey exercise the option within the Municipal Capital Agreement to irrevocably waive any rights to repayment by SWIFT of all

Annual Refundable Amounts, authorizing SWIFT to reinvest all such amounts to accelerate or further expand the development of the SWIFT Network; and

That the prior to December 31, 2016 member contribution of \$431,992, less the \$50,000 previously advanced to the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, be forwarded to SWIFT and this \$381,992 payment be funded from the Information Technology Broadband SWIFT Reserve.

Carried

Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee Minutes dated April 18, 2017

CW77-17 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That the minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committee meeting dated April 18, 2017 be adopted; and

That the following recommendations be endorsed:

- **That Report CAOR-ED-07-17 regarding applications for the Municipal Partnership Fund be received and that the projects from Grey Highlands, Southgate, Chatsworth and Owen Sound as outlined in the report, be supported.**
- **That the Local Agri-Food Strategy be received and the recommendations contained therein be supported.**

Carried

PSR-CW-04-17 Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Ambulance Service Review Final Report

CW78-17 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

That Report PSR-CW-04-17 regarding ambulance service review results be received for information.

Carried

PSR-CW-05-17 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Wellness Group

CW79-17 Moved by: Councillor Ardiel Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Report PSR-CW-05-17 Paramedic Services Employee Wellness/Post Traumatic Stress Disease Prevention Plan be received for information.

Carried

PSR-CW-06-17 Paramedic Services Staffing Structure

CW80-17 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor McKean

That Report PSR-CW-06-17 regarding Paramedic Services Staffing Analysis be received for information purposes.

Carried

PDR-CW-24-17 Hensall District Co-op 42-07-090 OPA 136 Southgate

Councillor Bell declared a pecuniary interest related to report PDR-CW-24-17 and left the session during its discussion.

CW81-17 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Wright

Whereas the public and agency comments received on proposed Official Plan Amendment 136, resulted in further study being done on the proposal and changes to the proposed site plan and mitigation measures;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Report PDR-CW-24-17 be received and the proposed Official Plan Amendment Number 136 to the County of Grey Official Plan to re-designate a portion of the subject lands from the 'Agricultural' and 'Tertiary Settlement Area' designations to the 'Agricultural with Exceptions' and 'Tertiary Settlement Area' designations for lands described as Part Lot 7, Concession 17, Geographic Township of Proton, Township of Southgate, be supported and a by-law to adopt County Official Plan Amendment Number 136 be prepared for consideration by County Council.

Carried

Councillor Bell re-entered the meeting.

FR-CW-11-17 2017 Tax Policy

CW82-17 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

Councillor Wright left during the discussion of report FR-CW-11-17.

That Report FR-CW-11-17 regarding 2017 property tax policies be received and That the 2016 tax policies remain the same for 2017 for:

- **Tax Ratios (with the addition of the new Landfill class)**
- **Tax Reductions for Mandated Subclasses of Vacant Lands**
- **Tax Reductions for Farmland Awaiting Development Subclasses**
- **Optional Classes of Property**
- **Tax Relief and Rebate Programs; and**

That the necessary By-laws be drafted for Council's consideration and approval; and

That a future report be provided to Council, once the new capping program regulations are available and options are assessed, with a recommendation on the capping tools to be utilized by the County for the Business Property Tax Capping Program for 2017.

Carried

Discussion on Moving Forward with Committee of the Whole Structure

CAO Wingrove provided an overview of the Committee of the Whole pilot project to date. She indicated that in discussions with council members there seemed to be overall support for the new structure and staff are looking for further direction on the new structure. Staff was requested to provide councillors with a survey on various items related to the structure including a further explanation on financial considerations.

CAO Wingrove noted that the question of the size of council was raised previously. The questionnaire will also include the question of an 18 versus 9 member council.

Other Business

A request was made for all of County Council to be provided with a tour of the addition to the County Administration Building.

There was a question on the number of deputations that can be accommodated at Council meetings. The Clerk confirmed the 10 day timeframe requirement for deputation requests and noted that while there is no official limit on the number; staff look at the agenda to determine any time constraints that may limit this number. Consideration is also given to obtaining different perspectives and new information on specific topics.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Halliday brought forward a Notice of Motion regarding equitable funding for local municipality's Canada 150 celebrations.

Good News and Celebrations

Council was apprised of good news and celebrations occurring within the County.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Mackey, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:37PM to the call of the Chair.

Alan Barfoot, Warden

Sharon Vokes, County Clerk