



Minutes
Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 6 p.m.
Virtual meeting

Members present: Mayor Kevin Eccles
Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson
Councillor Scott Foerster
Councillor Doug Hutchinson
Councillor Joyce Nuhn
Councillor Geoffrey Shea
Councillor Doug Townsend

Staff present: Laura Johnston, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Eckenswiller, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Brent Glasier, Interim Director of Infrastructure and Public Works
Karl Schipprack, Director of Development/CBO
Lorelie Spencer, Manager of Planning and Development
Geoff Aitken, Manager of Public Works
Kodey Hewlett, Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer
Sarah Bothman, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. Call to order

Mayor Eccles called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Moment of reflection

Mayor Eccles called for a moment of reflection.

3. Declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

There were no declarations of interest.

Staff reviewed instructions for members of the public to participate via Zoom or telephone, and how to contact staff for assistance if disconnected. It was noted that this meeting will be livestreamed to the West Grey YouTube channel.

4. Delegations/presentations

4.1 Delegation - Dave Eccles, Broker, CMR Insurance and Tony Commisso, Regional Manager, Intact Public Entities

Tony Commisso, Intact Public Entities, and Dave Eccles, CMR Insurance, provided a delegation on the Municipality of West Grey's current insurance policy coverage.

Mr. Commisso advised that there are three sections of the insurance program which consist of casualty, property and fleet. Mr. Commisso then provided an overview of the five policies that are covered with the first being the general liability policy, followed by the non-owned automobile policy, councillors accident policy, legal expense policy and the Conflict of Interest Act policy.

Mr. Commisso noted that Intact has a dedicated risk management department that investigates ways to reduce claims and help municipalities stabilize their insurance premiums.

Mr. Eccles concluded the delegation by highlighting the escalating costs of municipal claims which leads to what municipalities pay for premiums. Mr. Eccles advised that the most significant factors are the long-term municipal liability claims, property loss due to climate change, cyber liability claims, joint and several liability, changes in legal liability, court awards, and high inflation/social inflation.

4.2 Delegation - Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer and Elise MacLeod, Water Resources Manager - Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

Jennifer Stephens and Elise MacLeod, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA), provided a delegation on the programs and services of the SVCA and the 2023 Project Funding Overview.

Ms. Stephens outlined the mandatory programs and services of the conservation authority, consisting of Natural Hazards Management, Land Conservation, Drinking Water Source Protection, Water Quality Monitoring, and Forestry and Stewardship Services.

Ms. Stephens advised that the 2023 Budget for the SVCA is \$6,007,080 with \$3,948,300 being attributed to general levy programs and \$2,058,780 attributed to non-general levy programs, noting the Municipality of West Grey contributes \$251,064.

Ms. MacLeod highlighted the 2023 Project Funding Overview, introducing the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program, which is a Ministry of Natural Resource and Forestry (MNRF) capital cost share program for major maintenance of water and erosion control structures that are either owned or maintained by Conservation Authorities. There are four program classes consisting of dams, dikes, shoreline erosion program, and flood control channels.

Ms. MacLeod noted that funding is available for existing infrastructure, in a 50/50 cost share with West Grey and SVCA, noting there must be a council resolution for the following projects to demonstrate financial commitment to be eligible:

- Durham Upper Dam EA - \$15,000
- Neustadt Flood Control Works - \$200,000

The WECI funding application deadline is February 17, 2023. If the project is awarded, SVCA will enter into an agreement with MNRF and will provide West Grey with quarterly reporting and financial updates. The project completion and final report submission by SVCA is anticipated for March 2024.

4.3 Delegation - Harvey Fraser, Board Chair and Darlene Lamberti, Executive Director - Centre Grey Health Services Foundation

Harvey Fraser and Darlene Lamberti, Centre Grey Health Services Foundation, provided an update on the construction of the new Markdale Hospital. Mr. Fraser advised that the estimated move-in date is on schedule for mid 2023 and the hospital is over 80 percent complete. Mr. Fraser noted that the hospital had a bed expansion from four to seven and added a palliative care room. Mr. Fraser highlighted the financial boost from having a local hospital and emphasized that a local hospital creates local jobs. Mr. Fraser concluded by expressing his gratitude for the support from West Grey and looks forward to hosting a tour of the new hospital once it is completed.

5. Public meetings

There were no public meetings.

6. Comment period

There were no comments.

7. Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

8. Adoption of minutes

8.1 Minutes of the special council meeting held on December 14, 2022

R-230117-001

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT the minutes of the special council meeting held on December 14, 2022 as presented be adopted."

Carried

8.2 Minutes of the regular council meeting held on December 20, 2022

R-230117-002

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held on December 20, 2022 as presented be adopted."

Carried

8.3 Minutes of the special council meeting held on January 6, 2023

R-230117-003

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT the minutes of the special council meeting held on January 6, 2023 as presented be adopted."

Carried

9. Committee and board reports

9.1 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority - October 20, 2022 minutes

9.2 West Grey Public Library Board - November 9, 2022 minutes

R-230117-004

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT the minutes of committees and boards are hereby received."

Carried

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence received for which direction of council is required

There were no correspondence items presented for direction.

10.2 Correspondence received which is presented for the information of council

R-230117-005

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT council receives all correspondence not otherwise dealt with."

Carried

11. Staff reports

11.1 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

11.1.1 2022 Election and Accessibility and General Overview

The Director of Legislative Services/Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-230117-006

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of staff report '2022 Election Accessibility and General Overview', council receives the report for information purposes."

Carried

12. Questions

There were no questions.

13. Bylaws

13.1 Bylaw No. 2023-003 - Confirming the proceedings of council

R-230117-007

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT Bylaw 2023-003, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of council, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

13.2 Bylaw No. 2023-004 - 2023 Interim tax levy bylaw

R-230117-008

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT Bylaw 2023-004, being a bylaw to provide interim tax levies for the year 2023 for the Municipality of West Grey, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

13.3 Bylaw No. 2023-005 - Borrowing bylaw for annual overdraft

R-230117-009

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT Bylaw 2023-005, being a bylaw authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

14. New business

There was no new business.

15. Announcements

Councillor Hutchinson advised Frazzle Fest, which is usually run by the Business Improvement Area and coincides with Family Day weekend on February 20th, has been cancelled this year particularly due to the weather.

16. Closed session

There was no closed session.

17. Report from closed session

There was no closed session.

18. Adjournment

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Eccles adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk