



**Minutes**  
**Special Council meeting**  
**Municipality of West Grey**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 9 a.m.**  
**West Grey municipal office, council chambers and virtual**

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  
 Rob Martin, West Grey Chief of Police  
 Jeremy White, West Grey Police Inspector  
 Sile Ferguson, Communications Coordinator  
 Sarah Bothman, Legislative Services Coordinator

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**1. Call to order**

Mayor Eccles called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Moment of reflection**

Mayor Eccles called for a moment of reflection.

**3. Declaration 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 Presentation from Kelly Withrow, Ken Kee, Paul Richardson, and Jessica Truswell Green, OPP Re: OPP Police Costing for West Grey**

Sgt. Kelly Withrow and Inspector Paul Richardson, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), provided a presentation on the contract proposal for the Municipality of West Grey.

Sgt. Withrow advised that the OPP is one of the largest deployed services in North America with over 8,000 uniform, civilian, and auxiliary members. The OPP General Headquarters is located in Orillia and provides administrative and operational support. The Municipality of West Grey is located in OPP's West Region, with the West Region Headquarters being located in London. The Regional Headquarters provides administrative, coordinating and support

services. The Municipality of West Grey would be a division of the Grey Bruce Detachment zone.

Sgt. Withrow highlighted that the OPP provides crime prevention, law enforcement, assistance to victims of crime, public order maintenance, and emergency response as per the *Police Services Act* and has an integrated service delivery. Sgt. Withrow emphasized that community policing is a fundamental principle and the OPP are active in community involvement.

Sgt. Withrow reviewed the proposed transition contract, advising the Municipality of West Grey would enter into an agreement for a defined number of contractual hours of service as represented by uniform Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) and civilian FTEs. After 3+ years, the municipality will then transition into the OPP billing model.

The proposed amalgamated staffing is 24.51 FTE which West Grey would be financially responsible for. The OPP 2023 Annual Billing Statement Estimate total, including start up costs, would be \$5,189,334.

The OPP also conducted a site selection overview, building environmental assessment, and an operational review of the current West Grey Police Service detachment, which did not meet OPP standards. The OPP advised they would not utilize the current building and the municipality would be required to identify a suitable alternate location/property.

In conclusion, Sgt. Withrow covered other financial considerations such as the cost of maintaining the Police Services Board, any applicable costs associated to the storage of electronic and physical records, disposal of assets, severances for municipal employees, and pension divestment.

Council recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

The Interim Director of Infrastructure and Public Works joined the meeting at this time.

#### **4.2 Presentation from Rob Martin, West Grey Police Chief Re: West Grey Police Services**

Police Chief Rob Martin and Inspector Jeremy White, West Grey Police Service, provided a presentation on the West Grey Police Service.

Chief Martin advised the West Grey Police Service polices the largest geographical portion of Grey County with one centrally located police station in the former Town of Durham, and one satellite office in the former village of Ayton. The West Grey Police Service currently has 22 sworn members.

Chief Martin emphasized the foundation of the West Grey Police Service is the commitment to community policing, described by its motto "Community Partners" and provide a proactive versus reactive policing approach.

Chief Martin provided an overview of 2022 in numbers, highlighting 5139 calls for service, 374 criminal charges laid, 770.25 hours of foot patrol, 335 motor vehicle collisions investigated, and 1097 Provincial Offence Notices issued. The members of the West Grey Police Service are trained and ready to serve in a multitude of specialty fields.

The West Grey Police Service has four organizational pillars consisting of community, superior quality service, employee wellness, and continuous service improvement. Chief Martin emphasized that the West Grey Police Service is committed to community policing and solving community issues through a collaborative approach with community networks, and summarized

the community programs available, annual community events, and youth programs.

Chief Martin noted the West Grey Police Service is compliant in all aspects of Ontario Regulation 3/99 and *Police Services Act* including crime prevention, law enforcement, assistance to victims of crime, public order maintenance, emergency response, and administration and infrastructure.

Lastly, Chief Martin advised that West Grey Police has a Shared Services Agreement with Saugeen Shores Police Service, Owen Sound Police Service, Hanover Police Service, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and also works closely with the OPP if additional specialized support services are required. The West Grey Police Service also has administrative support services and civilian support staff.

## 5. Bylaws

### 5.1 Bylaw No. 2023-006

Resolution: S-230118-001

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**"THAT Bylaw 2023-006, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of council, be read a first, second and third and final time."**

**Carried**

## 6. Adjournment

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Eccles adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

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Mayor Kevin Eccles

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Clerk Jamie M. Eckenswiller