



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

**Thursday, January 19, 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  
 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 Chad Lins, MNP Re: Study and Analysis of Policing Services**

Chad Lins, MNP Consultant, provided a presentation on the study and analysis of policing services in West Grey. Mr. Lins advised that council passed a resolution on December 21, 2021, directing staff to proceed with a policing costing for the provision of policing services in the municipality.

The review utilized a framework within two policing models, the current West Grey Police Service (WGPS) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), which were compared across three major categories consisting of Service, Governance, and Financial.

The service standards for the West Grey Police Service is a local service model with three zones, a minimum of two members on duty and in the community 24/7, although there are typically at least three officers on duty at any given time.

The service standard for the OPP is an integrated or regional service model where officers are deployed based on "closest to call". There are four platoons with 19 constables and three sergeants per shift, with three allowed to be on vacation at a time, meaning 15-16 officers on the road at any time within the region 24/7.

Both the West Grey Police Service and OPP are actively engaged in community policing. Stakeholder input was very positive related to the service currently provided by the WGPS. Stakeholders were less aware of the OPP municipal policing model and were more familiar with their provincial policing role. A concern was raised from residents in rural areas who believe they are not served as highly as those in Durham and the immediate area.

Mr. Lins provided an overview of the results from the community survey that was developed for anonymous feedback regarding the WGPS model and the OPP contract policing proposal. The survey found that 64 percent of respondents feel the WGPS provide very good quality policing and that 74 percent describe the quality of policing as either good or very good.

Mr. Lins then provided a summary of the Governance overview of the West Grey Police Service and OPP policing models. The West Grey Police Service has full flexibility, autonomy, and input into oversight and governance of the municipal police service and the OPP has less key decision-making capabilities and flexibility, autonomy, and input into oversight and governance of the OPP.

Mr. Lins concluded the presentation with a financial comparison of both police services which included an overview of costs. The financial model compared both policing organizations over a 15-year period and highlighted the costs associated with each police service.

Mr. Lins noted that both police services have indicated their ability to provide a strong level and standard of service to the Municipality of West Grey.

Council recessed at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Prior to a vote on the motion Councillor Townsend requested a recorded vote.

Resolution: S-230119-001

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**"THAT in consideration of the policing services costing proposals, that West Grey continue with the West Grey Police Service as the municipal police force."**

	For:	Against:
Mayor Eccles	X	
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson	X	
Councillor Foerster	X	
Councillor Hutchinson	X	
Councillor Nuhn	X	
Councillor Shea	X	
Councillor Townsend	X	
Results	7	0
		Carried (7 to 0)

Resolution: S-230119-002

Moved by                      Councillor Townsend

Seconded by                      Councillor Hutchinson

**"THAT council directs staff to bring forward a report on the total costs associated with the West Grey Police costing."**

Carried

5.      **Bylaws**

5.1      **Bylaw No. 2023-007**

Resolution: S-230119-003

Moved by                      Councillor Foerster

Seconded by                      Councillor Shea

**"THAT Bylaw 2023-007, 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.