



Minutes
Special Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey

Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 11 a.m.
Durham & District Community Centre - Hall
Durham & District Community Centre - 451 Saddler Street West, Durham, ON

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

Members absent: Councillor Doug Hutchinson
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 Infrastructure and Development/CBO
Sarah Bothman, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. Call to order

Mayor Eccles called the meeting to order at 11:12 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.

4. Delegations / presentations

4.1 Facilitated Session from Bill Winegard Re: Strategic Plan

Bill Winegard, Winegard Municipal Management Consulting, facilitated a workshop to develop a Strategic Action Plan for the Municipality of West Grey for 2023-2027.

Mr. Winegard provided an outline of the agenda for the day and an overview of the slide presentation. Items reviewed included the purpose of the Strategic Action Plan, how to comprise a successful Strategic Action Plan, the structure of the plan and timeframes to consider.

Laura Johnston, CAO, provided a summary of completed and ongoing projects/initiatives to consider when developing the Strategic Action Plan. Ms. Johnston also highlighted all the accomplishments council and staff have reached since 2020.

Mr. Winegard asked staff and council to write down one initiative they would like to reach within the term, and one initiative to start now that is a longer-term issue for each of the three pillars consisting of "Working Together" (Relationships), "Building a Better Future" (Physical World), and "Promoting Community" (Quality of Life).

Staff and council members broke into small workgroups for round one where they reviewed and provided feedback on the initiatives at their table, focusing on clarity, feasibility, value, and timing.

Council recessed for lunch at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:40 p.m., returning to their work groups to continue reviewing the initiatives at their table. Council and staff spent circulated to all tables to complete rounds two and three, continuing to review all initiatives.

Council recessed at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

Mr. Winegard reviewed the various initiatives and feedback received from the workgroups.

Council and staff were provided with an amount of play money to be used to "fund" priorities from the initiatives listed under the three pillars that they felt were most important.

Mr. Winegard provided a preliminary review of the initiatives that had received the greatest amount of play money and advised that he would compile the information and provide a draft Strategic Action Plan for review by staff and council at a later date.

5. Bylaws

5.1 Bylaw No. 2023-075 - Confirming the proceedings of council

S-230801-001

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT bylaw 2023-075, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings 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 4:34 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Clerk Jamie M. Eckenswiller