



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

**Tuesday, September 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  
Karl Schipprack, Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO  
Geoff Aitken, Manager of Public Works  
Kodey Hewlett, Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer  
Sile Ferguson, Communications Coordinator  
Sarah Bothman, Legislative Services Coordinator

**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. Declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof**

**3.1 Mayor Eccles - Item 11.2.1 - Staff Report from the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk - Request for Land Exchange - Canadian Lemkos Association**

Mayor Eccles declared a conflict with agenda item 11.2.1 - Request for Land Exchange - Canadian Lemkos Association as he owns property adjoining said property in location of land being exchanged.

**4. Delegations/presentations**

**4.1 Presentation - Erik Downing, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer (Acting) - Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority - Category 3 Programs and Services for the Municipality of West Grey**

Erik Downing, Acting General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA), provided a presentation respecting the Category 3 programs and services being offered to the Municipality of West Grey.

Mr. Downing advised that conservation authorities were established by the province so that municipalities in a common watershed could work together on local resource management. Mr. Downing noted that the Saugeen watershed is made up of 10 sub-watersheds.

Mr. Downing provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of conservation authorities and highlighted the programs that serve provincial and municipal interests.

Mr. Downing highlighted that the core mandate of conservation authorities is to protect people and property from the risk of natural hazards, conservation and management of conservation authority owned lands, and the continued role in drinking water source protection and water quality.

Mr. Downing further advised that effective next year, the continuation of non-mandatory category three programs and services will necessitate cost apportioning agreements between the SVCA and each member municipality with a minimum five-year registration.

Mr. Downing summarized the water quality program history and the number of SVCA water quality monitoring sites and what they monitor for. Mr. Downing noted that every five years the conservation authority is mandated to provide watershed report cards that use a grading system on data related to Ontario's lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater, forests, and wetlands.

Mr. Downing advised that the objectives of the water quality program is to establish baseline water quality data, observe trends, and assess the effectiveness of watershed programs.

Mr. Downing provided a summary of the costing associated to the water quality program and advised that the total annual program cost to West Grey is \$15,293. Mr. Downing noted that there are no additional costs associated with this program, that the existing general levy will decrease, and that program funds would be received through cost apportioning agreements, ultimately meaning that the net remains the same.

R-230919-001

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

**"THAT in consideration of a presentation provided by the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority respecting Category 3 programs and services for the Municipality of West Grey, council directs staff to bring forward a report on Category 3 Cost Apportioning Agreements with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority."**

**Carried**

## **5. Public meetings**

There were no public meetings.

## **6. Comment period**

The Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO joined the meeting at this time.

Judi Smelko, resident, voiced her support for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority's delegation and continuing the Category 3 services. Ms. Smelko advised that she is speaking on behalf of the Saugeen Preservation Society and voiced concerns regarding the two new gravel pit applications and the expansion of the Redford Pit that are located at the corner of Allan Park Road and Concession 4 NDR due to the potential impact to water quality and the watershed.

Marian Ratcliffe, resident, voiced her support for the watershed testing from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. Ms. Ratcliffe also commented on item 11.1.2 respecting the West Grey Strategic Plan update and advised that under promote community, item five was to continue to expand digital signage and voiced her concerns noting that those signs are not good from a dark sky perspective. Ms. Ratcliffe suggested that staff develop a standard operating procedure (SOP) to ensure approved dark sky lighting is followed and that a bylaw be put in place.

The Director of Legislative Services/Clerk read correspondence received from Sarah Hopkins voicing her support for the water quality monitoring program through the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

Mr. Eckenswiller read correspondence received from Ron and Norma Jean King requesting that West Grey council provide the necessary financial support to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority allowing them to continue the essential water quality monitoring program to maintain the safety of the water supply for all residents.

Mr. Eckenswiller read correspondence received from Marianne Holst voicing her support for the Saugeen watershed funding. Ms. Holst requested that council devote and commit the funds for this honorable and necessary act.

Mr. Eckenswiller read correspondence received from Dave Cowan and Jenny Fairburn voicing their support for water testing.

## **7. Unfinished business**

There was no unfinished business.

## **8. Adoption of minutes**

### **8.1 Minutes of the regular council meeting held on September 5, 2023**

R-230919-002

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

**"THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held on September 5, 2023 as amended be adopted."**

**Carried**

### **8.2 Minutes of the public meeting held on September 5, 2023**

R-230919-003

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

**"THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on September 5, 2023 as presented be adopted."**

**Carried**

## **9. Committee and board reports**

There were no committee and board reports.

## **10. Correspondence**

### **10.1 Correspondence received for which direction of council is required**

#### **10.1.1 Municipality of Brockton - Saugeen Municipal Airport Partnership**

R-230919-004

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of Brockton respecting the Saugeen Municipal Airport partnership, council directs staff to bring forward a report on all aspects of the airport with a comprehensive evaluation of the service and the potential implications of a sale or dissolution of the organization."**

**Carried**

## 10.2 Correspondence received which is presented for the information of council

R-230919-005

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Shea

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received September 8, 2023 from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities."**

**Carried**

R-230919-006

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received September 8, 2023 from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, council directs staff to request a delegation from the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force respecting living wages."**

**Carried**

R-230919-007

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

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

**Carried**

Council recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m.

## 11. Staff reports

### 11.1 Chief Administrative Officer

#### 11.1.1 Status Report - Council Resolution Listing

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the report.

R-230919-008

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

**"THAT in consideration of staff report "Status report – Council Resolution listing", council directs staff to rescind Resolution #478-2021 respecting an MOU with the West Grey Police Service."**

**Carried by a 2/3 vote**

R-230919-009

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

**"THAT in consideration of staff report "Status report – Council Resolution listing", council directs staff to rescind Resolution #160-2022 respecting the development of a trails risk management strategy."**

**Carried by a 2/3 vote**

R-230919-010

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

**"THAT in consideration of staff report "Status report – Council Resolution listing", council directs staff to rescind Resolution #800-2021 respecting an MOU with the West Grey Public Library."**

**Carried by a 2/3 vote**

### **11.1.2 West Grey Strategic Plan update**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the report.

R-230919-011

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

**"THAT in consideration of staff report 'West Grey Strategic Plan update', council directs staff to request a delegation from Anne Marie Watson, Durham Hospital Foundation respecting physician recruitment."**

**Carried**

R-230919-012

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

**"THAT in consideration of staff report 'West Grey Strategic Plan update', council:**

- 1. approves the three top-ranking priorities per pillar; and**
- 2. directs staff to bring back a draft West Grey Strategic Plan for approval."**

**Carried**

Having declared a conflict of interest on item 11.2.1, Mayor Eccles relinquished the Chair and left the council table at this time. Deputy Mayor Hutchinson took the Chair.

## **11.2 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk**

### **11.2.1 Request for Land Exchange - Canadian Lemkos Association**

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

R-230919-013

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Shea

**"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Request for Land Exchange – Canadian Lemkos Association, council:**

- 1. Declares the 2.5-acre parcel of land located south of Concession 10 NDR and adjacent to 501818 Concession 10 NDR surplus to the needs of the municipality;**
- 2. Directs staff to obtain a survey of the 2.5-acre parcel of land located south of Concession 10 NDR and adjacent to 501818 Concession 10 NDR;**

3. **Directs staff to facilitate a land exchange between the Municipality of West Grey and the Canadian Lemkos Association as outlined in the report, subject to the following conditions:**
  - i. **That the Canadian Lemkos Association be required to enter into a site plan agreement with the Municipality of West Grey, to the satisfaction of the municipality, for the use of the subject lands;**
  - ii. **That the site plan agreement between the Canadian Lemkos Association and the Municipality of West Grey be registered on title;**
  - iii. **That the Canadian Lemkos Association be required to obtain a survey of the lands to be exchanged with West Grey."**

**Carried**

Mayor Eccles returned to the council table and reclaimed the Chair.

### **11.3 Manager of Public Works**

#### **11.3.1 IPW-2023-13 - Connecting Link Winter Maintenance**

The Manager of Public Works provided an overview of the report.

R-230919-014

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

**"THAT in consideration of staff report IPW-2023-13-Connecting Link 2023/24 Winter Maintenance, council authorizes the mayor and clerk to enter into a Connecting Link Agreement with Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Limited for the 2023/24 winter season at a cost of \$24,668.26 plus HST."**

**Carried**

### **11.4 Planning Staff**

#### **11.4.1 ZA11.2023 - Granite Ventures Inc. (Cameron Gerber)**

The Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO provided an overview of the report.

R-230919-015

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

**"THAT in consideration of staff report ZA11.2023 - Granite Ventures Inc. (Cameron Gerber), council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to authorize the passage of a zoning bylaw amendment."**

**Carried**

#### **11.4.2 ZA27.2023 - 2079777 Ontario Inc. (Mohammad Khan) Agent - Brad Brown**

The Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO provided an overview of the report.

R-230919-016

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**"THAT in consideration of staff report ZA27.2023 – 207977 Ontario Inc (Brad Brown), council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to authorize the passage of a zoning bylaw amendment."**

**Carried**

## **12. Questions**

Councillor Townsend inquired if there was an update respecting the status of the police services building, and if all emergency services will be out of that location.

Mayor Eccles advised that there will be a staff report in October with an update respecting the police services building.

## **13. Bylaws**

### **13.1 Bylaw No. 2023-108 - Confirming the proceedings of council**

R-230919-017

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**"THAT bylaw 2023-108, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings council, be read a first, second and third and final time."**

**Carried**

### **13.2 Bylaw No. 2023-109 - ZA11.2023 - Granite Ventures**

R-230919-018

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Shea

**"THAT bylaw 2023-109, being a bylaw to amend the Municipality of West Grey Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw No. 37-2006, as amended, in accordance with ZA11.2023, be read a first, second and third and final time."**

**Carried**

### **13.3 Bylaw No. 2023-110 - ZA27.2023 - Khan**

R-230919-019

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

**"THAT bylaw 2023-110, being a bylaw to amend the Municipality of West Grey Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw No. 37-2006, as amended, in accordance with ZA27.2023, be read a first, second and third and final time."**

**Carried**

## **14. New business**

There was no new business.

## **15. Announcements**

Councillor Foerster thanked Councillor Nuhn for assisting with the Neustadt Fall Fair on the weekend, and that it was a very successful fair.

Councillor Townsend advised that this week is Legion Week and that they raised the Legion flag yesterday at the municipal office. Councillor Townsend further advised that there are lots of events happening at the Legion this week and encouraged residents to attend.

Councillor Hutchinson congratulated the Edwards family for a successful Terry Fox Run that was held in the Durham Conservation area on Sunday. Councillor Hutchinson further advised that the event was well attended and that it is an annual event.

Councillor Hutchinson advised that Gord Bamford will be coming to the Neustadt Community Centre on September 23, 2023 for the “Canadian Dirt Tour” with fundraising going towards the 4-H organization.

**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 11:52 a.m.

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Mayor Kevin Eccles

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Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk