



Minutes
Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 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: Michele Harris, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Eckenswiller, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Geoff Aitken, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works
Kodey Hewlett-Mowbray, Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer
Ashley Noble, Communications Coordinator
Krista House Langdon, 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 Councillor Nuhn - Correspondence from the Friends of Ayton Re: Request for Use of Fundraising Money

Councillor Nuhn declared a conflict with agenda item 10.1.1 - Correspondence from the Friends of Ayton Re: Request for Use of Fundraising Money, as she is a member of the Friends of Ayton.

4. Delegations/presentations

4.1 Delegation from William Bishop Re: Request for Compensation for Water Damage

William Bishop provided a delegation respecting a request for compensation for water damage at his property. Mr. Bishop provided a summary of the flooding issues that are occurring on his property, and the corrective actions he has taken to redirect water.

Mr. Bishop noted that heavy rain on August 31, 2024, resulted in runoff from the road that resulted in flooding and property damage. Mr. Bishop requested that he be reimbursed from the Municipality for the costs incurred resulting from the flooding.

R-241015-001

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of a delegation provided by William Bishop on October 15, 2024, respecting a request for compensation for water damage, council directs staff to report back on the request for compensation by William Bishop."

Carried

4.2 Delegation from Al Leach, Mount Forest Aquatics Ad Hoc Committee Re: Request for Financial Support for New Mount Forest Swimming Pool

Members of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Committee, Al Leach, Ray Tout, and Wellington North Councillor Sherry Burke, provided a delegation respecting a request for financial support for the new Mount Forest pool. Committee members highlighted the vision for a new outdoor pool in Mount Forest, in response to a recommendation made in the Wellington North's 2018 Recreation Master Plan.

Committee members reviewed funding initiatives and goals for the project and advised that construction will begin when an additional \$2 million is raised.

As part of their fundraising efforts, the committee is presenting to service organizations and neighbouring municipalities to offer various sponsorship opportunities.

4.3 Delegation from Robin Rich, West Grey Youth Group Inc. Re: Introduction of West Grey Youth Group Inc.

Robin Rich and members of the recently established West Grey Youth Group provided a delegation on the newly formed group.

Recognizing a need for youth programming, with a primary focus on preparing, serving, and storing food, the group aims to foster a supportive and welcoming environment for local youth.

The Board has met regularly since April and has attained non-profit status for the group, as well as formalized a mission statement and bylaws.

The group indicated that they will be asking for support through the West Grey Community Grant program.

5. Public meetings

There were no public meetings.

6. Comment period

Tom Culliton, resident, spoke to item 10.1.1, thanking Mayor Eccles and Council for considering the request of the Friends of Ayton and referenced the letter submitted by the group. The letter details the work planned for the Ayton Centennial Hall, ball field, and armour stone, and requests financial support to help conclude the project in 2025.

7. Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

8. Adoption of minutes

8.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 1, 2024

R-241015-002

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held on October 1, 2024, be adopted."

Carried

9. Committee and board reports

9.1 Minutes of the Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission meeting held on September 18, 2024

R-241015-003

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT the minutes of the Saugeen Municipal Airport are hereby received."

Carried

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence received for which direction of council is required

Having declared a conflict of interest with item 10.1.1, Councillor Nuhn left the council chambers at this time.

10.1.1 Correspondence from the Friends of Ayton Re: Request for use of Fundraising Money

R-241015-004

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received September 23, 2024, from the Friends of Ayton respecting a request for use of fundraising money, council directs staff to include updates to the Ayton Centennial Hall into the draft 2025 budget."

Carried

Councillor Nuhn returned to council chambers at this time.

10.1.2 Correspondence from Sue Godfrey Re: Request to pave Con. 2 SDR between Allan Park Road and Grey Road 3

R-241015-005

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from Sue Godfrey respecting a request to pave Concession 2 SDR between Allan Park and Grey Road 3, council receives the correspondence for information purposes."

Carried

10.2 Correspondence received which is presented for the information of council

R-241015-006

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

“THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the City of Temiskaming Shores respecting Alcohol Sales - Provincial Alcohol Strategy, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Attorney General; the Minister of Transportation; Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Grey Bruce Health Unit, and the West Grey Police Services Board.”

Carried

R-241015-007

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

“THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting recommendations for government regulations of nicotine pouches, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and the Grey Bruce Health Unit.”

Carried

R-241015-008

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

“THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Town of Cobourg respecting Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Premier of Ontario, and Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound.”

Carried

R-241015-009

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

“THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury respecting Ontario Deposit Return Program, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Finance, and Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound.”

Carried

R-241015-010
 Moved by Councillor Townsend
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

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

Carried

Council recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

11. Staff reports

11.1 Director of Infrastructure and Public Works

11.1.1 IPW-2024-35 – Winter Maintenance Agreement – Grey Road 27

The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works provided an overview of the report.

R-241015-011
 Moved by Councillor Nuhn
 Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2024-35 – Winter Maintenance Agreement – Grey Road 27', council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute a five-year winter maintenance agreement with the County of Grey for the maintenance of Grey Road 27."

Carried

11.1.2 IPW-2024-36 – Access Agreement – Well – Durham Waterworks

The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works provided an overview of the report.

R-241015-012
 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson
 Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2024-36 – Access Agreement – Well – Durham Waterworks', council authorizes the mayor and clerk to sign all necessary documents to enter into an Access Agreement with the Corporation of the County of Grey with respect to the location of the new municipal well for the Durham Waterworks."

Carried

12. Questions

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson inquired about the status of the Victoria Street road work. The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works advised that the work is still planned for 2024 and can still take place through October/November.

13. Bylaws

13.1 Bylaw No. 2024-085 - Confirming October 15 Meeting

R-241015-013
 Moved by Councillor Foerster
 Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT Bylaw Number 2024-085 be passed and enacted."

Carried

14. New business

There was no new business.

15. Announcements

Councillor Foerster advised that the Normanby Optimist Club will be hosting an "Impractical Magic" murder mystery dinner on October 26, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased in advance.

Councillor Foerster advised that an adult Halloween roller skating will take place on October 26, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the Neustadt Arena.

Councillor Foerster advised that the Neustadt Craft Show will take place on November 2, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Neustadt Arena and Community Centre.

Mayor Eccles advised that the Neustadt Lions Club will be hosting a pork and kraut dinner on November 3, 2024. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Mayor Eccles advised that the Bentinck Plowing Match is happening on October 26, 2024, on the Hamill property on Concession 4 (off the Grey Bruce County Line).

Mayor Eccles advised that the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority administrative office in Formosa was operating on a limited basis due to a lightning strike.

Significant structural damage was reported, but there was no one in the building at the time of the strike and no injuries were reported.

Councillor Hutchinson advised that the annual Halloween Party will take place in Durham on October 26, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Townsend advised that a fundraiser and tribute for the Wood family will take place on October 26, 2024, at the ball diamonds in Durham. Mayor Eccles added that the memorial service for Emily Wood will take place at the Durham Community Centre on October 17, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and expressed his deepest condolences to the family.

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 10:46 a.m.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk