



Minutes
Special budget meeting
Municipality of West Grey

Tuesday, November 12, 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
 Karl Schipprack, Director of Community and Development Services/CBO
 Geoff Aitken, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works
 Phil Schwartz, West Grey Fire Chief
 Kim Storz, Chief Librarian/Library CEO
 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. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

Councillor Nuhn declared a conflict on item 3.1 – Draft 2025 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget (Item 2 - 2025 Consolidated Capital; Normanby Centennial Hall Renovations), as she is a member of the former Normanby Recreation Committee (now Friends of Ayton).

Councillor Shea declared a conflict on item 3.1 – Draft 2025 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget (Item 8 - Budget Request Community Garden 2025), as he is a user of the community garden service.

3. Presentations

3.1 Draft 2025 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget

The Director of Finance/Treasurer provided an overview of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget and summarized the items previously approved at the budget meeting of October 22, 2024.

Staff provided additional information with respect to specific departmental budget requests.

Hazel Pratt, Elmwood Community Centre Board Chair, provided an overview of the Board's budget request of \$15,150 from the Municipality of West Grey.

This figure represents 50 percent of total project costs, with the remaining 50 percent to be requested from the Municipality of Brockton.

S-241112-001

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council directs staff to include \$15,150 in the 2025 draft budget for capital improvements at the Elmwood Community Centre and Elmwood Lions Park."

Carried

S-241112-002

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council directs staff to include \$300,000 in a bridge and culvert reserve in the draft 2025 budget."

Carried

Council recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Councillor Shea was not present when Council reconvened.

S-241112-003

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council directs staff to remove the \$50,000 allocated to Glenelg Road 23 engineering for approaches to County bridge from the 2025 draft budget."

Carried

Councillor Shea returned to Council Chambers at this time.

S-241112-004

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council directs staff to include \$18,800 in the 2025 draft budget for engineering for a signalized crossing within the town of Durham."

Carried

Council recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

S-241112-005

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council hereby reduces the dam reserve transfer in the 2025 draft budget to \$10,000."

Carried

S-241112-006

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council directs staff to:

- 1. remove the \$110,000 allocated to an ice resurfacers in the 2025 draft budget;**
- 2. include a \$15,000 transfer into the ice resurfacers reserve in the 2025 draft budget; and**
- 3. investigate options for an electric ice resurfacers."**

Carried

S-241112-007

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council hereby reduces the Normanby dressing room upgrade reserve transfer to \$15,000 in the 2025 draft budget."

Carried

Having declared a conflict, Councillor Nuhn left the Council table for the duration of the conversation on the Normanby Hall and Arena.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson disconnected from the meeting at this time.

S-241112-008

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council hereby removes the \$10,000 allocated to the soccer nets at the Neustadt Arena from the 2025 draft budget."

Carried

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson reconnected to the meeting at this time.

Council recessed at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

Councillor Shea left Council Chambers at this time.

S-241112-009

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council approves the human resources support business case, as presented."

Carried

Councillor Shea returned to Council Chambers at this time.

S-241112-010d

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council forgoes including an economic development officer in the 2025 draft budget."

Defeated

Mayor Eccles relinquished the chair to speak to the motion. Deputy Mayor Hutchinson took the chair.

S-241112-011

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council approves the economic development officer business case, as presented."

Carried

Mayor Eccles reclaimed the chair.

Having declared a conflict with respect to community garden growth/expansion, Councillor Shea left the Council Chambers at this time.

S-241112-012

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council approves the community gardens growth/expansion business case, as presented."

Carried

Councillor Shea returned to Council Chambers at this time.

S-241112-013

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council approves the library budget increase business case, as presented."

Carried

S-241112-014

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT in consideration of the draft 2025 consolidated operating and capital budget, Council directs staff to include \$12,000 in the 2025 draft budget for a crossing guard in Ayton."

Carried

4. Bylaws

4.1 Bylaw No. 2024-092

S-241112-015

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT Bylaw No. 2024-092 be passed and enacted."

Carried

5. Adjournment

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Eccles adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Clerk Jamie M. Eckenswiller