

Minutes
Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 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
 David Smith, Manager of Planning and Development
 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 interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Delegations and presentations

4.1 Presentation from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Re: Durham Upper Dam and Frazil Ice Management

Katie Thomas, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, provided a presentation respecting the Durham Upper Dam and frazil ice management, and outlined potential plans and financial strategies for the next steps related to the dam.

4.2 Delegation from the South East Grey Community Health Centre Re: Update on Programs and Activities

Alex Hector, South East Grey Community Health Centre, provided a delegation to update Council on the organization's programs and activities.

Mr. Hector invited Council to participate in an upcoming rural health symposium that will be aimed at municipal and county representatives.

5. Public meetings

There were no public meetings.

6. Comment period

There were no public comments.

7. Adoption of minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 4, 2025

7.2 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on February 11, 2025

An error was noted in the minutes of the special Council meeting held on February 11, 2025; Deputy Mayor Hutchinson was not in attendance.

R-250218-001

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 4, 2025, and the special Council meeting held on February 11, 2025, be adopted as amended."

Carried

8. Committee and board reports

8.1 Minutes of the Elmwood Community Centre Board Meeting held on January 8, 2025

8.2 Minutes of the Priceville Improvement Committee Meeting held on January 28, 2025

R-250218-002

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT the minutes of the committees and boards are hereby received."

Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence received for which direction of Council is required

There was no correspondence for which direction of Council was required.

9.2 Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-250218-003

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the County of Peterborough and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus respecting Support of Canada and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs, Council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; the Premier of Ontario; Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the President of FCM; the President of AMO; the Chair of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus; the MP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound; and the MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound."

Carried

R-250218-004
 Moved by Councillor Townsend
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

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

Carried

10. Staff reports

10.1 Manager of Planning and Development

10.1.1 ZA10.2024 – DJ Land (Crawford)

The Manager of Planning and Development provided an overview of the report.

R-250218-005
 Moved by Councillor Nuhn
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'ZA10.2024 – DJ Land (Crawford)', Council:

- 1. hereby determines that, pursuant to section 34(17) of the Planning Act RSO 1990 as amended, no further public notice is required in respect to the proposed zoning bylaw amendment; and**
- 2. directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend bylaw 37-2006 as it relates to ZA10.2024."**

Carried

10.2 Director of Public Works and Infrastructure

10.2.1 IPW-2025-03 – South Street Reconstruction

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

R-250218-006
 Moved by Councillor Hutchinson
 Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2025-03 – South Street Reconstruction', Council receives the report for information purposes."

Carried

10.2.2 IPW-2025-06 – Bridge G-044-Construction Contract

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

R-250218-007
 Moved by Councillor Foerster
 Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2025-06 – Bridge G-044-Construction Contract', Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign all necessary documents to enter into an agreement with W. G. Kelly Construction (a division of C. Kelly Construction Ltd.) for the replacement of bridge structure G-044."

Carried

Council recessed at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

10.3 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

10.3.1 Indemnification Bylaw

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

R-250218-008

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Indemnification Bylaw', Council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to provide for the indemnity and defence of current and former members of Council, local boards, and employees of the Corporation against loss or liability incurred while acting on behalf of the Municipality."

Carried

10.3.2 Canadian Lemkos Land Exchange Follow-Up and Next Steps

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

R-250218-009

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Lemkos Land Exchange Request – Next Steps', Council directs staff to bring forward bylaws to:

- 1. Designate the lands subject to the land exchange as a site plan control area; and**
- 2. Authorize the exchange of lands between West Grey and the Canadian Lemkos Association."**

Carried

11. Questions

There were no questions.

12. Motions for which notice was previously given

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

13. Notices of motion

There were no new notices of motion.

14. Announcements

Councillor Hutchinson advised that FrazzleFest took place from February 14-17, 2025. Councillor Hutchinson thanked the South Grey Chamber of Commerce and the various community groups that organized activities and made for a very successful event.

Councillor Nuhn advised that the Friends of Ayton and the Ayton Lions Club held snow volleyball on February 15, 2025.

Councillor Foerster advised that the Neustadt and District Lions Club chicken wing dinner will take place on March 1, 2025, from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. The evening will also include a silent auction and live entertainment; wings will be \$10 per pound.

CAO Harris advised that the Good Roads conference is taking place from March 30 - April 2, 2025; the deadline to submit delegation requests is February 21, 2025.

Mayor Eccles advised that the Elmwood Community Service Association held a wing night on February 14, 2025.

Mayor Eccles advised that a provincial all-candidates meeting was held on February 10, 2025, at the Durham Arena, which focused on health care.

15. Closed session

R-250218-010

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT Council now goes into closed session to discuss:

- a. Minutes of the closed session of the regular Council meeting held on December 17, 2024; and**
- b. Two matters regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board respecting a mutual municipal prosperity agreement."**

Carried

16. Report from closed session

Mayor Eccles advised that in closed session, Council:

- Reviewed the minutes of the closed session of the regular Council meeting held on December 17, 2024; and
- Discussed two matters regarding a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board respecting a mutual municipal prosperity agreement, and direction was provided.

17. Bylaws

17.1 Bylaw No. 2025-013

"A bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey."

R-250218-011

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT Bylaw Number 2025-013 be passed and enacted."

Carried

18. Adjournment

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Eccles adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk