

Minutes
Council meeting

Municipality of West Grey

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 9 a.m.

West Grey municipal office, council chambers and virtual

Members present: Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson
 Councillor Scott Foerster
 Councillor Doug Hutchinson
 Councillor Joyce Nuhn
 Councillor Geoffrey Shea
 Councillor Doug Townsend

Members absent: Mayor Kevin Eccles

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
 Ashley Noble, Communications Coordinator

1. Call to order

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Moment of reflection

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson called for a moment of reflection.

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Delegations and presentations

4.1 Delegation from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Re: 2023-2024 Durham Creek Floodplain Mapping Project

Matt Armstrong and Erik Downing, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA), provided a delegation on the 2023-2024 Durham Creek floodplain mapping project. Mr. Armstrong highlighted the scope of the project, the timeline of events, and the steps taken in the project. Mr. Armstrong reviewed the Durham creek flows, and noted that the new Durham floodplain mapping contains a two-zone floodplain with the floodway denoted in blue and the flood fringe denoted in red.

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 March 4, 2025

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

R-250318-001
 Moved by Councillor Foerster
 Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on March 4, 2025, and the special Council meeting held on March 11, 2025, be approved as presented."

Carried

8. Committee and board reports

8.1 Highlights of the Grey County Council Meeting held on February 27, 2025

R-250318-002
 Moved by Councillor Shea
 Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT the committees and board reports be received for information purposes."

Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence received for which direction of Council is required

9.1.1 Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force Re: Request for Council Representation

R-250318-003
 Moved by Councillor Foerster
 Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force respecting a request to appoint a Council member to the task force, Council appoints Councillor Shea to the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council."

Carried

9.2 Correspondence received which is presented for the information of Council

R-250318-004
 Moved by Councillor Hutchinson
 Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

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

Carried

10. Staff reports

10.1 Manager of Planning and Development

10.1.1 ZA06.2024 – Site Plan Control (DJ Land)

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

R-250318-005
 Moved by Councillor Hutchinson
 Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'ZA06.2024 – Site Plan Control (DJ Land)', Council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to implement site plan control as it relates to lands zoned 'R3-519 High Density Residential Exception'."

Carried

10.2 Director of Infrastructure and Public Works

10.2.1 IPW-2025-07 – 2024 Drinking Water Systems-Annual/Summary Reports

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

R-250318-006
 Moved by Councillor Hutchinson
 Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'IPW-2025-07 – 2024 Drinking Water Systems- Annual/Summary Reports', Council receives the report for information purposes."

Carried

10.3 Director of Finance/Treasurer

10.3.1 Development Charges Bylaw Extension

The Director of Finance/Treasurer provided an overview of the report.

R-250318-007
 Moved by Councillor Foerster
 Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Development Charges Bylaw Extension', Council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to amend Development Charges Bylaw No. 31-2020 to repeal sections 7 and 7.1."

Carried

10.4 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

10.4.1 Statement of 2024 Council and Board Member Remuneration and Expenses

R-250318-008
 Moved by Councillor Nuhn
 Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Statement of 2024 Council and Board Member Remuneration and Expenses, Council receives the report for information purposes."

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 notices of motion.

14. Announcements

Councillor Foerster announced that he attended the Neustadt Firefighters' chicken dinner on March 16, 2025, noting that the event was well attended.

15. Closed session

There was no closed session.

16. Report from closed session

There was no closed session.

17. Bylaws**17.1 Bylaw No. 2025-021**

"A bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the regular and public meetings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey."

17.2 Bylaw No. 2025-022

"A bylaw to amend Development Charges Bylaw No. 31-2020 to remove the expiry date."

17.3 Bylaw No. 2025-023

"A bylaw to amend Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2023-064 respecting dog tag fees."

R-250318-009

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT Bylaws 2025-021, 2025-022, and 2025-023 be passed and enacted."

Carried

18. Adjournment

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Deputy Mayor Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk