

**Minutes**

**Special budget meeting**

**Municipality of West Grey**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 9 a.m.  
 West Grey Municipal Office, Council Chambers  
 4028123 Grey Road 4, Durham ON**

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 Infrastructure and Development  
 Jeremy White, West Grey Police Chief  
 Phil Schwartz, West Grey Fire Chief  
 Ashley Noble, Communications Coordinator  
 Krista Langdon, Legislative Services Coordinator

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**1. Call to order**

Mayor Eccles called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**2. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Staff reports**

**3.1 Report from the Director of Infrastructure and Development Re: Victoria Street, Ayton**

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

S-251112-001d

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

**"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Victoria Street, Ayton - Update', Council amends the 2026 Mayor's budget to include an additional \$15,000 for the reconstruction of Victoria Street, Ayton from Caroline Street to the easterly end of the proposed subdivision."**

Defeated

S-251112-002

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Victoria Street, Ayton - Update', Council:**

- 1. amends the Mayor's 2026 budget to include an additional \$70,000 for the reconstruction of Victoria Street, Ayton from Caroline Street to the easterly end of the proposed subdivision; and**
- 2. directs staff to reallocate \$50,000 from the repaving of Victoria Street from Grey Road 3 to Caroline Street to the reconstruction of Victoria Street from Caroline Street to the easterly end of the proposed subdivision."**

Carried

Council recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

### **3.2 Report from the Director of Finance/Treasurer Re: 2026 Mayor's Budget Highlights**

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

Members of Council asked questions with respect to Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund funding increases and changes in growth, as well as items considered for inclusion in the 2026 Mayor's budget.

Staff provided additional information and clarity, noting that with the changes made to the draft budget, the anticipated West Grey tax levy increase would be 3.1 percent.

S-251112-003

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

**"THAT Council amends the 2026 Mayor's budget to reduce the tax levy requirement by \$163,219 to reflect the net change in Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund grant funding and estimated growth."**

Carried

S-251112-004

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

**"THAT in consideration of staff report '2026 Budget Highlights' Council receives the report for information purposes."**

Carried

## **4. Bylaws**

### **4.1 Bylaw No. 2025-089**

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

S-251112-005

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Shea

**"THAT Bylaw Number 2025-089 be passed and enacted."**

Carried

**5. Adjournment**

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Eccles adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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Mayor Kevin Eccles

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Clerk Jamie M. Eckenswiler