



Minutes
Special Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey
Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 9 a.m.
Virtual meeting

Council members present: Mayor Christine Robinson, Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson, Councillor Beth Hamilton, Councillor Rebecca Hergert, Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Geoffrey Shea, Councillor Stephen Townsend

Staff members present: CAO/Deputy Clerk Laura Johnston, Clerk Genevieve Scharback, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Vance Czerwinski, Recreation Supervisor Kodey Hewlett, West Grey Chief of Police Rob Martin, Director of Finance/Treasurer Kerri Mighton, Chief Building Official Karl Schipprack, Legislative Coordinator Lindsey Glazier

1. Call to order

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

2. Moment of reflection

Mayor Robinson called for a moment of reflection.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

4. Closed session

Resolution: 31-2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Hergert

That Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey does now go into a closed session at 9:04 a.m., with the CAO/deputy clerk, clerk and director of finance/treasurer for the purpose of addressing matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Disposition: Carried

5. Matters arising from the closed session

Council returned to open session at 11:58 a.m.

Mayor Robinson confirmed council only addressed matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees were discussed during closed session, council provided staff direction and there is nothing further to report.

Resolution: 32-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That the motion regarding the FCM Asset Management Program funding be amended by adding “and that staff investigate the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative intake for developing a natural asset inventory”.

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 33-2021

Moved by: Councillor Shea

Seconded by: Councillor Townsend

That council directs staff to investigate applying to the FCM Asset Management Program Fund; and

That staff investigate the municipal natural assets initiative intake for developing a natural asset inventory.

Disposition: Carried

6. Staff reports

6.1 Director of Finance/Treasurer

6.1.1 2021 Budget Review

Resolution: 34-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Shea

That council review the draft 2021 budget.

Disposition: Carried

Council recessed for lunch at 1:02 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Director Mighton provided an overview of the 2021 budget. The initial projected 2021 budget consists of a 14.7% tax levy increase.

Director Mighton answered questions from council and provided examples of how various decisions during the budget process would impact the overall budget and tax levy.

Resolution: 35-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That the motion regarding a review of historical bridges and the options for funding for them be separated into two questions.

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 36-2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Hutchinson

That staff bring forward a report reviewing the 20 historical structures and options for structural repairs

Disposition: Defeated

Resolution: 37-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That staff investigate funding options for repairs and replacements of historical bridges.

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 38-2021

Moved: Councillor Shea

Seconded: Councillor Hergert

That the main motion be amended to provide that the deputy mayor be paid at the same rate as council members, being \$21,700 per year.

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 39-2021**Moved:** Councillor Hergert**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That the main motion regarding council remuneration be further amended by removing the technology allowance of \$600 per year from the annual remuneration for councillors.

Disposition: Carried**Resolution: 40-2021****Moved:** Councillor Townsend**Seconded:** Councillor Hergert

That for 2021 and forward council compensation be moved to a flat rate based on 2019 actuals with the exception of variables, being mileage, seminars and conferences, and excluding the technology allowance with rates as follows, \$21,700 per year for councillors and the deputy mayor, and \$31,100 per year for the mayor.

Disposition: Carried

Council recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

Resolution: 42-2021**Moved:** Councillor Shea**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That the motion regarding a technology allowance be amended to include all council members.

Disposition: Carried**Resolution: 43-2021****Moved:** Councillor Hergert**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That a technology allowance in the amount of \$75.00 per a month be provided to all council members.

Disposition: Carried

Council directed staff to provide a doodle poll to identify dates during February for further budget discussions.

7. Adjournment

Resolution: 44-2021

Moved: Councillor Hergert

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That we do now adjourn at 4:21 p.m.

Disposition: Carried

Mayor Christine Robinson

Clerk Genevieve Scharback