



Minutes
Special Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey
Wednesday, January 27, 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, Director of Administration/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, Facilities Manager Randy Murray, Director of Development/CBO Karl Schipprack, Legislative Coordinator Lindsey Glazier

1. Call to order

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

2. Moment of reflection

Mayor Robinson called for a moment of reflection.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

None.

Resolution: 45-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the agenda be amended by moving item 5.2 West Grey Police Services Budget prior to item 4.1 Staff reports.

Disposition: Carried

5.2 Rob Martin, West Grey Police Service Chief of Police, West Grey Police Services Budget

West Grey Chief of Police Rob Martin presented the proposed 2021 West Grey Police Services Budget and answered questions from council.

Councillor Hergert apologized to Chief Martin for commenting on police operations at the January 19, 2021 meeting. Chief Martin thanked her for her comments.

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

Council recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

A recorded vote was requested on the amending motion.

Resolution: 46-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Shea

That the main motion regarding the police service budget review be amended by changing the 0% to a 2% increase, being approximately \$67,245.

	For:	Against:
Councillor Hamilton	x	
Councillor Hergert	x	
Councillor Hutchinson	x	
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson		x
Mayor Robinson		x
Councillor Shea	x	
Councillor Townsend	x	

Disposition: Carried

A recorded vote was requested on the motion.

Resolution: 47-2021

Moved: Councillor Hergert

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That the Police Services Board proposed budget be referred back to the Police Services Board for further review and amendments to achieve a 2% increase over the 2020 budget.

	For:	Against:
Councillor Hamilton	x	
Councillor Hergert	x	
Councillor Hutchinson	x	
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson		x
Mayor Robinson		x
Councillor Shea	x	
Councillor Townsend	x	

Disposition: Carried

4. Business arising from the previous meeting

4.1 Staff Reports - Director of Finance/Treasurer - 2021 Budget Review

Council recessed at 11:26 a.m. and reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

Councillor Hutchinson advised that he would bring a notice of motion regarding council remuneration to the next budget meeting.

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: 48-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That council directs staff to use \$45,000 from insurance reserves for the 2021 budget.

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 49-2021**Moved:** Councillor Townsend**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That council hereby directs staff to report back with the estimated financial impact for 2021 expenses related to the new police service building.

Disposition: Carried

Council recessed at 12:33 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

5. Budget Presentations**5.1 Malcolm Beddoe, West Grey Public Library Board Chair, 2021 Library Budget**

Elizabeth Murray, Library Board Member, attended on behalf of Mr. Beddoe, Library Board Chair. West Grey Public Library CEO Kim Storz presented the 2021 library budget.

Director Mighton explained the impact of the library budget pertaining to the overall budget and tax levy.

Resolution: 50-2021**Moved:** Councillor Shea**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the main motion regarding the library budget be amended by adding "pending wage adjustments approved for the overall wage grid."

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 51-2021**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That council approves the library budget as presented, pending wage adjustments approved for the overall wage grid.

Disposition: Carried

	For:	Against:
Councillor Hamilton	x	
Councillor Hergert	x	
Councillor Hutchinson		x
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson	x	
Mayor Robinson		x
Councillor Shea	x	
Councillor Townsend	x	

Disposition: Carried**4.1 Staff Reports - Director of Finance/Treasurer - 2021 Budget Review****Resolution: 52-2021****Moved:** Councillor Hamilton**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That the main motion to adopt the operational portion of the fire services budget be amended by adding "and that the finance director bring back information regarding financing options for the fire truck."

Disposition: Carried**Resolution: 53-2021****Moved:** Councillor Hergert**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the Fire Department portion of the operational budget be approved as presented; and

That the finance director bring back information regarding financing options for the fire truck.

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 54-2021**Moved:** Councillor Hergert**Seconded:** Councillor Shea

That council directs staff to report back on the Fire Department Asset Management Plan.

Disposition: Carried**Resolution: 55-2021****Moved:** Councillor Hamilton**Seconded:** Councillor Hergert

That council accepts the operational recreation budget as presented; and

That the Mighton Estate Fund be used for trails; and

That the Safe Restart Funding be used to offset the projected decrease in program revenues.

Disposition: Carried**Resolution: 56-2021****Moved:** Councillor Townsend**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That council accepts the council budget as presented, excluding council compensation.

Disposition: Carried**6. Adjournment****Resolution: 57-2021****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That council hereby adjourns at 3:01 p.m.

Disposition: Carried