



## Minutes

### Council meeting Municipality of West Grey

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 6 p.m.**  
**Virtual meeting**

Council members present: Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Hutchinson, Councillor Shea, Councillor Townsend

Council members absent: Councillor Hergert

Staff members present: CAO/Deputy Clerk L. Johnston, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works V. Czerwinski, Director of Finance/Treasurer K. Mighton, Director of Administration/Clerk G. Scharback

**1. Call to order**

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**2. Moment of reflection**

Mayor Robinson called for a moment of reflection.

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

None.

Staff reviewed instructions to attend the meeting and to participate via the Zoom platform or by telephone, and how to contact staff should disconnection or other technical issues arise.

**Resolution:** 165-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Townsend  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hamilton

That agenda items 5 and 6, being Closed session and Matters arising from the closed session, be moved to follow agenda item 22, Question period; and

That agenda the recommendation to receive committee and board minutes and reports be moved from agenda item 11.3 to be addressed following agenda item 11.4.

**Disposition: Carried**

#### **4. Delegations / presentations**

##### **4.1 Delegations**

###### **4.1.1 Jackie Pennings, Grey County Federation of Agriculture re the importance of agriculture to community at 6:05 p.m.**

Dianne Booker, President, Grey County Federation of Agriculture provided a power point presentation regarding the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, OFA, and the Grey County Federation of Agriculture. She reviewed the roles and service to the agricultural communities of both organizations. She shared information demonstrating the importance and key roles of the agricultural sector in Grey County and across the province. Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Booker for a very informative presentation.

###### **4.1.2 Wesley Wilson, Ontario Barn Preservation re demolition of barns and the severances of agricultural properties at 6:20 p.m.**

Wesley Wilson, Ontario Barn Preservation, provided an overview of the work of Ontario Barn Preservation, specifically that they advocate for change to the surplus farm dwelling severance policy to avoid unnecessary demolition of heritage barns in Ontario. He noted that more information is available at

www.ontariobarnpreservation.com. Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Wilson for his presentation.

## 4.2 Presentation

### 4.2.1 Enbridge Gas re Owen Sound Reinforcement Project update at 6:35 p.m.

Nicole Fernandez of Enbridge, with fellow Enbridge team members provided a comprehensive presentation regarding the restoration activities on concession 2 WGR. The presentation addressed concerns raised by concession 2 residents and discussed the restoration plans for concession 2 that will be completed in 2021. Enbridge staff advised that they are committed to the details in the franchise agreement with West Grey and look forward to continued collaboration and cooperation with West Grey staff as this project concludes. Enbridge staff provided a verbal update with regards to the expansion of natural gas services to the communities of Neustadt and Ayton.

Mayor Robinson thanked the Enbridge team for attending and providing this information.

Item 5 - Closed session and item 6 - Business arising from closed session were moved to follow item 22, Question period.

## 7. Public meeting

**Resolution:** 166-2021

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Townsend

That West Grey council adjourns at 7:07 p.m. for the purpose of proceeding into a public meeting, pursuant to section 34 of the Planning Act to review a proposed amendment to West Grey zoning bylaw no. 37-2006.

**Disposition: Carried**

Council reconvened in regular council at 7:26 p.m.

## **8. Business arising from the previous meeting**

### **8.1 Staff Report - CAO - COVID-19 Municipal Operations Update**

CAO Johnston reviewed this report noting that pickleball has now resumed and the ice is in the Ayton arena.

**Resolution:** 167-2021

**Moved by:** Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That report COVID-19 Municipal Operations Update be received for information.

**Disposition: Carried**

### **8.2 Staff Report - CAO - Correspondence distribution protocol**

**Resolution:** 168-2021

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Townsend

That council receives report Correspondence distribution protocol for information.

**Disposition: Carried**

### **8.3 New Business - Notice of Motion - re: Township of Baldwin - Ontario Fire College**

**Resolution:** 169-2021

**Moved by:** Councillor Townsend

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hutchinson

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Baldwin dated February 1, 2021 wherein they request the Province of Ontario to reconsider the decision to close the Ontario Fire College located in Gravenhurst, Ontario.

**Disposition: Carried**

**9. Comment period**

Staff outlined the process for members of the public to participate in comment period. No members of the public provided comments.

Council recessed at 8:01 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

**10. Adoption of minutes**

**10.1 February 23, 2021 special council meeting**

**10.2 March 2, 2021 council meeting**

**Resolution:** 170-2021

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Townsend

That council hereby adopts the minutes of the special council meeting of February 23, 2021 and the regular council meeting of March 2, 2021, as circulated.

**Disposition: Carried**

**11. Committee and local board minutes and reports**

**11.1 Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit - December 2, 2020 minutes and 2020 Annual Report**

**11.2 Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission - January 13, 2021 minutes**

**11.3 West Grey Accessibility Advisory Committee - February 24, 2021 draft minutes**

**11.4 Other committee and local board updates**

Councillor Hamilton advised that Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit is making changes to the core service area to extend it 20 km beyond the membership boundaries.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson provided a verbal update on the County economic development promotion of West Grey and a proposed study to understand the mix of businesses and promote the CIP.

Mayor Robinson provided a verbal update on County council matters.

**Resolution:** 171-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Hamilton  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Shea

That minutes and reports not otherwise dealt with are hereby received.

**Disposition: Carried**

## 12. Miscellaneous correspondence

### 12.1 Items requiring action

#### 12.1.1 The West Grey Soccer Club Executive re West Grey Funds for the Soccer Club

**Resolution:** 172-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Hamilton  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hutchinson

That the West Grey Soccer Club's request for funding support be considered with the community grant amount at the March 30, 2021 budget meeting.

**Disposition: Carried**

#### 12.1.2 The West Grey Soccer Club Executive re Written Approval of Council for 2021 Summer Season

**Resolution:** 173-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Townsend  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hamilton

That West Grey council hereby supports the West Grey Soccer club's plan, as approved by the Grey Bruce health Unit and Ontario Soccer, by providing written approval to allow play on the municipal soccer pitch for the 2021 summer season, upon approval by the West Grey Emergency Management Group.

**Disposition: Carried**

## **12.2 Items for information**

- 12.2.1 Bill Walker, MPP re Ontario Supports New State-of-the-Art Hospital in Markdale**
- 12.2.2 Bill Walker, MPP re Announcement of \$120,762.59 in RED program funding**
- 12.2.3 Ontario Fire College Training Modernization**
- 12.2.4 Joint Notice of Public Open House - Tree Bylaw Update/Forest Management Bylaw Update**

**Resolution:** 174-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Shea  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Townsend

That all correspondence items not otherwise dealt with are hereby received.

**Disposition: Carried**

## **14. Future committee meetings**

- 14.1 West Grey Police Services (Budget), March 12, 2021 at 2 p.m.**
- 14.2 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, March 18, 2021 at 3 p.m.**
- 14.6 Traffic Safety Working Group, March 29, 2021 at 1 p.m.**

It was noted that there is also a Saugeen Municipal Airport meeting tomorrow, March 17, 2021 at 1 p.m.

## **15. Communications from the mayor and council**

Council shared updates regarding activities and reported on past activities and events since the last regular meeting of council and on upcoming events and activities.

## 16. Staff reports

### 16.1 Director of Finance/Treasurer

#### 16.1.1 Financial Reporting Policy

**Resolution:** 175-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Hamilton  
**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the Budget Variance Reporting Police Number T-01-13 be received for information.

**Disposition: Carried**

### 16.2 Manager, Planning and Development

#### 16.2.1 5015685 Ontario Ltd. - Request for purchase of municipal property

**Resolution:** 176-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Townsend  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hutchinson

That item 16.2.1, 5015685 Ontario Ltd - Request to Purchase Municipal Property, be deferred to the May 4th council meeting to be brought back to council with a report reviewing the 2019 property inventory information, further information regarding concerns raised, including limitations to adjacent lands if this parcel is sold, with input from the County of Grey regarding access to Grey Road 19, Queen Street and options to declare all of the lands surplus and the possible uses for those lands if sold.

**Disposition: Carried**



**Resolution:** 177-2021  
**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Townsend

The council direct staff to commence the disposal of land process and bring forward a by-law to council to deem the lands surplus.

**Disposition: Deferred**

### **16.3 Director of Infrastructure and Public Works**

#### **16.3.1 Concession 2 WGR Project Status Report**

**Resolution:** 178-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Shea  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hamilton

That council receives the Concession 2 WGR Project Status Report for information.

**Disposition: Carried**

### **16.4 Director of Administration/Clerk**

#### **16.4.1 Emergency Control Group Roles and Responsibilities**

**Resolution:** 179-2021  
**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Shea

That council receives the report Roles and Responsibilities of West Grey Emergency Control Group for information.

**Disposition: Carried**

## 17. Bylaws

### 17.1 14-2021 - Sale of municipal land to Whitehead

**Resolution:** 180-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Townsend  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hutchinson

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No.14-2021, being a bylaw to authorize the sale of municipal land to Stanley Whitehead and Marcie Whitehead.

**Disposition: Carried**

### 17.2 15-2021 Community Transportation Grey Road 4 MOU

**Resolution:** 181-2021  
**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hamilton

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No.15-2021, being a bylaw to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Grey, the Municipality of Grey Highlands, the Town of Hanover, the Municipality of Brockton, and the Municipality of West Grey for the implementation of a public transportation service.

**Disposition: Carried**

### 17.3 16-2021 - West Grey Procedural Bylaw

**Resolution:** 182-2021  
**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Townsend

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No. 16-2021, being a bylaw to govern the proceedings of council and committees of council.

**Disposition: Carried**

**17.4 17-2021 - Confirm proceedings of council**

**Resolution:** 183-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Hamilton  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Shea

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No. 17-2021, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey.

**Disposition: Carried**

**17.5 18-2021 - Deeming Bylaw for Lots 10, 17 and 18 on Plan 83**

**Resolution:** 184-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Shea  
**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No. 18-2021, being a bylaw to deem certain lots no longer be registered lots on a plan of subdivision.

**Disposition: Carried**

**18. New business****18.1 Notice of Motion - Film plastic and polystyrene recycling**

**Resolution:** 185-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Hamilton  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hutchinson

Whereas West Grey Council and staff recently received a presentation regarding film plastic recycling and polystyrene (styrofoam) recycling;

Whereas many municipalities across Grey and Bruce are providing this service at a reasonable cost;

Whereas diverting waste by recycling film plastic and polystyrene will extend the life of West Grey landfills and prevent plastics from polluting our environment;

Therefore be it resolved that staff provide the cost of implementing film plastic recycling and the cost of implementing polystyrene (Styrofoam) recycling for council's consideration at the next scheduled budget meeting.

**Disposition: Carried**

## **18.2 Notice of Motion - Proceeds from sale of Carnegie Library**

**Resolution:** 186-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Hutchinson  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Townsend

That the motion regarding the use of proceeds from the sale of the Carnegie Library property be deferred to the March 30 budget meeting.

**Disposition: Carried**

**Resolution:** 187-2021  
**Moved by:** Councillor Hamilton  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Hutchinson

Whereas the Carnegie Library was built in 1912 in the Town of Durham following receipt of a grant from the Carnegie Foundation for the construction of a free, public library;

Whereas the municipality designated the Carnegie Library as a heritage building;

Whereas the municipality declared the property surplus to the needs of the municipality and listed the property for sale;

Therefore be it resolved that the net proceeds from the sale of the Carnegie Library be directed to a new reserve "Municipal Capital Facility Reserve – Library"

**Disposition: Deferred**

**19. Addendum**

None.

**Resolution:** 188-2021

**Moved by:** Councillor Hutchinson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hamilton

That council proceeds past curfew for up to one more hour to address matters on the agenda.

**Disposition: Carried**

**20. Closed session - incomplete items only**

None.

**21. Matters arising from closed session**

Not applicable.

**22. Question period**

Staff outlined the process for members of the public to participate in question period. There were no questions from the public.

Council recessed at 10:13 p.m. Council reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

**5. Closed session**

**Resolution:** 189-2021

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hamilton

The Council of the Municipality of West Grey does now go into a closed session at 10:20 p.m., with the CAO/deputy clerk, director of administration/clerk, director of finance/treasurer and manager of planning and development for the purpose of addressing matters pertaining to 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.

**Disposition: Carried**

**6. Matters arising from the closed session**

Council reconvened in open session at 10:56 p.m.

Mayor Robinson confirmed that only matters pertaining to 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. There is nothing further to report.

**23. Municipal act - notices**

None.

**24. Adjournment**

**Resolution:** 190-2021

**Moved by:** Councillor Shea

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hutchinson

That we do now adjourn at 10:58 p.m., to meet again on March 30, 2021 at 9 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

**Disposition: Carried**

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Mayor Christine Robinson

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Clerk Genevieve Scharback