



**Minutes
Special Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey
Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 8:30 a.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 Administration/Clerk G. Scharback, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works V. Czerwinski, Recreation Supervisor K. Hewlett, Director of Finance/Treasurer K. Mighton, Director of Development/CBO K. Schipprack, Legislative Coordinator L. Glazier

1. Call to order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

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.

2. Moment of reflection

Mayor Robinson called for a moment of reflection.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

None.

4. Business arising from the previous meeting

Resolution: 226-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That agenda item 4.5, Bridge Study Review, be moved forward in the agenda to follow item 4.1.

Disposition: Carried

4.1 Director of Finance/Treasurer, 2021 Budget Review continued

Director Mighton reviewed the draft 2021 budget, noting amendments to date, resulting in \$549,856, being 5.36% locally and approximately \$36.45 per \$100,000 of residential assessment.

Mayor Robinson passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Hutchinson at 9:06 a.m.

Councillor Hamilton requested a recorded vote.

Resolution: 227-2021

Moved: Councillor Shea

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That the repurposed secondment position, manager of corporate and community initiatives position, be maintained and the new finance and asset management coordinator position be approved for 2021.

Councillor Hamilton	Yes	
Councillor Townsend	Yes	
Councillor Hutchinson		No
Councillor Shea	Yes	
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson		No
Mayor Robinson		No

Disposition: Defeated

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson passed the chair to Mayor Robinson at 9:17 a.m.

Councillor Hamilton requested a recorded vote.

Resolution: 228-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That \$60,000 be removed from the operating budget by removing the existing position of manager of corporate and community initiatives.

Mayor Robinson	Yes	
Councillor Townsend		No
Councillor Shea		No
Councillor Hamilton		No
Councillor Hutchinson	Yes	
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson	Yes	

Disposition: Defeated

Resolution: 229-2021**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That council adopts the landfill operation efficiencies as presented by the director of public works, effective July 1, 2021, resulting in approximately \$20,000 in savings in 2021.

Disposition: Carried**Resolution: 230-2021****Moved:** Councillor Townsend**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That the savings realized by the changes to landfill operations be maintained within the public works department budget and be repurposed as deemed appropriate by the director of public works and infrastructure.

Disposition: Carried**Resolution: 231-2021****Moved:** Councillor Hamilton**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That council supports the Styrofoam Recycling Program at an estimated cost of \$5,000, to be implemented at one landfill site.

Disposition: Carried

Mayor Robinson requested a recorded vote.

Mayor Robinson transferred the chair to Deputy Mayor Hutchinson at 10:14 a.m.

Resolution: 232-2021**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That council hereby directs that the savings realized from the landfill operations efficiencies be utilized to fund a new capital projects and environmental coordinator position, beginning in September 2021.

Mayor Robinson		No
Councillor Shea	Yes	
Councillor Townsend	Yes	
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson		No
Councillor Hutchinson		No
Councillor Hamilton	Yes	

Disposition: Defeated

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson passed the chair to Mayor Robinson at 10:29 a.m.

Council recessed at 10:30 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Resolution: 233-2021**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That council reconsider the resolution providing that savings realized by the changes to the landfill operations be maintained within the public works budget and be repurposed as deemed appropriate by the director of public works and infrastructure.

Disposition: Defeated

Director Mighton provided an update at this time noting that savings of approximately \$20,000 from landfill operation efficiencies will remain in the public works department budget and \$5,000 will be added to the public works department budget for the Styrofoam Recycling Program. The changes result in an increase of \$554,856, being 5.41% locally, being an overall tax increase of 3.53%. This increase will be approximately \$39.74 per \$100,000 of residential assessment.

Resolution: 234-2021**Moved:** Councillor Townsend**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That the \$1,500 per member of council included in the budget for conferences and seminars include any and all expenses, excluding per diems, related to conferences, seminars and council related educational opportunities; and

That the amount shall include 2021 expenses to date.

Disposition: Carried**Resolution: 235-2021****Moved:** Councillor Hamilton**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That the main motion to remove the transfer to election reserves and funds for per diems from the budget be separated into two questions.

Disposition: Carried**Resolution: 236-2021****Moved:** Councillor Hutchinson**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the \$12,500 transfer to election reserves be removed from the 2021 budget.

Disposition: Defeated**Resolution: 237-2021****Moved:** Councillor Hutchinson**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the \$6,300 provided for council per diems be removed from the 2021 budget.

Disposition: Defeated

Director Mighton confirmed that there have been no changes to 2021 draft budget numbers since the earlier update.

Resolution: 238-2021**Moved:** Councillor Shea**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That council review the draft 2021 budget and recommend that notice be given of the intention to pass the 2021 budget bylaw.

Disposition: Carried

Council recessed at 12:06 p.m. Council reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

4.5 Bridge Study Review

Councillor Townsend requested a recorded vote.

Resolution: 239-2021**Moved:** Councillor Townsend**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That West Grey Council hereby endorses the Bridge Study(s) as prepared by WSP Canada Inc; and

That these Bridge Study(s), along with the Structure Priority List 2020, be the basis for operational decisions by staff, regarding any action to be taken on these structures; and further

That the Structure Priority List 2020 be updated as information becomes available on these structures; and

That a current, updated Structure Priority List be provided annually to Council as part of the annual budget process, or quarterly if updates the List have been made.

Councillor Shea	Yes
Councillor Hutchinson	Yes
Councillor Hamilton	Yes
Councillor Townsend	Yes
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson	Yes
Mayor Robinson	Yes

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 240-2021**Moved:** Councillor Hutchinson**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That council proceeds past curfew to continue until 1:30 p.m.

Disposition: Carried**4.2 Director of Infrastructure and Public Works, Modular Panel Bridge replacement, bridge 44****Resolution: 241-2021****Moved:** Councillor Townsend**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That council approves the 2021 capital budget to a maximum of 50% of the 2020 budget to be allocated to the installation of a modular panel bridge for bridge 44 on North Line to a maximum of \$450,000.

Disposition: Carried**4.3 Notice of Motion - Kennedy Bridge**

Mayor Robinson transferred the chair to Deputy Mayor Hutchinson at 1:03 p.m.

Mayor Robinson asked for a recorded vote.

Resolution: 242-2021**Moved:** Mayor Robinson**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

Whereas Structure B-020, known as the Kennedy Bridge located on Concession 2 between Grey Road 3 and Allan Park Road in the south-central portion of the former Township of Bentinck, in the Municipality of West Grey, is an interim closure;

Whereas prior to the interim closure, the Kennedy Bridge served a relatively high number of road users with respect to other structures in the Municipality of West Grey;

Whereas the Kennedy Bridge historically had a high level of service and served as an alternate, indirect and well travelled route between the Hanover area and the Durham area and beyond;

Whereas West Grey residents have appealed to Council to permanently repair and reopen the Kennedy Bridge from the interim closure via phone calls, emails and posting signs of support;

Now therefore be it resolved that the 2021 budget include the estimated cost of \$75,000 for the pre-engineering and design for the replacement of the Kennedy Bridge;

And Further that staff be directed to investigate funding options for the replacement of the Kennedy Bridge and proceed with the consideration of the construction funds in 2022.

Councillor Townsend		No
Mayor Robinson	Yes	
Councillor Hamilton		No
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson	Yes	
Councillor Hutchinson		No
Councillor Shea		No

Disposition: Defeated

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson transferred the chair to Mayor Robinson at 1:29 p.m.

Resolution: 243-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That council take leave of the curfew provisions in the procedural bylaw for the purpose of addressing the remaining items on today's agenda.

Disposition: Carried

4.4 Notice of Motion - Proceeds From Sale of Carnegie Library Property

Deputy Mayor asked for a recorded vote.

Mayor Robinson transferred the chair to Deputy Mayor Hutchinson at 1:41 p.m.

Resolution: 244-2021**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

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"

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson		No
Councillor Hamilton	Yes	
Councillor Townsend	Yes	
Councillor Hutchinson		No
Councillor Shea	Yes	
Mayor Robinson		No

Disposition: Defeated

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson transferred the chair to Mayor Robinson at 1:43 p.m.

5. Adjournment**Resolution: 245-2021****Moved:** Councillor Townsend**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That we do now adjourn at 1:44 p.m., to meet again on April 20, 2021 at 1 p.m. or at the call of the chair.

Disposition: Carried

 Mayor Christine Robinson

 Clerk Genevieve Scharback