



**Minutes
Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey
Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 6 p.m.
Virtual meeting**

Council members present: Mayor C. Robinson, Deputy Mayor T. Hutchinson, Councillor B. Hamilton, Councillor D. Hutchinson, Councillor G. Shea, Councillor S. Townsend

Council members absent: Councillor R. Hergert

Staff members present: CAO L. Johnston, Director of Administration/Clerk G. Scharback, Recreation Supervisor K. Hewlett, Director of Finance/Treasurer K. Mighton, Director of Infrastructure & Public Works V. Czerwinski, Legislative Coordinator L. Glazier

1. Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. Moment of Reflection

None.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1 JP and Steven Morel, Wading Pool Mural Projects

JP and Steven Morel presented to council regarding a wading pool mural project. The mural will be created by elementary school students and painted by JP Morel. A request for funding has been submitted by the Durham Art Gallery to the Community Foundation Grey Bruce and a decision will be made by May 17, 2021. Upon council approval and approval of funding, the project would start in June and be completed prior to the opening of the pool in July.

If funding is not approved, JP and Steven Morel will reach out to community members/organizations and businesses for support. The project would then start in September 2021.

Resolution: 246-2021**Moved:** Councillor Shea**Seconded:** Councillor Hutchinson

That council supports the wading pool mural project as proposed based on input from staff.

Disposition: Carried**5. Public Meetings**

None.

6. Comment Period

Steve Lantz, resident provided comments in support of the correspondence submitted by Elizabeth Murray regarding Dr. Arra.

Mayor Robinson responded that this item is outside of the jurisdiction of West Grey council.

Clerk Scharback read a letter submitted to council from resident Bev Falco. Ms. Falco expressed support for Deputy Mayor Hutchinson's Notice of Motion regarding thanking Grey Bruce Health Unit staff for their work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Unfinished Business

Not applicable.

8. Adoption of Minutes**8.1 March 30, 2021, special council meeting****8.2 April 6, 2021, council meeting****Resolution: 247-2021****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson**Seconded:** Councillor Hamilton

That council hereby adopts the minutes of the special council meeting of March 30, 2021 and the regular council meeting of April 6, 2021, as circulated.

Disposition: Carried

9. Committee and Board Reports

9.1 Durham Business Improvement Area, Annual General Meeting, March 17, 2021

Councillor Hutchinson further reviewed the Annual General Meeting.

9.2 West Grey Public Library Board, February 10, 2021

Mayor Robinson advised that she responded to members of the community who emailed her regarding the closure of the Elmwood Resource Centre and forwarded the emails to the West Grey Library Board.

9.3 West Grey Traffic Safety Adhoc Working Group, March 29, 2021

Councillor Townsend noted the committees mandate is excepted to be completed by May 28, 2021.

9.4 Other committee and local board updates

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson provided an update on the Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission noting there are new hangers, the flight school is starting soon and the Snow Birds have been cancelled for this year.

Councillor Hamilton reported that the newly appointed Climate Action Committee will be meeting on Friday April 30th in the morning.

Mayor Robinson reported that council will receive an email from Grey County regarding a report that was supported by County Council regarding opting out of the Vacant Unit Rebate Program.

Resolution: 248-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Councillor Hutchinson

That minutes and reports are hereby received.

Disposition: Carried

10. Correspondence

10.1 Items requiring action

10.1.1 Teepu Khawja, Ministry of the Solicitor General re Municipality of West Grey 2020 Compliance results

Resolution: 249-2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That council send a letter of appreciation to Community Emergency Management Coordinator Chief Phil Schwartz and the West Grey Emergency Management Group thanking them for their work towards making West Grey compliant with the EMCPA in 2020.

Disposition: Carried

10.1.2 Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon re Letter to Minister Hajdu re Support for 988 a 3-digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

Resolution: 250-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Councillor Shea

That West Grey Council hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Caledon endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative.

Disposition: Carried

10.1.3 Municipality of Grey Highlands re County Led Broadband Collaboration

Resolution: 251-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports a Broadband Collaborative Decision-Making Framework initiative led by the County of Grey; and

Requests the County work with all lower tier municipalities to achieve this goal.

Disposition: Carried

10.1.4 Township of Conmee re Lobby Government to disqualify candidates with criminal records

10.1.5 Elizabeth Murray, West Grey Resident re Compensation and Management at Grey Bruce Health

Mayor Robinson reiterated that this request falls outside of the jurisdiction of West Grey council.

10.2 Items for information

10.2.1 Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation re Funding through 2021-22 Connecting Links Program for replacement of Garafraxa Street box culvert up to \$329,378

10.2.2 MPP Bill Walker re Announcement of \$329,378 in Connecting Links Funding for West Grey

10.2.3 Town of Amherstburg re Support for Amendments to the Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act

10.2.4 Town of Blind River re West Grey Support for Municipal Insurance Rates resolution

10.2.5 Jim Harrison, Mayor, City of Quinte West River re West Grey Support for Municipal Insurance Rates resolution

10.2.6 County of Lennox & Addington re West Grey Support for Municipal Insurance Rates resolution

10.2.7 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), re March 2021 InTouch Newsletter

Resolution: 252-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

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

Disposition: Carried

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Director of Infrastructure and Public Works

11.1.1 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Day Agreement

Resolution: 253-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Hutchinson

That council receives the Household Hazardous Waste Day Agreement report for consideration for participating in the 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Days in held in Owen Sound; and further

That council considers adopting the agreement in the bylaw portion of the agenda.

Disposition: Carried

11.2 Recreation Supervisor

11.2.1 Community Services Agreement re Elephant Thoughts Summer Camp Program

Resolution: 254-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That council receive the report “Recreation – Community Services Agreement Re. Elephant Thoughts Summer Camp Program” for information; and

That council consider approval of the bylaw containing the Community Services Agreement during the bylaw portion of the meeting.

Disposition: Carried

12. Questions

Councillor Townsend raised concerns regarding addendums to agendas and how members of the public receive the information.

Clerk Scharback confirmed that staff keep addendums to a minimum and assured council they are used only when necessary.

CAO Johnston advised council that staff will utilize social media more the share information regarding meetings and addendums.

Councillor Townsend requested bylaws for zoning amendments be brought to council in a timely manner.

Councillor Hutchinson enquired if the parks, trails and playgrounds are opened or closed.

CAO Johnston clarified that under the provincial order those services needed to be closed, and on Saturday the province directed that the green spaces and playgrounds were to be opened.

Recreation Supervisor confirmed and included that sports field still remain closed to the public. The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority have decided to keep their spaces closed to the public.

CAO Johnston confirmed that the business continuity program is in place, staff are working remotely and a core group of staff remain in the office. All staff were sent home under provincial order on April 15 and 16. She informed that a drop

box is available for the public to securely provide cheques or documents to staff, that the phones are being answered and emails are being responded to by staff.

13. Bylaws

13.1 Bylaw No. 26-2021 - Shared Service - Summer Day Camp

Resolution: 255-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No. 26-2021, being a bylaw to authorize a Shared Services Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and Elephant Thoughts for the provision of a Summer Camp Program.

Disposition: Carried

13.2 Bylaw No. 27-2021 - 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Day Agreement

Resolution: 256-2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No. 27-2021, being a bylaw to authorize a 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Program Municipal Participation Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and the City of Owen Sound.

Disposition: Carried

13.3 Bylaw No. 28-2021 - Employee Remuneration

Resolution: 257-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No. 28-2021, being a bylaw to adopt the employee salary grid.

Disposition: Carried

13.4 Bylaw No. 29-2021 - Confirm proceedings of council**Resolution: 258-2021****Moved:** Councillor Hamilton**Seconded:** Councillor Shea

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No. 29-2021, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey.

Disposition: Carried**13.5 Bylaw No. 30-2021 - Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement - Court Security and Prisoner Transport****Resolution: 259-2021****Moved:** Councillor Townsend**Seconded:** Councillor Shea

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey gives first, second and third and final reading to Bylaw No. 30-2021, being a bylaw to authorize an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General, for Court Security and Prisoner Transport Program.

Disposition: Carried**13.6 Notice**

West Grey Council hereby gives notice of its intention to pass a bylaw to adopt the 2021 budget at the regular council meeting to be held on May 4, 2021 at 9 a.m.

14. New Business

14.1 Notice of Motion - Thank Grey Bruce Health Unit Staff: Commitment to Community Health

Resolution: 260-2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Hutchinson

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has been a crisis globally, and locally; and

Whereas local public health authorities have been leaders in public information and professional guidance; and

Whereas the Grey Bruce Health Unit, under Dr. Ian Arra's leadership has tirelessly provided support, information and direction; and

Whereas the Grey Bruce Health Unit continues serving and protecting our communities; and

Whereas the Grey Bruce Health Unit recently set a national vaccine record;

Therefore be it resolved that council directs staff to send a letter from West Grey council to congratulate and thank Dr. Arra and his staff for their dedicated service and commitment to community health.

Disposition: Carried

15. Announcements

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. Closed Session

None.

17. Report from Closed Session

Not applicable.

18. Adjournment**Resolution: 261-2021****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Hutchinson**Seconded:** Councillor Townsend

That we do now adjourn at 7:50 p.m., to meet again on May 4, 2021 at 9 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

Disposition: Carried

Mayor Christine Robinson

Clerk Genevieve Scharback