



Minutes
Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 9 a.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/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, Manager Planning & Development L. Spencer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Staff reviewed instructions for members of the public to join the meeting via Zoom software or by phone, as well as how to connect to staff if you are disconnected from the meeting.

2. Moment of Reflection

Mayor Robinson asked for a moment of reflection in memory of the 215 children found in a mass grave at a Kamloops B.C. residential school. She noted that the West Grey flags have been lowered to half-mast in recognition of this tragedy.

4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1 Delegation: Mr. Harvey Fraser and Dr. Hamilton Hall, Centre Grey Health Services Foundation - Markdale Hospital Project

Mr. Harvey Fraser introduced Darlene Lamberti, Executive Director of the Centre Grey Health Services Foundation and Dr. Hamilton Hall. He provided

a presentation about the new Markdale hospital, with construction underway and an estimated move in date early in 2023. He reviewed the benefits the new hospital will bring to the community and the financial status of the project. He noted that the financial commitment from West Grey in the amount of \$190,000 is greatly appreciated. The foundation requested that council consider a further commitment of \$28,500, being approximately 1% a year since the original pledge. Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Fraser, Ms. Lamberti and Dr. Hall for the presentation.

Resolution: 302-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Hutchinson

That a staff report be brought to a future meeting regarding West Grey's financial commitment to the new Markdale hospital.

Disposition: Carried

5. Public Meetings

Resolution: 303-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That West Grey council adjourns at 9:17 a.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 at 9:47 a.m.

6. Comment Period

Staff reviewed instruction to participate in Comment period via Zoom or phone.

Marian Radcliffe, resident, commented in support of item 9, Climate Action Advisory Committee draft minutes and recommendation to include climate action best practices in the Official Plan review.

No further comments were received.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. Adoption of Minutes

8.1 Minutes of May 18, 2021

Resolution: 304-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 18, 2021 are hereby adopted as circulated.

Disposition: Carried

9. Committee and Board Reports

9.1 Climate Action Advisory Committee - Draft minutes May 11, 2021

Mayor Robinson passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Hutchinson at this time, 9:56 a.m. in order to speak to the motion, noting she would prefer to address the climate action matter as part of the Official Plan review process.

Councillor Hamilton requested a recorded vote.

Resolution: 305-2021

Moved: Councillor Shea

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That West Grey council approve the following recommendation:

Whereas the Council of West Grey unanimously declared a Climate Crisis in 2019; and

Whereas the current Official Plan was created prior to the Climate Crisis declaration; and

Whereas per the existing Official Plan the Municipality of West Grey Official Plan has been designed to conform to the County of Grey Official Plan. In the event of a conflict between these two documents, the County Official Plan shall prevail, as mandated in The Planning Act(R.S.O. 1990).That notwithstanding, the Municipality of West Grey Official Plan (2) April 30, 2021 *may be more restrictive* than the County of Grey Official Plan, in which case the more restrictive policies shall prevail;

The West Grey Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that the West Grey Official Plan revisions include Climate Change best practices throughout.

	For:	Against:
Mayor Robinson	X	
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson	X	
Councillor Townsend	X	
Councillor Shea	X	
Councillor Hutchinson	X	
Councillor Hamilton	X	
Results	6	0
Disposition: Carried		

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson passed the chair back to Mayor Robinson at this time, 10:15 a.m.

Mayor Robinson provided an update on SVCA Board correspondence noting that the walkway at the upper dam will remain closed until the safety concerns are addressed.

Councillor Townsend advised that the Traffic Safety Working Group deferred last week's meeting to June to complete their final report to council.

CAO Johnston provided an update on the Commercial Beautification Committee noting that they have had very productive meetings. Flower baskets will arrive in June, student seasonal staff will be planting. A report will come to the June 15th meeting regarding a park maintenance plan. The Build A Banner program will soon be launched, inviting submissions for designs with spring and fall themes.

Council recessed at 10:26 am. Council reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Items requiring action

10.1.1 Jason and Kevin Tremble - Request to purchase municipal land

Resolution: 306-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That West Grey council hereby directs that a planning report be brought forward to a future meeting regarding each of the property parcels included in the request to purchase municipal lands received from Jason and Kevin Tremble.

Disposition: Carried

10.1.2 Nusselder-Sauer - Request to purchase municipal land

Resolution: 307-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Councillor Hutchinson

That West Grey council hereby directs that a planning report be brought forward to a future meeting regarding the property parcel included in the request to purchase municipal lands received from Nusselder -Sauer.

Disposition: Carried

10.1.3 Paul and Lorraine Roberts - Request to transfer ownership of municipal land

Resolution: 308-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That West Grey council hereby directs that a planning report be brought forward to a future meeting regarding the property parcel included in the request to transfer ownership of municipal lands received from Paul and Lorraine Roberts.

Disposition: Carried

10.1.4 Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission - Request funds for West Grey flagpole at airport

Resolution: 309-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That West Grey council hereby directs that funds in the amount of \$1,000 be provided to the Saugeen Municipal Airport commission for the purpose of purchasing a flag pole the Municipality of West grey flag at the airport, upon the condition that the other two member municipalities also agree to funding their respective flagpoles at the airport.

Disposition: Carried.

10.2 Items for information

10.2.1 Township of The Archipelago - Resolution re: Roadside Phragmites

Resolution: 310-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That WG council hereby supports the resolution of the Township of the Archipelago requesting all levels of government support the management of roadside phragmites.

Disposition: Carried

11. Staff Reports

11.1 Director of Finance/Treasurer

11.1.1 Fees and charges bylaw update

Resolution: 311-2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Shea

That council receives the fees and charges update report for information; and that council considers the updated fees and charges bylaw in the bylaw portion of the agenda.

Disposition: Carried

11.2 Director of Infrastructure and Public Works

11.2.1 Asphalt Resurfacing Artemesia-Glenelg Townline

Resolution: 312-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Shea

That council approves the capital expenditure of up to \$85,000 in 2022, and \$85,000 in 2023 for the asphalt resurfacing of Artemesia-Glenelg Townline; and

That council hereby directs that a bylaw be brought to the next regular meeting of West Grey council to ratify the decision to approve the two-year transfer payment schedule to the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

Disposition: Carried

Council recessed at 11:53 a.m. Council reconvened at 12:03 p.m.

12. Questions

Councillor Townsend requested clarification on connecting links funding. Staff reviewed the funding for the Garafraxa Street bridge and box culvert projects.

Councillor Hutchinson inquired about the office re-opening plan. CAO Johnston advised that as staff return to work from the office the doors shall remain closed to the public until further information is provided by the Health Unit and the Province of Ontario. He asked when the plastic and Styrofoam recycling program will begin. Director Czerwinski advised that he has reached out and is waiting to hear back from the plastic recycling contacts and will be doing promotion and education via social media.

13. Bylaws

13.1 Bylaw 43-2021 - Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement

Resolution: 313-2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That bylaw 43-2021, being a bylaw to authorize a Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Disposition: Carried

13.2 Bylaw 44-2021 - Zoning Amendment - Anzelmo

Resolution: 314-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Councillor Shea

That bylaw 44-2021, being a bylaw to amend zoning bylaw No. 37-2006, be read a first, second and third and final time as amended by adding that the lands shall be subject to site plan control.

Disposition: Carried

13.3 Bylaw 45-2021 - Fees and Charges

Resolution: 315-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That schedule "F" to bylaw No. 45 - 2021 be amended by changing the rate for the Durham, Normanby and Neustadt community halls to \$61.00 for standard church service and service club meeting, maximum five (5) hours.

Councillor Hamilton called for a recorded vote.

	For:	Against:
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson	X	
Mayor Robinson	X	
Councillor Shea	X	
Councillor Hamilton		X
Councillor Hutchinson		X
Councillor Townsend	X	
Results	4	2

Disposition: Carried.

Resolution: 316-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

That bylaw 45-2021, being a bylaw to set fees and charges for certain services provided by the Municipality of West Grey, as amended, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Disposition: Carried

13.4 Bylaw 46-2021 - Tax Rates 2021

Resolution: 317-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Shea

That bylaw 46-2021, section 6 and Schedule A to bylaw 46-2021 be amended by removing the BIA rate for commercial vacant land.

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 318-2021

Moved: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That bylaw 46-2021, as amended, being a bylaw to adopt estimates of all sums required during the year, to strike the tax rates, and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for the year 2021, be read a first, second and third and final time..

Disposition: Carried

13.5 Bylaw 47-2021 - Confirming

Resolution: 319-2021

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

That bylaw 47-2021, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of council, be read a first, second and third and final time.

Disposition: Carried

14. New Business

14.1 Notice of Motion - Year end surplus

Resolution: 320-2021

Moved: Councillor Shea

Seconded: Councillor Hutchinson

That West Grey council hereby approves proceeding past the meeting curfew for up to one hour to address remaining matters on the agenda.

Disposition: Carried

Resolution: 321-2021

Moved: Councillor Townsend

Seconded: Councillor Hamilton

Whereas West Grey staff are dedicated to continuous improvement and finding efficiencies in municipal operations; and

Whereas year-end surpluses and operational savings have traditionally been allocated to a capital reserve; and

Whereas council deems it expedient to consider staff recommendations for the allocation of any year-end surplus that may assist in implementing efficiencies; and

Now therefore be it resolved that a staff report be included in the 2022 preliminary budget meeting outlining options for year-end surplus or deficit, including the option of presenting any surplus generated as a result of implementing efficiencies during Budget deliberations, with a request to allocated these for funding further efficiencies.

Disposition: Carried

15. Announcements

Councillor Hamilton noted that 215 children's lives were lost at the residential school in Kamloops and thousands that attended residential schools lives were impacted or they never came home. She requested that training, as directed by the 2020 resolution to provide anti-racism training, be focused on Indigenous history and reconciliation in 2021.

16. Closed Session

Resolution: 322-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That the motion to proceed in closed session be tabled until after a one-half hour lunch break recess.

Disposition: Carried.

Council recessed at 1:00 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Resolution: 323-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Townsend

That the motion to proceed in closed session be brought from the table for consideration.

Disposition: Carried.

Resolution: 324-2021

Moved: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded: Councillor Shea

That the Council of the Municipality of West Grey does now go into a closed session at 1:31p.m., with the CAO, Director of Administration/Clerk and Director of Finance/Treasurer for the purpose of addressing personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; 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; and to receive information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or a Crown agency of any of them.

Disposition: Carried

17. Report from Closed Session

The clerk advised that council met the extended curfew time provided in the procedural bylaw. The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. Any items not addressed will be added to the June 15th council agenda.

Mayor Christine Robinson

Clerk Genevieve Scharback