



Minutes
Council meeting
Municipality of West Grey

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 9 a.m.
West Grey municipal office, council chambers and virtual

Members present: Mayor Kevin Eccles
Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson
Councillor Scott Foerster
Councillor Doug Hutchinson
Councillor Joyce Nuhn
Councillor Geoffrey Shea
Councillor Doug Townsend

Staff present: Laura Johnston, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Eckenswiller, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Karl Schipprack, Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO
Lorelie Spencer, Manager of Planning and Development
Geoff Aitken, Manager of Public Works
Tim Cook, Supervisor of Rural Operations
Kodey Hewlett, Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer
Sile Ferguson, Communications Coordinator
Sarah Bothman, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. Call to order

Mayor Eccles called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Moment of reflection

Mayor Eccles called for a moment of reflection.

Staff reviewed instructions for members of the public to participate via Zoom or telephone, and how to contact staff for assistance if disconnected. It was noted that this meeting will be livestreamed to the West Grey YouTube channel.

3. Declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

Councillor Shea joined the meeting at this time.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Delegations/presentations

4.1 Delegation - Maria Djordjic, Jesse Silnica, and Josef Silnica Re: Request to keep goat

Josef Silnica provided a delegation respecting a request to keep his three-year-old pet goat, Osirus.

Mr. Silnica advised that Osirus was a rescue and that he has raised him since he was born. Mr. Silnica advised that his property is approximately half an acre in size and that Osirus lives in the open green space within.

Mr. Silnica advised that Osirus is a friendly goat that was raised with dogs and acts more like a dog than a goat. Mr. Silnica further advised that Osirus goes for walks around the community, attends the vet regularly and is vaccinated with all required vaccinations.

Mr. Silnica advised that he contacted the Ministry of Agriculture for the definition of livestock, who advised that their definition is everything from bees, dogs, etc., except for humans.

Mr. Silnica highlighted that he has a petition with approximately 162 signatures in support of him keeping his pet goat.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO noted that under the municipality's bylaw the goat is not permitted as it is classified as livestock. Mr. Schipprack noted that Mr. Silnica could apply for a zoning bylaw amendment.

5. Public meetings

There were no public meetings.

6. Comment period

There were no comments.

7. Unfinished business

7.1 Closed Session

R-230516-001

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT council now moves into closed session to consider:

- a. **Minutes of the closed session of the regular council meeting held on April 4, 2023; and**
- b. **One matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual and labour relations or employee negotiations respecting a municipal position."**

Carried

7.2 Report from closed session

Mayor Eccles advised that during closed session, council:

- reviewed the minutes of the closed session of the regular council meeting held on April 4, 2023; and
- discussed one matter regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual and labour relations or employee negotiations respecting a municipal position, and direction was provided to staff.

8. Adoption of minutes

8.1 Minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 2, 2023

R-230516-002

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT the minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 2, 2023 as presented be adopted."

Carried

8.2 Minutes of the public meeting held on May 2, 2023

R-230516-003

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT the minutes of the public meeting held on May 2, 2023 as presented be adopted."

Carried

9. Committee and board reports

There were no committee and board reports.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence received for which direction of council is required

10.1.1 Jessica Farquharson Municipal Significant Event Request - Ayton Baseball Tournament

R-230516-004

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of correspondence dated April 25, 2023 from Jessica Farquharson respecting a request for a designation of municipal significance for the Ayton Baseball Tournament taking place from July 28-30, 2023, council declares the Ayton Baseball Tournament to be of municipal significance."

Carried

10.1.2 Municipality of Grey Highlands - Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group - Capacity Expansion

R-230516-005

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of Grey Highlands dated May 3, 2023 respecting Multi-Municipal Long Term Care Working Group - Capacity Expansion - Terms of Reference, council receives the correspondence for information purposes."

Carried

10.1.3 Durham BIA - Farmers Market Proposal

R-230516-006

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Durham Business Improvement Area dated May 8, 2023 respecting a proposed Durham Farmers' Market, council:

1. **approves the use of the parking lot located south of the Northern Credit Union every Friday from 1pm to 6pm starting June 16th and ending October 13th; and**
2. **directs staff to provide the Durham BIA access to barricades to section off the farmers market for vendor parking."**

Carried

10.1.4 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 308 Durham - Request for additional banners

R-230516-007

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 308, Durham respecting additional banners for the banner program, council directs staff to install additional brackets supplied by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 308 in Durham and Ayton for the installation of additional legion banners."

Carried

10.1.5 West Grey Soccer Club - Field Maintenance Grant Request

R-230516-008

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the West Grey Soccer Club dated April 30, 2023 respecting a request for financial assistance for field maintenance, council receives the correspondence for information purposes."

Carried

10.2 Correspondence received which is presented for the information of council

Council recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

R-230516-009

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the City of Owen Sound and the Township of Carlo/Mayo respecting support for Municipality of Chatham-Kent's resolution respecting reducing municipal insurance costs, council supports the resolution and directs staff to send a letter of support to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, Attorney General, Doug Downey, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Rick Byers, Premier Doug Ford, and MPP Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party and Leader of the Opposition."

Carried

R-230516-010

Moved by Councillor Nuhn

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of North Perth respecting school bus stop arm cameras, council supports the resolution and directs staff to send a letter of support to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, provincial opposition party leaders, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Rick Byers, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities."

Carried

R-230516-011
 Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson
 Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT council receives all correspondence not otherwise dealt with."

Carried

The Manager of Public Works and Supervisor of Rural Operations joined the meeting at this time.

11. Staff reports

11.1 Chief Administrative Officer

11.1.1 Costs associated with RFP WG22-19 - Study and analysis of Policing Services Model

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the report.

R-230516-012
 Moved by Councillor Nuhn
 Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Costs associated with RFP WG22-19: Study and Analysis of Policing Services Models', council receives the report for information."

Carried

11.2 Manager of Public Works

11.2.1 IPW-2023-04 - Surface Treatment-Reallocation of Capital Funds

The Manager of Public Works provided an overview of the report.

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson
 Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT in consideration of staff report IPW-2023-04 - Surface Treatment-Reallocation of Capital Funds, council:

- 1. directs staff to reallocate \$25,000 of the Surface Treatment budget for Highland Estates/Concession 6 and \$60,000 from the Victoria Street project to the Concession 2 project to fund an estimated \$85,000 shortfall on the Concession 2 project; and**
- 2. postpones the reconstruction of Victoria Street until residential development is complete with the balance of the funds allocated for the Victoria Street project (\$90,000 tax levy) being set aside in a reserve specifically dedicated to future road work on Victoria Street."**

Amendment:

R-230516-013
 Moved by Councillor Nuhn
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT the second paragraph of the main motion be amended to strike 'until residential development is complete'."

Carried

Main motion as amended:

R-230516-014

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Shea

"THAT in consideration of staff report IPW-2023-04 - Surface Treatment-Reallocation of Capital Funds, council:

1. **directs staff to reallocate \$25,000 of the Surface Treatment budget for Highland Estates/Concession 6 and \$60,000 from the Victoria Street project to the Concession 2 project to fund an estimated \$85,000 shortfall on the Concession 2 project; and**
2. **postpones the reconstruction of Victoria Street with the balance of the funds allocated for the Victoria Street project (\$90,000 tax levy) being set aside in a reserve specifically dedicated to future road work on Victoria Street."**

Carried

The Manager of Public Works and Supervisor of Rural Operations left the meeting at this time.

11.3 Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO**11.3.1 2023 Q1 Building Activity**

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson left the meeting at this time.

R-230516-015

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT in consideration of staff report '2023 Q1 Building Department Activities', council receives the report for information purposes."

Carried**11.4 Manager of Planning and Development****11.4.1 ZA12.2023 - GREIN, Dean and KAUFMAN, Becky (GLENN, David)**

The Manager of Planning and Development provided an overview of the report.

The Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer joined the meeting at this time.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson returned to the meeting at this time.

R-230516-016

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'ZA12.2023 – GREIN, Dean and KAUFMAN, Becky (DAVID, Glenn)', council directs staff to bring forward a bylaw to authorize the passage of a zoning bylaw amendment."

Carried

11.5 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

11.5.1 Volunteer Program Policy

The Director of Legislative Services/Clerk provided an overview of the report.

R-230516-017

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT in consideration of staff report 'Volunteer Program Policy', council approves the Volunteer Program Policy as presented."

Carried

12. Questions

Councillor Townsend inquired as to whether there were any updates respecting the community garden.

The Corporate and Community Initiatives officer advised that he met with gardens users last week and identified a new site which will be located in the open green space across the road from their current location by the Durham Arena. Mr. Hewlett advised that the current garden will stay at the current site until the end of this planting season and will move locations in the Fall. Mr. Hewlett further advised that the process of moving the gardens was partially funded by Tree Canada who completed a site analysis of a number of potential sites and identified that the site by the tennis courts would not be suitable.

Councillor Townsend inquired about the status of economic development for the municipality.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the municipality is actively participating in all local networking opportunities. Ms. Johnston advised that she met with the new chamber on Friday to walk through some of the promotions for their members and what the municipality's financial contribution would look like in the way of community events that will help businesses. Ms. Johnston noted that the economic development strategy that the Wilfrid Laurier MBA students are putting together is fast tracked and are expecting their draft to be completed in 4-5 weeks and at that time, the strategy will come before council. Ms. Johnston advised that the strategy will be the kickoff for discussion with council on next steps.

Councillor Nuhn inquired if the replacement of the bleachers in Ayton could be completed by volunteers with the exception of the placement of armor stone and sod, and if an ad hoc group could be formed in order to start this project.

The Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer advised that if a volunteer group wanted to come forward to work on this project, an ad hoc Committee wouldn't need to be formed but rather just a volunteer group that the municipality could potentially enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with.

Councillor Hutchinson inquired if at the time of the next budget deliberations, if council can look at increasing the staff time dedicated for economic development as currently it is only a part position.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the economic development portfolio has been divided up a few ways noting that Planner Spencer is not only heavily involved with the Community Improvement Plan (CIP), but also any initial inquiries. Ms. Johnston noted that Mr. Hewlett also sits at those collaborative tables, and she will also participate if another level of opinion is required. Ms. Johnston further advised that there are a lot of staff looking at supporting economic development and that she is waiting on the strategy from the Wilfrid Laurier MBA students.

Councillor Hutchinson inquired if next year the municipality could have a month-long event combining Earth Day which is held on April 22 through to Clean Up Litter Day, where residents can participate in cleaning up around their community and once completed, send a photo in to be entered into a draw to win a prize. Councillor Hutchinson also proposed supplying garbage bags to any residents interested in participating in the event.

Councillor Foerster inquired as to when the digital traffic safety speed signs would be installed.

The Manager of Public Works advised that winter operations have now been completed and summer operations are commencing, which will include the installation of the digital speed signs.

The Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO left the meeting at this time.

13. Bylaws

13.1 Bylaw No. 2023-047 - Confirming the proceedings of council

R-230516-018

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Townsend

"THAT Bylaw 2023-047, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of council, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

13.2 Bylaw No. 2023-041 - Grants to Organizations Policy

R-230516-019

Moved by Councillor Foerster

Seconded by Councillor Hutchinson

"THAT Bylaw 2023-041, being a bylaw to adopt a municipal grants to organizations policy, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

13.3 Bylaw No. 2023-042 - ZA12.2023 - Grein

R-230516-020

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT bylaw 2023-042, being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 37-2006 in accordance with ZA12.2023, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

The Corporate and Community Initiatives Officer left the meeting at this time.

13.4 Bylaw No. 2023-048 - West Grey and Grey County Tiered Response Amending Agreement

R-230516-021

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT Bylaw 2023-048, being a bylaw to authorize an amendment to the Tiered Emergency Response Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and the County of Grey, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

13.5 Bylaw No. 2023-049 - West Grey, Southgate, and Grey County Tripartite Emergency Response Amending Agreement

R-230516-022

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT Bylaw 2023-049, being a bylaw to authorize an amendment to the Tripartite Emergency Response Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey, the Township of Southgate, and the County of Grey, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

13.6 Bylaw No. 2023-050 - West Grey, Hanover, and Grey County Tripartite Emergency Response Amending Agreement

R-230516-023

Moved by Councillor Townsend

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT Bylaw 2023-050, being a bylaw to authorize an amendment to the Tripartite Emergency Response Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey, the Town of Hanover, and the County of Grey, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

13.7 Bylaw No. 2023-051 - West Grey, Grey Highlands, and Grey County Tripartite Emergency Response Amending Agreement

R-230516-024

Moved by Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

"THAT Bylaw 2023-051, being a bylaw to authorize an amendment to the Tripartite Emergency Response Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey, the Municipality of Grey Highlands, and the County of Grey, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

13.8 Bylaw No. 2023-052 - West Grey, Brockton, and Grey County Tripartite Emergency Response Amending Agreement

R-230516-025

Moved by Councillor Shea

Seconded by Councillor Foerster

"THAT Bylaw 2023-052, being a bylaw to authorize an amendment to the Tripartite Emergency Response Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey, the Municipality of Brockton, and the County of Grey, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

13.9 Bylaw No. 2023-053 - Holiday Shopping Bylaw

R-230516-026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Hutchinson

Seconded by Councillor Nuhn

"THAT Bylaw 2023-053, being a bylaw respecting retail business holiday closures in the Municipality of West Grey, be read a first, second and third and final time."

Carried

14. New business

There was no new business.

15. Announcements

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson advised that May 27, 2023 is the Neustadt Lions Club Lobster-Fest which will include lobster, crab and steak and that tickets are still available.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson advised that on May 9, 2023 he was at the Ayton Arena participating in the clean-up litter event with two other volunteers. Deputy Mayor Hutchinson highlighted that they only collected a third of a bag of garbage from around the town.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson advised that this past Saturday the Saugeen Municipal Airport had an open house for the three municipalities and had a tour for council members. Deputy Mayor Hutchinson highlighted that a week and a half ago the airport held the launch of their fundraiser and on the opening night they raised \$33,000 towards their \$60,000 goal.

Councillor Nuhn advised that the Busy Bees hosted a birds, bees and butterflies gathering at the Centennial Hall on May 6, 2023. Councillor Nuhn advised that a couple of speakers attended to teach about nature and that a recycling display was setup which was geared towards diversion.

Councillor Foerster advised that this Friday is wing night in Elmwood and that Saturday, June 3, 2023 is the Firemen's Breakfast in Elmwood.

Mayor Eccles advised that May 20, 2023 the Horticultural Society is having a plant sale in Durham at the Riverside Park from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Mayor Eccles highlighted that the Durham Lady Huskies Senior A Hockey Team are Ontario champions and noted that majority of the team are local West Grey residents.

Councillor Hutchinson also noted that a local resident is a provincial champion for running and that those people need to be recognized for their accomplishments and more recognition of local citizens should be brought back to the municipality.

16. Closed session

There was no closed session.

17. Report from closed session

There was no closed session.

18. Adjournment

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Mayor Eccles adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Eccles

Jamie M. Eckenswiller, Clerk