MINUTES
Municipality of West Grey Committee of the Whole
Held on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

Council
Mayor Kevin Eccles (arrived 10:00 a.m.), Deputy Mayor John A. Bell, Councillor Bev Cutting, Councillor John Eccles (arrived 1:30 p.m.), Councillor Carol Lawrence, Councillor David Mollison, Councillor Don B. Marshall, Councillor Mark Rapke, Councillor Rob Thompson

Staff
Christine Robinson, CAO; Mark Turner, Clerk.
Ken Gould, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works; Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer – during reports.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest - None
Closed Session – None

REGULAR AGENDA:

Matters Arising from the Closed Session – n/a
Public Meetings - None

Delegations

GENIVAR
Rakesh Sharma and Ross Slaughter, from the engineering firm of GENIVAR, came before Council to discuss their report on the Assessment of Durham Well No. 2, Durham Water Works.

Mr. Slaughter noted the 300 mm diameter Durham Well #2 was drilled in 1965, and the water pressure of this artesian well revealed a water pressure of 12.6 psi in 1966. The current water pressure is now only approximately 2.2 psi, that represents a significant difference in the original well as opposed to existing well conditions in terms of water yield. Mr. Slaughter indicated work could be completed to lower the pump by another 20’ to possibly increase yield, but results would not be guaranteed.

In 1965, Durham Well #2 was anticipated to produce 200 imperial gallons per minutes (igpm) on a 20 year basis, and an eight hour test confirmed more than 150 igpm on 20 year basis.

In 2005, International Water Supply (WS) was hired to conduct flow logging, video inspection, acidification and a step test, with results indicating a reduction in yield due to deposits, slime and bacteria growth. The short term test following rehab indicated a yield of 133 igpm for 219 days, well short of the original anticipated 200 igpm for 20 years. This rehab and testing cost the municipality $33,000 excluding taxes.
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In November 2012, 3 step tests were conducted at 139 ipgm, 175 ipgm and 207 ipgm. The conclusions were that Durham Well #2 realized 90 ipgm for 20 years; 138 ipgm for 16.7 days and 175 ipgm for 1 day. The maximum daily water demands from 2008 to 2012 in Durham were noted with the highest maximum daily water demand (2125 m³/day) being realized in March 2008. The current long-term water supply capacities are as follows: Well No. 1B is 185 ipgm +/- (1211 m³/day); Well Number 2 – 90 ipgm +/- (589 m³/day); and Well No. 3 (future – top of Garafraxa St. N. hill) – 45 ipgm (295 m³/day).

The average daily water demand in 2011 was 1,088 m³/day and the maximum daily water demand is 2,125 m³/day. Well No. 1B and Well No. 2 combined must meet the maximum daily requirements. Mr. Slaughter indicated there is an issue with being able to meet the maximum water demands per day.

Mr. Sharma provided possible options to meet the maximum water demands per day, being to rehabilitate Well No. 2, although there are high costs ($40,000 +/-, excluding any testing), with no guarantees of increasing yield; or drill a new 200 mm diameter (8") well at Well No. 2 (identified as Well No. 2A) to 210' depth, at an estimated cost of $35,000, or $5,000 to undertake step test only - $5,000, long term tests to be completed if step test results are promising, however, there are no guarantees of high yield. The advantages of a new Well No. 2A include for a capacity of 250 ipgm, existing treatment equipment can be utilized and will have a superior back up capability for water supply (3 wells vs. 2 wells).

GENIVAR’s recommended action plan is to drill new a 200 mm dia. (8") well No. 2A at Well No. 2 site, and for Council to consider submitting an application for MIII funding. The deadline for submitting an MIII funding application is January 9, 2013.

Mr. Sharma provided preliminary estimates for possible MIII funding application purposes. The estimated new Well No. 3 cost is $670,000, the estimated cost for Well #2, 2A work is $140,000; and the environmental assessment for Well #3 and 2A (if needed) is $50,000, for a total of 1,240,000 budget price (excl. HST).

Mr. Sharma, in response to a question from Council, recommended retaining the property at the top of the Garafraxa St. N. hill, as this well (Well #3) can still be utilized as a back up well with a long term yield of approximately 45 ipgm based on 48 hours of continuous pumping with no surface recharge; 20 days +/- at 80 ipgm; and 75 days +/- at 70 ipgm, and a buffer area should be retained around the well. The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works recommended including a new generator in the MIII funding application for a new generator for Well No. 2A.

BELL-RAPKE, RESOLVED THAT, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council submit an MIII Asset Management Program application for up to a 90% grant for construction of well #2A and associated works at an estimated total cost of $600,000.00. 

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CARRIED.
Business Arising From Previous Meeting - None

Staff Reports

Director of Finance & Treasurer – Report COW #12/10/12
2013 Insurance Renewal – resolution #COW 29-12
2013 Grants to Organizations (Committee of the Whole recommended retaining the $20,000 health care reserve, but earmark if needed for further cuts to budget. Transfer $1,000 from Neustadt Horticultural Society and $3,000 from Durham Horticultural Society to West Grey Parks Committee budget - Councillor Cutting to attend horticultural society meetings to advise of proposed change. Director of Finance/Treasurer to verify requirements of Durham Soccer Club for proposed grant)
MIII Asset Management Program Funding (see resolution #COW 30-12)
2013 Preliminary Budget Review (continued) (deferred to December 19, 2012 Special Committee of the Whole meeting due to time constraints)

MOLLISON-THOMPSON, RESOLVED THAT, the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends that Council approve the renewal of the municipal insurance for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 with Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada Inc., for a total premium of $231,320 plus applicable provincial sales tax. ... #COW 29-12 CARRIED.

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report COW #12/10/12
Policy Bylaw Amendment (amend proposed policy under “Purpose” paragraph to “… from unprotected underground direct electrical cables...”. Bring as bylaw to next Council meeting)
Operations Report - two watermain breaks have been repaired in Durham, one on Lambton Street in front of the Durham Furniture Plant and one at College St. and Grey Rd 4. The hydro gravel haulage has shut down until spring of 2013. West Grey staff have capped all the hydro gravel with “A” gravel on the roads where it has been applied. P.W. Staff have been cutting brush, welding garbage bins and cold mix patching. (received for information)
Bridge N-067 (Normanby), Lot 63, Cons. 2-3 WGR – GENIVAR is recommending the bridge be replaced due to disrepair, and Public Works Department/GENIVAR is also recommending that Bridge N-067 be closed until a decision is made to replace the bridge or permanently close the bridge (Committee of the Whole requested the report be brought before Council for consideration. School bus routes and other potential delivery route issues to be assessed)

The Committee of the Whole temporarily adjourned for lunch at 12:25 p.m., and reconvened at 1:13 p.m.

Mayor Eccles reported on a trip to Innisfil with the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works to view a solarized streetlighting system by Alternate Power International Limited. The firm will be contacting West Grey for possible use of their solarized streetlighting system.
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Reports/Minutes from Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

1) West Grey Economic Development Committee

Councillor Lawrence noted the Neustadt Business group has asked how to be recognized by Council, or if they need to be recognized by West Grey. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Neustadt Business group contact West Grey upon completion of their constitution.

2) West Grey Parks Committee – no report

3) West Grey Recreation Advisory Committees:
   ▶ Discussion re: status of Durham Recreation Advisory Committee

Committee of the Whole discussed the status of the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee. Councillor Thompson will approach a representative from the West Grey Progress newspaper for placement of an article in their January 2013 newspaper edition, and a letter will be forwarded to Durham interest groups to explain the issues relating to the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee. Committee of the Whole/Council will consider the status of the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee by March 2013.

Councillor Lawrence reported on the request from the Neustadt Lions Club to build a steel storage area by the mezzanine in the Neustadt Arena. Municipal staff will dialogue with the Neustadt Lions Club and bring back to Council for future consideration.

Reports/Minutes from Other Committees/Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

1) West Grey Public Library Board

Councillor Lawrence reported on the official opening/ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ayton Public Library branch planned for December 14, 2012.

2) West Grey Police Services Board

Mayor Eccles reported that he will be attending the Police Services Zone 5 meeting tomorrow in Orangeville. Discussions are being held regarding collaborative bargaining initiatives designed to curb policing costs.

Mayor reported that West Grey Police Service cars were recognized as the best stenciled cars in Canada, and will be featured in the Blueline police magazine front cover with an accompanying article. The West Grey Police Services were successful in their application for 100% funding for a new intoxilizer machine, and some roadside machines for the RIDE program.
3) Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission
   October 17, 2012 draft minutes

Mayor Eccles reported that the Commission is continuing to review their proposed 2013 budget. The Commission is considering a decision respecting the house and barn on the S.M.A. property.

4) Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Councillor Eccles noted Bruce Nuclear was fined $100,000 for not testing their air conditioner units, and the fines are going to be directed to the SVCA.

5) Elmwood Community Centre Board

Councillor Lawrence reported on the completion of the proposed 2013 budget that has been forwarded to West Grey and Brockton for consideration.

6) Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Corporation (S.M.A.R.T.)

Mayor Eccles reported SMART will be running a reduced service during the Christmas holiday season.

7) West Grey Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Eccles reported that the new website for the West Grey Chamber of Commerce is now in operation. Mayor Eccles noted there are two new businesses recently established in Durham, and these business owners thanked the Chamber for their assistance in establishing their respective businesses.

8) Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee – no report

The Committee temporarily adjourned at 1:55 p.m. for a West Grey Planning Advisory Committee, and reconvened at 3:43 p.m.

New Business
GEMCO Solar Inc. – proposed ground mount solar power project at Part Lot 50, Concession 1 NDR, former Township of Glenelg (Committee of the Whole deferred this item and stated solar power companies should bring their proposals via a delegation to Council)

NextEra Energy – re: second mandatory public meeting to be held on January 15, 2013 (Committee of the Whole reviewed an article in the Owen Sound Sun Times noting the Municipality of Grey Highlands successfully convinced another wind turbine company to change their public meeting format from a public information format style to a question and answer format. Committee of the Whole recommended a letter be forwarded to NextEra Energy, and circulated to the Ministry of Environment requesting same.)
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Extension of Municipal Consultation Form Deadline re: NextEra Energy (The Clerk noted the Ministry of Environment was contacted and had indicated the Ministry would respond by the end of last week as to the process to request an extension of the deadline to complete the municipal consultation form for the proposed NextEra Energy East Durham Wind Energy Project, however, no response has been received to date. The Clerk will contact the Ministry of Environment again to obtain their comments for review by Council at the December 17, 2012 Council meeting)

Township of Wainfleet re: proposed Wind Energy Opposition Summit hosted by the Township of Wainfleet (municipal staff to confirm the attendance of West Grey representatives)

Sub-committee for completion of municipal consultation form (Committee of the Whole supported the composition of the aforementioned sub-committee to consist of Councillor Cutting, CAO, Clerk, Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Rapke)

Mayor Eccles reported forwarding a letter dated December 6, 2012 to the Ontario Minister of Energy, Chris Bentley, requesting a delegation prior to the ROMA/OGRA Annual Conference regarding the proposed NextEra Energy East Durham Wind Energy Project.

Durham Recreation Advisory Committee (Randy Murray, Durham Arena Facilities Manager reported that an ice skate sharpener machine is for sale at the former RONA building at a cost of $2750.00 – resolution #COW #31-12)

Fiberglass Bridges (Councillor Marshall noted he will be meeting in Stratford at Crawford Dewar to view the glass bridges being built for the Department of Defence, and invited other Council members to attend)

LAWRENCE-THOMPSON, RESOLVED THAT, the Committee of the Whole recommends Council approve the purchase of an ice skate sharpener from the RONA liquidation from the Durham Recreation account at an upset limit of $2,750.00 plus HST, upon consultation with the Durham Recreation Advisory Committee.

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CARRIED.

Adjournment

MOLLISON, RESOLVED THAT, we do now adjourn at 3:37 p.m., to meet again on Wednesday, December 19th, 2012, 8:30 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.

Kevin Eccles, Mayor
Christine Robinson, CAO