Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
Councillor Shea declared a pecuniary interest relating to item #4 (Infrastructure Ontario – Middle Durham Dam) in the Regular Agenda – Clerks’ Report, as he is a neighbour to the property in question. Councillor Shea submitted a written declaration of pecuniary interest, and left the Council Chambers prior to the item being discussed and resolution #9-19 being voted on.

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

Comment Period - None

Public Meeting re: Cannabis Retail Outlet Stores
Cathy Sweeney, Economic Development Coordinator, provided a powerpoint presentation indicating the survey process provided through Survey Monkey, and the ways the survey was promoted.

Ms. Sweeney reported 364 individuals (352 West Grey residents) participated in the survey, with 84% providing comments. Approximately 71% of survey respondents indicated support for cannabis retail outlets in West Grey, and 29% of survey respondents indicated non-support for the establishment of cannabis retail outlets in West Grey.

Lisa Sammuth stated she filled out the survey, noting her support for establishing cannabis retail stores in West Grey as it will be a financial benefit to the community.

Marian Ratcliffe spoke in favour of cannabis retail outlets in West Grey, as the Municipality is in process of getting cannabis manufacturing facility/greenhouses, so cannabis retail outlets should also be supported.
Mike Thorpe indicated he doesn’t disagree that establishing cannabis retail outlets in West Grey will provide economic value, however, he has issues with recreational cannabis use. Mr. Thorpe noted it is interesting that the Province deemed recreational cannabis use illegal in the past, but changed its stance when legalization of cannabis was something that could be profited from. Mr. Thorpe reiterated his concern is with the recreational use of cannabis, as there enough addiction issues already with alcohol and other drugs. Mr. Thorpe noted he is okay with the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes, however, the Province should conduct additional research done to determine the actual beneficial effects of medicinal cannabis use.

Callie Greenshields stated from a personal perspective, she has respiratory issues that trigger asthma attacks, and wonders what will be done to protect individuals with respiratory issues that will be triggered by cannabis use nearby. Ms. Greenshields indicated she is not opposed to medicinal cannabis use.

Council noted the Grey-Bruce Health Unit is looking at regulations to determine where cannabis can be used. Ms. Greenshields responded that there are regulations in place for smoking, however, individuals still smoke near stores, so questioned how cannabis use will be enforced.

Mayor Robinson noted the concerns and comments expressed by individuals are appreciated, and regulations will evolve.

Council thanked the Economic Development Coordinator for her efforts with the survey process.

Council asked how many paper copies of the survey were used by residents. Ms. Sweeney indicated at least 50 hard copies were provided at each library facility, except the Elwood Resource Centre as it was not open. Ten paper survey copies were submitted at the West Grey Municipal Office and Durham Public Library branch, and 6 copies at the Normanby Public Library branch.

Council thanked the residents of West Grey for their participation in the survey.

Council asked if there is a way of preventing individuals from responding to a survey more than once. Ms. Sweeney responded that there is a way to do this by sorting through the URL address, so if the same URL address was used with similar comments, she would be aware of this happening.

Ms. Sweeney reminded Council of the January 22 deadline to opt-out, if desired. Council noted if West Grey opts-in, it cannot opt-out, however, if it opts-out, it can opt-in later.
The Director of Finance/Treasurer noted there is just over $7,000 ($7,462) in funding for West Grey in the first allotment, with the second round being announced later, however, if the Municipality opts-out, it will not be eligible for additional funding.

Mike Thorpe questioned what the $7,000 Provincial funding is for. The Director of Finance/Treasurer indicated it is for implementation and enforcement costs.

Marian Ratcliffe stated whether or not West Grey opt-ins or opt-outs, the use of cannabis is legal, so if funding can be obtained, the Municipality should take advantage of it, so she doesn’t see the point of opting-out.

Mayor Robinson questioned if any emails or anyone come to office to provide opinions after the survey closed. Ms. Sweeney responded no one came to the office to submit their opinion, however, one email noting concerns with cannabis retail outlets in West Grey was submitted.

Callie Greenshields opined that cannabis funds are for preventing or dealing with the fall-out of what cannabis brings, although it is legal, so funding will be beneficial. Ms. Greenshields questioned if West Grey opt-ins, does it mean the Municipality will get a cannabis retail outlet, and is Council responsible for funding such an outlet. Mayor Robinson replied that there is no guarantee that West Grey will have a cannabis retail outlet, and any such outlet will be subject to building code and property standards regulations.

Council noted it understands the confusion of residents respecting this matter as there is some misinformation being circulated. A cannabis retail outlet has to be a stand-alone store, and an individual has to be 19+ to enter the store. There will also be opportunities for municipalities to comment on proposed outlets.

Council requested staff to continue to provide updates regarding evolving cannabis regulations.

Council also noted reports received from the West Grey Chief of Police and Grey-Bruce Health Unit respecting cannabis. The Chief of Police letter indicated opting-out would encourage illegal sales of cannabis, no one under 19 can enter cannabis retail outlets, and there have been no issues with new cannabis legislation since enacted in October 2018. resolution #4-19

Hergert-Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby advises the Province of Ontario that the Municipality of West Grey chooses to “opt-in” to permit cannabis retail stores in the Municipality of West Grey.
RECORDED VOTE
FOR: Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Hergert, Councillor Hutchinson, Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Mayor Robinson, Councillor Shea, Councillor Townsend
AGAINST: None
#4-19 Carried.

Mayor Robinson declared the public meeting over at 10:54 a.m.

Part I - Consent Agenda (Consent Agenda dealt with prior to the Public Meeting)
Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, Items A1 to B1 inclusive, contained in Part 1 – Consent Agenda, be adopted, as printed; And further that, authorization be given for the action to be taken as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained therein. #1-19 Carried.

Adoption of Minutes
Council:
A1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – December 17, 2018 (draft)
Committees:
A2 Ayton and Area (Normanby) Recreation Advisory Committee – November 28, 2018
 Neustadt Recreation Advisory Committee – December 12, 2018 (draft)
Other
A3 None – resolution #2-19

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 17, 2018; be adopted, as printed; Further that, the Minutes of the West Grey Committees – A2, be received, as circulated. #2-19 Carried.

Routine Department Reports
B1 Clerk – Report #CC 01/08/19 – resolution #3-19

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Shea, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby requests Grey County Council to approve Grey County Official Plan Amendment 42-05-280-OPA-144 (Schaus/Rier/Cuesta Planning Consultants Inc.). #3-19 Carried.

Miscellaneous Correspondence (For Information Only - Not Circulated but Available for Viewing at Meeting)
C1 Women’s House Serving Bruce & Grey – letter re: financial support (budget consideration), and availability to attend a future Council meeting
C2 Joint Building Department – November 2018 Building Report Activity for West Grey
C3 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – re: municipal reporting burden and proposed cross-government working group
C4 Autism Ontario – request to proclaim April 2, 2019 as World Autism Awareness Day and seeking permission to fly the Autism Ontario Flag at the municipal office (see “New Business”)
C5 South Grey Bruce Youth Literacy Council – request to proclaim January 27, 2019 as Family Literacy Day, and request for 2019 grant (budget consideration) (see “New Business”)

Future Committee Meetings
D1 West Grey Committee of the Whole (2019 Budget) – January 8, 2019, 1:00 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
D2 West Grey Committee of Adjustment – January 15, 2019, 1:00 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
D3 West Grey Committee of the Whole (Planning) – January 15, 2019, 1:30 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
D4 West Grey Public Library Board – January 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Durham Public Library Branch

Part II - Regular Agenda

Communications from the Mayor and Council
Mayor Robinson, Councillors Shea, Hutchinson, Hergert, and Townsend, reported on past activities and events since the last regular meeting of Council, and on upcoming events and activities.

Delegations

Doris & Erich Kern
Doris & Erich Kern came before Council to discuss their concerns with lack of high-speed internet/wi-fi access, and condition of roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Kern live on Concession 18 Normanby. Mrs. Kern indicated they have spoken about this same issue with the past Council, however, no actions were taken. Mrs. Kern mentioned that the CRTC has mandated that all rural residents should have high-speed internet. Mrs. Kern requested Council to ensure residents have equal access to high-speed internet.

Mrs. Kern indicated there is a lack of signage to identify where Con. 18 is between Highway 6 and Grey Rd 3. Mrs. Kern indicated there are serious potholes on Concession 18, although the graders have been doing a good job since the holidays.
Mrs. Kerns mentioned there is a dangerous situation on Con. 18, going west to Hampton as there is a dangerous curve with no ditch to stop a car from going into the swamp.

Mrs. Kern also cited some dangerous curves along Mulock Road with nothing to prevent cars from going into the ditch, and no signs indicating dangerous curves. There is another dangerous spot just west of their residence as there is an embankment that guard rails should be erected to prevent cars from going down the embankment.

Mrs. Kern also mentions she never sees any articles in The Post or Spotlight regarding meetings, and residents need to keep informed.

Mrs. Kern also opined the West Grey Police Service is an important group to retain as they know the community, and are present in the community.

Mayor Robinson thanked the Kern’s for their delegation, noting there comments are timely as West Grey is just entering into budget discussions.

Mayor Robinson cited the challenges with getting high-speed internet, and indicated the SouthWestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) organization is working on providing ultra high-speed internet to the region, and will be coming to a future Council meeting to provide an update regarding same. The Clerk confirmed that Geoff Hogan, from SWIFT, will be attending as a delegation during the March 5, 2019 Council meeting.

Mr. Kern reiterated issues with potholes on roads in their vicinity. His fences are destroyed when snow is plowed into the embankment.

The Director of Infrastructure and Public Works cited weather conditions that have made it difficult to grade roads the past few months. Graders are grading when they can, and other municipalities have similar challenges.

Council noted wireless towers are private infrastructure. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities through its “Reliable Internet for Everyone” report is also trying to promote high-speed internet availability for all Canadians.

Council indicated West Grey does not control service providers, as they determine who they are going to serve and how they are going to provide service. The SWIFT initiative will provide infrastructure for possible access by other service providers.

Mayor Robinson emphasized that Council is looking to foster methods of communication to ratepayers.
Business Arising from the Previous Meeting – n/a

Staff Reports

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 01/08/19
Approval of Accounts, Voucher #23-2018 & #1-2019 – resolution #5-19
Municipal Insurance Renewal – resolution #6-19

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts presented as Voucher No. 23-2018 & Voucher #1-2019 in the amount of $881,311.48 and $52,862.89, respectively, of the Municipality of West Grey. #5-19 Carried.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Shea, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the renewal of the municipal insurance for the period January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020 with Frank Cowan Company for a total annual premium of $271,556 excluding applicable taxes. #6-19 Carried.

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report #DIPW 01/08/19
Forest Creek Estates (See By-law Number 8-2019) (The Clerk will check the appropriateness of include the reference to a promissory note in Schedule “E” section 1 of the agreement. - resolution #7-19
Veolia Quarterly Operations Report for Durham and Neustadt Drinking Water and Waste Water Systems (received for information)
Neustadt Drinking Water Report System Inspection Report (received for information)

Townsend-Hergert, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby requests the Clerk to obtain a legal opinion concerning the lot levy versus development charge fee payable as it relates to the Forest Creek Estates Plan of Subdivision. #7-19 Carried.

Clerk – Report #CR #01/08/19
Township of Southgate Electronic Voting by Council (Council requested the Clerk to provide a report regarding the possibility of having all resolutions being recorded votes.)
Grey County Clerk’s Office – resolution #8-19 (The Clerk will obtain information respecting the establishment of a local accessibility advisory committee for discussion at a future Committee of the Whole meeting. The CAO/Deputy Clerk indicated she will attend the initial Grey County Joint Accessibility Committee meeting.)
2018 Post-Election Accessibility Report (received for information)
January 8, 2019

Infrastructure Ontario re: Middle Durham Dam – resolution #9-19 (The Clerk will determine what access will be available to the dam if purchased by West Grey.)

**Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson**, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby declares the Municipality’s willingness to participate in the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee. #8-19 Carried.

**Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Hergert**, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby requests the Clerk to submit a letter to Infrastructure Ontario expressing an interest (non-binding) in purchasing the Middle Durham Dam property; Further that, Council representatives on the SVCA Board of Directors discuss the SVCA’s possible interest in purchasing the Middle Durham Dam during the January 15, 2019 SVCA Board of Directors meeting. #9-19 Carried.

Council temporarily adjourned at 1:20 p.m. for lunch, and reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

**By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings** 12:15 p.m.

1-2019 A By-law to approve and authorize the execution of a 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Program Municipal Participation Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and the City of Owen Sound – resolution #10-19

2-2019 A By-law to authorize entering into a Consulting Agreement between Bill Plewes Building Code Consultants Inc., and the Municipality of West Grey, for the purpose of enforcing the Building Code Act and its regulations, including acting as Chief Building Official; and to repeal By-law Number 103-2018 to rescind the appointment of Karen Holt as Interim Acting Chief Building Official – resolution #11-19

3-2019 A By-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey – resolution #12-19

4-2019 A By-law to amend By-law Number 29-2016, being a By-law under the Building Code Act respecting construction, demolition and change of use permits and inspections, and establishing of building permit fees; and to repeal By-law Number 52-2016 – resolution #13-19

5-2019 A By-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2019 – resolution #14-19

6-2019 A By-law to amend By-law Number 41-2017, being a Site Plan Control Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey,
Christopher and Diane Kennedy, and Northern Credit Union Limited – resolution #15-19

7-2019 A By-law to appoint Jennifer Watson as an Inspector for the purpose of enforcing the prescribed maintenance standards contained in Ontario Regulation 517/06 – resolution #16-19

8-2019 A By-law to enter into an amending Subdivision Agreement for lands described as Lots 20 and 21; Concession 10, registered as Plan 1097, as amended, Geographic Township of Bentinck (JAKO Developments Inc./Forest Creek Estates) – resolution #17-19

9-2019 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the January 8, 2018 Council meeting – resolution #19-19

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 1-2019, being a By-law law to approve and authorize the execution of a 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Program Municipal Participation Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and the City of Owen Sound, be now read a first, second and third time, passed as amended and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. #10-19 Carried.

Townsend-Hergert, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 2-2019, being a By-law to authorize entering into a Consulting Agreement between Bill Plewes Building Code Consultants Inc., and the Municipality of West Grey, for the purpose of enforcing the Building Code Act and its regulations, including acting as Chief Building Official; and to repeal By-law Number 103-2018 to rescind the appointment of Karen Holt as Interim Acting Chief Building Official, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. #11-19 Carried.

Councillor Hutchinson-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 3-2019, being a By-law authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. #12-19 Carried.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Shea, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 4-2019, being a By-law to amend By-law Number 29-2016, being a By-law under the Building Code Act respecting construction, demolition and change of use permits and inspections, and establishing of building permit fees; and to repeal By-law Number 52-2016, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and
Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. #13-19 TABLED.

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby tables resolution #13-19 Carried.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson- Shea, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 5-2019, being a By-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2019, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. #14-19 Carried.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson- Shea, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 6-2019, being a By-law to amend By-law Number 41-2017, being a Site Plan Control Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey, Christopher and Diane Kennedy, and Northern Credit Union Limited, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. #15-19 Carried.

Councillor Hutchinson-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 7-2019, being a By-law to appoint Jennifer Watson as an Inspector for the purpose of enforcing the prescribed maintenance standards contained in Ontario Regulation 517/06, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. #16-19 Carried.

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 8-2019, being a By-law to enter into an amending Subdivision Agreement for lands described as Lots 20 and 21, Concession 10, registered as Plan 1097, as amended, Geographic Township of Bentinck (JAKO Developments Inc./Forest Creek Estates), be now read a first and second time. #17-19 Carried.

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 9-2019, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the January 8, 2019 Council meeting, be now read a first, second and third time, passed and numbered and that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the by-law book. #19-19 Carried.

New Business
Autism Ontario (see resolution #20-19)
South Grey Bruce Youth Literacy Council (see resolution #21-19)
Ayton & Area Recreation Committee (see resolution #22-19) (The municipal insurer will be invited to a future Council or Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss municipal insurance matters. The Manager, Community Services, will provide a report concerning Municipal Significant events in conjunction with the municipal insurer delegation for discussion purposes.)
Property Standards (Council requested the By-law Enforcement Officer to attend a future Council meeting to introduce herself. Council also requested a discussion take place concerning the current complaint process.)

Elimination of Vacant Commercial Tax Rebate (Council noted the City of Owen Sound is considering this issue to determine the potential impact on the City’s downtown, even though a decision to eliminate the vacant commercial tax rebate has to be made at the County level. Council requested a report respecting this issue be brought forward to a future Council or Committee of the Whole meeting.)

Addendum – None

Notice of Motion/Direct Motions
Autism Ontario – resolution #20-19
South Grey Bruce Youth Literacy Council - resolution #21-19
Ayton & Area Recreation Committee – resolution #22-19

Shea-Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby proclaims April 2, 2019 as World Autism Awareness Day, and authorizes the raising of the Autism Ontario flag at the West Grey municipal office at noon on April 2, 2019. #20-19 Carried.

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby proclaims January 27, 2019 as Family Literacy Day. #21-19 Carried.

Townsend-Shea, Resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby declares the 3rd Annual Family Snow Volleyball Tournament to be held on February 16, 2019 at the Ayton Centennial Hall as a “Municipal Significant” event. #22-19 Carried.

Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a
Matters Arising from Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a
Question Period
Tom Janssen, co-owner of the Forest Creek Estates Subdivision, questioned if building permits can be issued under the old subdivision agreement until the new amending subdivision agreement is approved. Mr. Janssen questioned what is the estimated time frame for the municipal solicitors response. The Clerk opined that building permits cannot be issued until the amending subdivision agreement is approved, however, he will verify this with the municipal solicitor. The Clerk anticipates a response from the municipal solicitor in time for the January 22, 2019 Council meeting.

Mike Thorpe opined that just because the majority says cannabis retail outlets and use is right, doesn’t mean it is morally correct. Mr. Thorpe reiterated that the Province hasn’t appropriately addressed the issue of cannabis, and questioned the morality of making cannabis available. Mayor Robinson replied that Council is solely dealing with whether or not cannabis retail outlets will be permitted in West Grey, and have gauged the residents’ opinions accordingly.

Municipal Act – Notices - None

Adjournment
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Hergert, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 3:15 p.m., to meet again on January 22, 2019, 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

(Signed)  (Signed)
Christine Robinson, Mayor  Mark Turner, Clerk