MINUTES
For the Regular Meeting of the
Council of the Municipality of West Grey
Held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

Council
Mayor Christine Robinson, Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson,
Councillor Beth Hamilton, Councillor Rebecca Hergert,
Councillor Doug Hutchinson, Councillor Geoffrey Shea,
Councillor Stephen Townsend

Staff
Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk; Kerri
Mighton, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof - None

Closed Session
Councillor Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Whereas, the Municipal Act,
S.O. 2001, Section 239 (2), as amended, authorizes Councils of
municipalities to close to the public a meeting or part of a meeting for
dealing with certain subject matters,
Now therefore be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West
Grey, does now go into a closed session at 6:03 p.m., with the CAO/Deputy
Clerk, Clerk, Director of Finance/Treasurer, and Jennifer Schwass,
municipal solicitor, to discuss an item that relates to advice that is subject
to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that
purpose. 420-19 Carried.

Hamilton-Hergert, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of
West Grey hereby returns to Open Session at 7:04 p.m. #421-19 Carried.

(Mayor Robinson confirmed that only closed session items identified were
discussed in closed session.)

Comment Period
Norm White noted he is providing comments at this meeting as he wasn’t
permitted to speak at the last meeting. Mr. White mentioned he has a godson
that worked at an egg hatchery in Hanover, and knows what commercial chicken
barns look like, with 20,000 chickens inside the barn, grown and shipped off for
slaughter within six months of birth, not seeing the sun. Mr. White stated home
grown chickens can produce better eggs/chickens.

Claudia Strelocke mentioned that over 100 municipalities in the U.S.A. allow
urban chickens, as well as world-wide cities. Ms. Strelocke opined that there is
no danger to the public regarding urban chickens, as the chickens come
vaccinated already. There was misinformation given to Council, as chickens are
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easy to dispose of at veterinarians, chickens can be registered, and the argument of costs to enforce by-law isn’t true as enforcement is only needed when there are problems.

Anna Gruda stated chickens have been domesticated for millennium. Human existence has not been put in danger by domesticated chickens. Three hundred individuals responded to surveys, which is significant as there are about 3,000 West Grey ratepayers residing in urban areas. Ms. Gruda expressed her support for urban chickens as they provide a cheap source of local food.

Daven Singh stated he has raised chickens for 30+ years. Mr. Singh noted we live in a democratic society and the results of survey should be supported as over 70% of respondents supported urban chickens, as other cities and towns have done.

Christine Forand indicated she lives in the rural area of West Grey town and raise chickens, however, she previously raised chickens in Durham and had no issues. A lot of the suggestions in the survey were abided by in her raising of urban chickens, and a lot of the majority responses are appropriate for implementation of an urban chickens by-law.

**Public Meetings** – None

**Part I - Consent Agenda**

Hamilton-Hergert, Be it resolved that, Items A1 to A2 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. #422-19 Carried.

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Council:**

A1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – July 2, 2019 (draft)

Minutes of Special Council Meeting – May 13, 2019 (draft)

**Committees:**

A2 Normanby Recreation Advisory Committee – June 4, 2019

West Grey Committee of Adjustment – July 9, 2019 (draft)

**Other**

A3 None – resolution #423-19

Councillor Hutchinson-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on July 2, 2019; and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 13, 2019; be adopted, as printed;
Further that, the Minutes of the West Grey Committees – A2, be received, as circulated. #423-19 Carried.

Routine Department Reports
B1 None

Miscellaneous Correspondence (For Information Only - Not Circulated but Available for Viewing at Meeting)
C1 None

Future Committee Meetings
D1 West Grey Dark Sky Committee – July 29, 2019, 1:00 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
D2 West Grey Committee of the Whole Meeting – July 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office
D3 West Grey Parks, Recreation & Culture Local Committee (Ayton) – July 30, 2019, 7:30 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office

Part II - Regular Agenda

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

Delegations - None

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting – n/a

Staff Reports

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 07/16/19
Approval of Accounts, Voucher #14-2019 – resolution #424-19
Council Remuneration – month ended June 2019 (received for information

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Shea, Be it resolved that, the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts presented as Voucher #14-2019 in the amount of $586,181.29 of the Municipality of West Grey. #424-19 Carried.

Clerk – Report #CR 07/16/19
Cancellation of September 3, 2019 Council Meeting (see resolution #433-19)
City of Brantford – resolution #425-19
By-law Number 50-2019 - Proposed Lease Agreement between the Durham Agricultural Society and Municipality of West Grey (see By-law Number 50-2019)

By-law Number 55-2019 re: John Welton Custom Homebuilding Ltd.

Subdivision Agreement (see By-law Number 55-2019)

Recommendation from the July 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole (Planning) Meeting re: Proposed Keeping of Hens/Urban Chickens By-law – resolution #426-19

Hergert-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution respecting Retail Cannabis Stores by the Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO) passed during its May 24, 2019, as recommended by the Brantford City Council, save and except the 500 metre setback requirement;
And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Attorney General, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, OSUM, ROMA, and local MP & MPP. #425-19 Carried.

Shea-Townsend, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves backyard chickens in principal for a trial period of one year;
And further that, appropriate zoning be drafted for further consideration by Council. #426-19 Carried.

**By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings**

50-2019 A By-law to approve and authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and Durham Agricultural Society (repeals By-law Number 46-2009) – resolution #427-19, #416-19

53-2019 A By-law to established as part of the common and public highways of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey the lands described as Part of PIN 37303-0472, being described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 14, former Township of Normanby, Geographic Village of Neustadt, now Municipality of West Grey, County of Grey, now designated as Part 3 on Plan 17R-1513. – resolution #428-19

54-2019 A By-law to convey that part of PIN 37303-0472 being described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 14, former Township of Normanby, Geographic Village of Neustadt, now Municipality of West Grey, County of Grey now designated Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 16R10623 to Gemini Canada Ltd. in consideration of its fulfillment of its obligations under the Agreement with the Municipality dated July 20, 2015. – resolution #429-19
A By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Subdivision Agreement with John Welton Custom Homebuilding Ltd. – resolution #430-19

A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the July 16, 2019 Council meetings – resolution #431-19

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby takes from the table, resolution #416-19. #427-19 Carried.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Shea, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 50-2019, being a By-law to approve and authorize the execution of a Lease Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and Durham Agricultural Society (repeals By-law Number 46-2009), 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. #416-19 Carried.

Shea-Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 53-2019, being a By-law to establish as part of the common and public highways of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey the lands described as Part of PIN 37303-0472, being described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 14, former Township of Normanby, Geographic Village of Neustadt, now Municipality of West Grey, County of Grey, now designated as Part 3 on Plan 17R-1513, 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. #428-19 Carried.

Councillor Hutchinson-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 54-2019, being a By-law to convey that part of PIN 37303-0472 being described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 14, former Township of Normanby, Geographic Village of Neustadt, now Municipality of West Grey, County of Grey now designated Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 16R10623 to Gemini Canada Ltd. in consideration of its fulfillment of its obligations under the Agreement with the Municipality dated July 20, 2015, 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. #429-19 Carried.

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 55-2019, being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Subdivision Agreement with John Welton Custom Homebuilding Ltd., 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. #430-19 Carried.

Councillor Hutchinson-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 56-2019, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the July 16, 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. #431-19 Carried.

New Business
Councillor Shea introduced the following Notice of Motion during the July 2, 2019 Council meeting that pursuant to By-law Number 20-2018, being a By-law to govern the proceedings of Council, Committees, and Committee of Adjustment, is placed under “New Business” in this Agenda for discussion purposes, and possible resolution:
"That the August 27, 2019 COW meeting be held at 7:00pm in Ayton and the September 24, 2019 COW meeting be held at 7:00pm in Neustadt; And that consideration be given for holding future meetings in Elmwood and the former townships; And that an informal, one-hour meeting be scheduled just before the COW meeting for residents and councilors to discuss issues of local concern."

Shea-Hergert, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey tables the “Notice of Motion”. #432-19 Carried.

Special Committee of the Whole Meetings (Council requested this item be brought forward for discussion purposes during the July 30, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. The proposed Special Committee of the Whole meetings are proposed to be held for brain-storming/visioning purposes using a break-out session format, possibly including a local municipal facilities tour)

Addendum – n/a

Notice of Motion/Direct Motions
Sept. 3, 2019 Council Meeting – resolution #433-19

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby cancels the September 3, 2019 Council meeting. #433-19 Carried.

Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a
Matters Arising from Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a
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**Question Period**
Bob Miller questioned if there will be a Special Council meeting to provide an opportunity for the public to have input respecting the proposed West Grey Strategic Plan. Mayor Robinson responded affirmatively.

Bob Miller indicated the May 13, 2019 Special Council Minutes notes that Councillor Hamilton that was not present at the meeting, however, she is noted as moving to adjourn the meeting. Councillor Hamilton confirmed she was present at the meeting. The Clerk will bring forward a motion to amend something previously adopted, being, resolution #423-19.

Bob Miller asked about the status of the bridge study. The CAO indicated she will verify the status of the bridge study with the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works.

Don Tremble noted his concerns with the proposed keeping of hens/urban chickens by-law, indicating the Welton Custom Homebuilding Subdivision will have covenants for each proposed lot indicating not permitting any livestock, including chickens, and wondered how West Grey will deal with the covenants. Mayor Robinson stated Council will consider his concerns.

**Municipal Act – Notices - None**

**Adjournment**
Councillor Hutchinson-Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 8:36 p.m., to meet again on August 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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Christine Robinson, Mayor            Mark Turner, Clerk