MINUTES
For the Regular Meeting of the
Council of the Municipality of West Grey
Held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.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 - None
Matters Arising from the Closed Session – n/a
Comment Period - None
Public Meetings - None

Part I - Consent Agenda
Councillor Hutchinson-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, Items A1 to B1 inclusive, contained in Part 1 – Consent Agenda, be adopted, as amended; And further that, authorization be given for the action to be taken as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained therein. #404-19

Adoption of Minutes
Council:
A1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – June 18, 2019 (draft)
A2 Minutes of Committee of the Whole – June 25, 2019 (draft)

Committees:
A2 West Grey Parks, Recreation & Culture Local Committee (Neustadt) –
May 8, 2019
West Grey Dark Sky Committee – May 27, 2019

Other
A3 West Grey Public Library Board – May 15, 2019 – resolution #405-19

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Shea, Be it resolved that, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 18, 2019; and the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 25, 2019; be adopted, as printed, and as amended, respectively; Further that, the Minutes of the West Grey Committees – A2, be received, as circulated;
And further that, the Minutes of the Other Committees – A3, be received, as circulated. #405-19 Carried.

**Routine Department Reports**

B1 Clerk – Report #CC 07/02/19 – resolution #406-19 to #409-19

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Shea, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the revenue from the 2019 Public Works equipment sales, less the sale price from the loader, to be allocated to the equipment reserve, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. #406-19 Carried.

Shea-Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the supply of the truck box and winter equipment for the 2019 single axle truck from Viking Cives for a 2020 expenditure; And further that, the unspent levy funding for the 2019 single axle truck be transferred to the equipment reserve, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. #407-19 Carried.

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the purchase of a Kia Sorento from Owen Sound Kia in the amount of $26,945 for the West Grey Building Department, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. #408-19 Carried.

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the City of Owen Sound Council requesting that Grey County Council take a leadership role to initiate discussions with its member municipalities in determining if municipalities wish to develop a joint Community Safety and Well-Being Plan of willing partners suitable for the County or portions thereof. #409-19 Carried.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence** (For Information Only - Not Circulated but Available for Viewing at Meeting)

C1 None

**Future Committee Meetings**

D1 West Grey Economic Development Advisory Committee – July 4, 2019, 9:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office

D2 West Grey Police Services Building Committee – July 8, 2019, 2:00 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office

D3 West Grey Committee of Adjustment – July 9, 2019, 1:00 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

Presentation - Bantam Rep Championship: OMHA Bantam 'C' Champions – West Grey Warriors beat Delhi on March 24, 2019
Mayor Robinson and Deputy-Mayor Hutchinson presented certificates to the Bantam Rep Championship: OMHA Bantam 'C' Champions – West Grey Warriors, to recognize the team's collective accomplishment. A team picture with Council was taken on the front steps of the municipal office.

West Grey Durham Lion's Club (Pat Morden, President)
West Grey Durham Lion's Club (Pat Morden, President), provided a powerpoint presentation to Council regarding the Heritage Bridge Garden Project proposed by the Lions Club in partnership with West Grey Council, Durham Art Gallery, Durham & District Horticultural Society, and hopefully, the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Andy MacGregor, Vice-President, and Jim Aiken, Second-Vice President, also were in attendance.

Ms. Morden informed Council that the Lions Club has applied a third time for Ontario Trillium funding, and are waiting for a response by October 2019. The proposed park will honour the railroad heritage and concept of parks, connecting with nature and the arts. The plans are not final yet.

Mr. Aiken provided some historical aspects of the park regarding the building of the initial rail line through Durham. The bridge was originally built in 1879. The last train came through Durham in 1985.

Ms. Morden noted there is a monument that was built to honour the timberframers who built the trestle bridge. The trestle bridge is an important fabric of the community. The proposed development will be a destination venue, serving to create impetus for economic, social and educational development.

Ms. Morden noted community consultation has taken place, and the project will be a living reflection of who and what we are. The final draft will be done in a couple of weeks during a consultation meeting to be held on July 15.
Ms. Morden described the features of the final draft plans rendered by architect, Virginia Burt. The park will include a promontory overlooking the dam, river, the mill, bridge, and Art Gallery. There will be effective and attractive lighting and seating, with interpretative plaques written by local historians highlighting in words and pictures the history of West Grey/Durham. There will be low maintenance plantings and surfaces. The Town Christmas tree will continue to be a central feature in the park.

Andy MacGregor noted waiting for word on Trillium grant before October 2019. Work not included as part of the Trillium grant can commence at any time. Fundraising will be key, with benches and plaques being available for families who wish to include their names when donating funds. The Lions Catch the Ace draw, and the ArtsFest Beer Garden and BBQ, will continue with their proceeds significantly supporting the project. There is a lot of other support in the community for this project. Mr. MacGregor thanked Council, staff, and other stakeholders, for their input and assistance.

Mayor Robinson congratulated the Lions Club on the work completed to date.

Council noted the Durham Middle Dam property is up for sale, with West Grey having the first opportunity to purchase it from the Province, noting possible opportunities for power generation that could impact the aesthetics of this property. Mayor Robinson noted her discussions with MPP Walker recommending the Province should retain ownership of the Middle Dam.

Council encouraged the Lions Club to discuss proposed lighting plans with the West Grey Dark Sky Committee. Ms. Morden indicated the architect is very familiar with dark sky initiatives, and will make that connection.

Council noted that accessibility issues need to be addressed, and suggested the proposed plans be provided to the Grey County Accessibility Committee for review and comment. Ms. Morden indicated Grey County approved the first plan, and once plans are finalized, they will be reviewed once again by the Grey County Accessibility Committee.

Council asked about the availability of parking. Ms. Morden indicated their plan only relates to the subject property itself, although there is a municipal parking lot nearby.

Council noted West Grey is working on a naming rights policy that could impact on the proposed plans for memorial plaques on benches. Ms. Morden asked Council to keep the Lions Club in the loop on this issue.
Council mentioned that a plaque should recognize the indigenous peoples that first settled the area. Ms. Morden replied that this will be addressed.

Council asked about the timber frame structure, and if it will be built locally. Ms. Morden indicated they did not include the timber frame structure initially due to some accessibility concerns.

Council asked about lighting across the bridge. Ms. Morden indicated there will be lighting across the bridge, and the issue of lighting has been discussed with the West Grey Police Chief, and will also be discussed with the Dark Sky Committee.

Bryan Plumstead, Grey County Manager of Tourism

Bryan Plumstead, Grey County Manager of Tourism, gave a powerpoint presentation to Council entitled “Making the Case for Tourism”.

Mr. Plumstead detailed some of the Grey County tourism related initiatives, and the County’s mandate to grow the Grey County’s economy through tourism development and marketing. There is a County Tourism Advisory Committee whose purpose is to strategically support the County of Grey’s goal in its corporate strategic plan to grow the Grey County economy and specifically to implement the Tourism Destination Development Action Plan.

There is also a Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) Working Group for Grey County whose purpose is to quantify the value of tourism in the area, share ideas and work together to solve issues and enhance tourism offerings.

The Pillars identified to grow tourism in Grey County include: Pillar 1 - stakeholder engagement, Pillar 2 - destination management, and Pillar 3 - market research and tracking.

There were 2.7 million visitors/tourists to Grey County in 2016. There are 8,868 jobs in tourism-related businesses, representing 19% of Grey County total jobs.

The economic impact of tourism in West Grey includes job creation, new businesses and products, attracting investment, and empowering communities to grow and innovate, as well as preserving heritage, and improving the overall quality of life. There are 142 tourism-related businesses in West Grey (2016 stats), representing 11% of total West Grey businesses. There are 386 jobs in tourism related businesses (2016 stats), representing 12% of total jobs.
Tourism challenges in Grey County and West Grey include workforce issues (attainable housing/transportation), tourism infrastructure, sustainability of tourism industry, building stronger partnerships with local businesses, and volunteer burnout (events).

Mayor Robinson asked what more can West Grey do to encourage tourism. Mr. Plumstead noted West Grey is undergoing a Strategic Plan, and needs to continue to project West Grey’s image. Mr. Plumstead noted West Grey is hiring a new Communication Coordinator that will assist in this endeavour.

Mayor Robinson asked how tourism data is collected. Mr. Plumstead stated it is difficult to obtain local data. The number of jobs is modelled after several different sources including Statistics Canada, Ministry of Tourism, and Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Council asked how mobility data is obtained. Mr. Plumstead indicated it is obtained Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7), which is expensive to obtain, and it is the first time County has had access to real time data.

Council asked if Grey County has an app for the different tourism maps. Mr. Plumstead replied that the County does not have an app, as it focuses its efforts on the development of an excellent website.

Council asked how hotels/overnight accommodations can be encouraged to locate in West Grey. Mr. Plumstead opined that it is the developer that has to develop a business case to justify the establishment of hotels/accommodation facilities.

Council noted the need to work on a trail system in WG. Mr. Plumstead noted West Grey has some great conservation areas, and indicated he would like a standardized mapping system for displaying trails provided by various stakeholders. The County will be presenting a Master Cycling Plan in the near future.

Council also noted the need for consistency in signing. Mr. Plumstead added that the County is completing document regarding signage for County roads, that could be used by lower-tier municipalities.

Council asked how West Grey can obtain standardized signage for former hamlets. Mr. Plumstead replied that the County can provide signs at cost.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Plumstead for his presentation.
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Business Arising from the Previous Meeting – n/a

Staff Reports
Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 07/02/19
Approval of Accounts, Voucher #13-2019 – resolution #410-19
2018 Year End Supplementary Assessments & Write-offs – resolution #411-19

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Director of Finance/Treasurer be authorized to pay the accounts presented as Voucher #13-2019 in the amount of $1,283,632.47 of the Municipality of West Grey. #410-19 Carried.

Shea-Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the Supplementary/Omitted Taxes and Write-offs processed during 2018 in the amount of $83,530.48 and ($159.57) for local taxation and BIA area rates respectively. #411-19 Carried.

Clerk – Report #CR 07/02/19
City of Hamilton – resolution #412-19
Township of Warwick – resolution #413-19 (Council requested a future Committee of the Whole meeting discuss the issue of farm safety with Chief Martin in attendance.)
Township of Armour (received for information)

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the City of Hamilton Council recommending that any restructuring or modernization of local Public Health by the Province take into account a number of principles;
And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Grey County, and local MPP. #412-19 Carried.

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Warwick requesting the Attorney General and MPPs work with agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws – or new legislation – to ensure the safety of Ontario’s farm families, employees and animals;
And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Attorney General of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and local MPP. #413-19 Carried.
By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings

48-2019 A By-law to authorize entering into a Durham Arena Concession Stand Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and Denise & Philip Grove – resolution #414-19

49-2019 A By-law to authorize entering into a Normanby Arena Concession Stand Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and Steve Lantz – resolution #415-19

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 #416-19 (TABLED), #417-19

51-2019 A By-law to provide for the adoption of the 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 2019. (repeals By-law Number 41-2019) – resolution #418-19

52-2019 A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the July 2, 2019 Council meeting – resolution #419-19

Hergert-Shea, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 48-2019, being a By-law to authorize entering into a Durham Arena Concession Stand Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and Denise & Philip Grove, 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. #414-19 Carried.

Councillor Hutchinson-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 49-2019, being a By-law to authorize entering into a Normanby Arena Concession Stand Agreement between the Municipality of West Grey and Steve Lantz, 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. #415-19 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 TABLED.

Hamilton-Hergert, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby tables resolution #416-19. #417-19 Carried.
Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 51-2019, being a By-law to provide for the adoption of the 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 2019 (repeals By-law Number 41-2019), 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. #418-19 Carried.

Shea-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 52-2019, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the July 2, 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. #419-19 Carried.

New Business - None
Addendum - None

Notice of Motion/Direct Motions
Councillor Shea introduced the following Notice of Motion that will be placed under “New Business” in the July 16, 2019 Council 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.”

Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a
Matters Arising from Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a

Question Period
Bob Miller mentioned the request from the Township of Armour seeking support of its resolution opposing beer/wine sales in corner stores. Mr. Miller indicated there is a business in West Grey that sells beer and wine that could be impacted.

Bob Miller noted the discussion regarding composting during the June 25 COW meeting that included a suggestion to setup a pilot compost project at the Elmwood Community Centre which isn’t in West Grey. Mr. Miller stated that the majority of composting material will come from around Durham, so opined that a pilot composting project should be held at the Durham Landfill Site. Mayor Robinson noted COW indicated a composting facility would be in West Grey.
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Municipal Act – Notices - None

Adjournment
Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 12:45 p.m., to meet again on July 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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