MINUTES
For the Regular Meeting of the
Council of the Municipality of West Grey
Held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 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; Brent Glasier, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works; Stephanie Stewart, Manager, Community Services

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
Councillor Shea declared a pecuniary interest relating to item CR #4 – The Fabulous Festival of Fringe Film item contained in Clerk – Report CR #05/21/19 as a family member is working for the Fabulous Festival of Fringe Film. Councillor Shea submitted the written declaration of pecuniary interest form. Councillor Shea did not participate in any discussion relating to this item, and left the Council Chambers during discussion of same.

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

Part I - Consent Agenda
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Hergert, 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. #355-19 Carried. (The West Grey Public Library Board – February 20, 2019 & March 27, 2019 minutes and Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit – March 22, 2019 minutes were pulled from the Consent Agenda – see “New Business”. The May 14, 2019 West Grey Committee of Adjustment draft minutes will be amended as resolution #17-19 was not unanimously approved.)

Adoption of Minutes
Council:
A1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – May 7, 2019 (draft)
Minutes of Special Council Meeting – May 14, 2019 (draft)
(2) May 21, 2019

Minutes of Committee of the Whole (Planning) Meeting – May 14, 2019 (draft)

Committees:
A2 West Grey Parks, Recreation and Culture Local Committee (Durham) – March 6, 2019 & April 3, 2019
West Grey Dark Sky Committee – March 25, 2019
West Grey Economic Development Advisory Committee – May 2, 2019 (draft)
West Grey Committee of Adjustment – May 14, 2019 (draft)

Other
A3 Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group (MMLTCWG) Minutes – January 15, 2019
Saugeen Municipal Airport Commission – February 15, 2019 (Regular & Budget meetings), March 20, 2019, March 21, 2019 (Joint Economic Development meeting)
West Grey Public Library Board – February 20, 2019 & March 27, 2019
Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit – March 22, 2019
Elmwood Community Centre Joint Board – April 2, 2019 – resolution #356-19

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 7, 2019; the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 14, 2019; and the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole (Planning) Meeting held on May 14, 2019, be adopted, as printed; Further that, the Minutes of the West Grey Committees – A2, be received, as circulated, save and except West Grey Public Library Board minutes – February 20, 2019 and March 27, 2019; and SMART – March 22, 2019 minutes;
And further that, the Minutes of the Other Committees – A3, be received, as circulated. #356-19

Routine Department Reports
B1 Report #CC 05/21/19 – resolution #357-19

Councillor Hutchinson-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby agrees to engage the public through a survey regarding backyard chicken coops in urban areas, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole. #357-19 Carried.

Miscellaneous Correspondence (For Information Only - Not Circulated but Available for Viewing at Meeting)
C1 Grey Bruce Health Unit – re: Public Health Restructuring
Future Committee Meetings
D1  West Grey Police Service Building Special Committee – May 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office
D2  West Grey Dark Sky Committee – May 27, 2019, 1:00 p.m., West Grey Municipal Office
D3  Compliance Audit Committee (West Grey) – May 30, 2019, 10:00 a.m., West Grey Municipal Office
D4  West Grey Commercial Beautification Committee – May 30, 2019, 6:30 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

Brian Lennie, Senior Advisor, Municipal Affairs & Stakeholder Relations, and Ontario South/West Public Affairs, and Jeremy Miller, Utility Service Manager, Enbridge Gas Inc.

Brian Lennie and Jeremy Miller, provided an update on community expansion projects (Ayton, Neustadt), and an update on the proposed Owen Sound Reinforcement Project. Enbridge Gas Inc., is Canada’s largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company, and has 23 renewable power generating facilities. Enbridge Gas Inc., was formed January 1, 2019 as a result of the amalgamation of Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution.

The purpose of the Owen Sound Reinforcement Project is to ensure the region continues to have access to affordable and reliable natural gas, and to meet an increase in demand on the existing system. The existing Owen Sound Transmission system is being reinforced with a new 36km, 12-inch natural gas pipeline, with the pipeline to be constructed in West Grey primarily on Concession Road 2, Bentinck. The project will create hundreds of temporary jobs, with an increase in property taxes paid to West Grey of nearly $95,000. The estimated cost of the project is $60 million. Mr. Lennie detailed the consultation process and construction timetable.

Mr. Lennie expounded on the purpose of the proposed community expansion to Ayton and Neustadt, being to expand natural gas service to underserved rural areas. Only 9 projects were recently brought forward for expansion, however, Ayton and Neustadt were not included in the approved projects. It is not clear to
date if natural gas expansion by Enbridge will occur in Ayton and Neustadt as it will depend on what the new regulations are, and whether the economics of the project makes sense depending on the new regulations. If expansion to Ayton and Neustadt proceeds, an application to the Ontario Energy Board will be required. Enbridge will keep West Grey and its ratepayers informed of the outcome of both projects.

Council asked what type of new regulations would be favourable to facilitate the expansion of natural gas to Ayton & Neustadt. Mr. Lennie noted the new regulations would be similar to existing regulations with certain charges able to be levied at present.

Council noted the Concession 2 Road expansion is a transmission line, and questioned if anyone will be able to connect along it. Mr. Lennie responded it is a transmission line, and no connections will be made available due to the pressure of the line, and economics would not permit the option to make it accessible.

Council questioned if a large development would warrant connection to the transmission line. Mr. Lennie replied that any new development could potentially change this viewpoint. Jeremy Miller stated if it was 300-400 lot subdivision development might be possible, and it would have to be assessed on a case-by-case.

Mr. Lennie reported that there are 9 projects that are to go forward for expansion, and stated the Province has indicated there could be up to 80 communities connected once new regulations came into effect.

Council questioned if there is anything the municipality can do to be put in the queue for potential natural gas expansion. Mr. Lennie noted their March 2019 correspondence identified Ayton and Neustadt as being priority areas for expansion, subject to the contents of the new regulations, and a determination if it will be economically feasible.

Jackie Muller, Business Development Manager, and Richard Eagle, Acting Regional Manager, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) presented an expression of interest respecting the operation and maintenance of the West Grey Water Treatment & Wastewater Systems, and identified who OCWA is, including their community involvement.

OCWA is the largest water and wastewater operator in Canada with over 800 employees, managing more than $15 billion in municipal infrastructure, with a team of over 600 certified operators.
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Mr. Eagle provided background to OCWA’s organizational structure, noting their comprehensive system to ensure compliance and protect organization’s infrastructure and environment. Risk management practices were also highlighted.

Mayor Robinson thanked OCWA for their delegation, noting West Grey currently has a 5-year contract with Veolia.

John Bennett
John Bennett came before Council to dispute a bill for allegedly placing debris on the road in front of his property at 802 Albert Street, Ayton.

Mr. Bennett noted receipt of an invoice from West Grey, and indicated why he is being invoiced, as debris was placed on the road, and was an infraction according to West Grey Public Works staff. Mr. Bennett asked if the municipality should contact the resident before sending an invoice, and to provide a time allowance for the resident to respond.

Mr. Bennett opined that communications methods needed improvement, as the West Grey Public Works Supervisor accused Mr. Bennett of sweeping all the debris on the road, and Mr. Bennett alleged he only swept the debris to the edge of the road, as was done six years prior which didn’t seem to be an issue at the time. Mr. Bennett noted the street sweeper came through Town prior to debris being placed on road, and asked if residents are notified of when this is to happen. Mr. Bennett indicated to the Public Works Supervisor that he swept to the edge of the road, and felt intimidated by the conversation, thus hanging up the phone. The same day, public works staff cleaned up the debris on the road, and Mr. Bennett assisted with the cleanup. The Public Works Supervisor subsequently met with him soon after who informed Mr. Bennett will be invoiced for the cleanup, and received the invoice the next day.

Council requested the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works to investigate the matter, and to respond to Mr. Bennett’s delegation.

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting - None

Staff Reports

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Report #FTR 05/21/19
Approval of Accounts, Voucher #10-2019 – resolution #358-19
Council Remuneration – month ended April 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 #10-2019 in the amount of $360,975.75, of the Municipality of West Grey. #358-19 Carried.

Manager, Community Services – Report #MCSR 05/21/19
By-law Number 38-2019 (see "By-law Number 38-2019")
Durham Pavilion Snack Bar Agreement (see "By-law Number 39-2019")

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works – Report #DIPW 05/21/19
Full Depth Expanded Asphalt Recycling Tender Summary – resolution #359-19
Connecting Link Funding – resolution #360-19

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby awards Tender #WG19-12 Full Depth Expanded Asphalt Recycling to Roto Mill at a tendered price of $328,148.00 plus HST. #359-19 Carried.

Townsend-Shea, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the application for the rehabilitation of the Garafraxa Street Bridge;
And further that, Council supports a financial partnership with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for the Connecting Link Project. #360-19 Carried.

Clerk – Report #CR 05/21/19
Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group (MMLTCWG) – re: “Report to the Councils of Participating Municipalities” (received for information)
Mark Loeffler, owner of “At the Movies”, 138 Garafraxa Street North, Durham) – resolution #361-19 (The Clerk will also advise Mr. Loeffler to contact the Grey Bruce Health Unit regarding safe food handling requirements.)
Durham Marching Band – resolution #362-19
The Fabulous Festival of Fringe – resolution #363-19 (Council requested the issue of methods of supporting community events be brought forward for discussion at the June 25, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.)
Elmwood Fire Department (Council representatives on Elmwood Fire Department Board and Elmwood Recreation Committee will attend on behalf of their respective Committees/Boards, as well as possible attendance by other Council members. The West Grey Fire Chief will also be invited to the meeting.)
Town of Hanover/Township of Essa/Township of Mulmur/Township of McKellar re: Cuts to Ontario Library Services – resolution #364-19
Province’s plans to cut red tape, build more housing and increase the number of affordable homes. AMO & AMCTO have provided at least initial responses citing the overall impacts of the proposed Bill 108. (received for information)

Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region Management Committee/Drinking Water Source Protection) – resolution #365-19

County of Grey – Office of the Warden – resolution #366-19

Town of Aurora – resolution #367-19

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the request from Mark Loeffler, owner of “At the Movies”, 138 Garafraxa Street North, Durham, to hold a barbeque fundraiser in the front of his store on the municipal sidewalk on Saturday, June 1, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. #361-19 Carried.

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby approves the request from the Durham Marching Band to hold outdoor practices in Durham on Mondays from May 27 to September 16, 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m., in various locations including the Heritage Walkway Bridge, Durham Town Hall (and the parking lot across the street), outside Spruce Ridge Community School, and at other privately owned parking lots, as well as holding an all-day practice at the Saugeen Valley Conservation Area (north entrance shelter) on Sunday, May 26 from 10am – 5pm., subject to additional approvals by the Bluewater District School Board, private owners, and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, as applicable. #362-19 Carried.

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby declares The Fabulous Festival of Fringe Film events to be held at Glencolton Farms on Friday, July 19, 2019 and at the Durham Arena on Saturday, July 20, 2019; with the Friday event beginning at 7pm and concluding at 1am, and the Saturday event beginning at 2pm and concluding at 12 midnight, to be “Municipal Significant” Events. #363-19 Carried.

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolutions of the Councils of the Town of Hanover, Township of Mulmur, and Township of McKellar, requesting the Province to re-instate the 50% funding cuts to the Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service; And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPP, and Town of Hanover, Township of Mulmur, and Township of McKellar. #364-19 Carried.
Shea-Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby opposes the proposed funding cuts to Drinking Water Source Protection Authorities that will result if Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 is given Royal Assent; And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), local MPP, and Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Regional Management Committee/Drinking Water Source Protection. #365-19 Carried.

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Whereas, the County of Grey sent a letter with comments/resolution from the Grey County Committee of the Whole to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry respecting the “Modernizing Conservation Authority Operations – Conservation Authorities Act” and “Focusing Conservation Authority Development Permits on the Protection of People and Property” as detailed in Schedule 2 of proposed Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019, recommending the Province acknowledge Conservation Authority’s strong and positive provincial role in flood risk reduction programs and reinstate funding to Conservation Authorities; Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the County of Grey resolution, and requests a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), Conservation Ontario, local MPP, and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. #366-19 Carried.

Shea-Deputy Mayor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby supports the resolution of the Town of Aurora Council opposing Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019, citing potential negative consequences on community building and proper planning, and asking the Province to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with municipalities; And further that, a supporting letter be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPP, and the Town of Aurora. #367-19 Carried.

By-Laws – First, Second & Third Readings
37-2019 A By-law to rezone lands described as Concession 1 EGR, Pt Div 2 & 3, Part Lot 30; Concession 2 EGR, Part Lots 69 & 70, Geographic Township of Glenelg (Doug Marshall & Don Marshall) – resolution #368-19
38-2019  A By-law to amend Schedule “I” to By-law Number 60-2017 regarding recreation fees and charges, and to repeal By-law Number 79-2018 – resolution #369-19

39-2019  A By-law to enter into a Durham Pavilion Snack Bar Agreement between Robin Brown/Durham Ball Diamond Project and the Municipality of West Grey (repeals By-law Number 78-2018) – resolution #370-19

40-2019  A By-law to confirm the proceedings of the May 21, 2019 Council meetings – resolution #371-19

Councillor Hutchinson-Hamilton, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 37-2019, being a By-law to rezone lands described as Concession 1 EGR, Pt Div 2 & 3, Part Lot 30; Concession 2 EGR, Part Lots 69 & 70, Geographic Township of Glenelg (Doug Marshall & Don Marshall), 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. #368-19 Carried.

Hergert-Townsend, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby defers By-law Number 38-2019 for discussion purposes during the May 28, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. #369-19 Carried.

Hamilton-Councillor Hutchinson, Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby defers By-law Number 39-2019 for discussion purposes during the May 28, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. #370-19 Carried.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Shea, Be it resolved that, By-law Number 40-2019, being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of the May 21, 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. #371-19 Carried.

New Business

West Grey Public Library Board – February 20, 2019 & March 27, 2019 minutes
(Council asked about the reference to a possible library agreement with the Township of Wellington North, and Council was informed that there is no agreement, as it was a response from the Board to a letter received from a ratepayer. Council questioned if voting by email is permitted by the Board, and Council was informed that voting by email is permitted by the Library Board procedural policy.)
Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit – March 22, 2019 minutes (Council questioned how the procurement by-law permitted the purchase of computers from MicroAge in Hanover. Councillor Hamilton noted she asked the same question, and there was no by-law presented at the meeting to justify the purchase. Councillor Hamilton will present this concern to the Board. Council also noted the small font used by minutes, and suggested the use of brackets to note “minus” signs.

Council questioned when the recreation facilities booking software will be up and running. The CAO/Deputy Clerk projected it will be ready by the end of summer.

Addendum - None
Notice of Motion/Direct Motions - None
Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a
Matters Arising from Closed Session – Incomplete Items Only – n/a
Question Period - None
Municipal Act – Notices - None

Adjournment
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Hergert, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 10:06 p.m., to meet again on June 4, 2019, 10:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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