Minutes
Municipality of West Grey Special Committee of the Whole
Held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 4:50 p.m.
At the Council Chambers – West Grey Municipal Office

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

Absent
Councillor Rebecca Hergert

Staff
Laura Johnston, CAO/Deputy Clerk; Mark Turner, Clerk

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof - None

REGULAR AGENDA:

Format for Upcoming Special Committee of the Whole Meetings – re: Council Vision Plan 2019-2022

The CAO reported from a staff perspective, and comments received from the first Council Vision Plan 2019-2022 meeting in Neustadt, that it is preferred that all individuals hear the same conversations at the same time so everyone is aware of each other’s comments The audio troubles will be rectified for future meetings.

The Manager, Community Services, will not be available to facilitate the next Special Committee of the Whole/Council Vision Plan 2019-2022 session being held on October 29, 2019 at the Ayton Arena Hall, however, the CAO is working on securing the services of an independent facilitator. The Committee agreed with securing an independent facilitator for the next meeting. The CAO noted some venues, particularly, the Glenelg Hall and Lamlash Hall, will be difficult to set-up for break-out sessions.

The CAO informed the Municipality of Brockton of the upcoming Special Committee of the Whole/Council Vision Plan 2019-2022 being held on November 21, 7:00 p.m., at the Elmwood Community Centre, if they wish to send any representatives to this meeting. The CAO was informed that Brockton Council will consider this matter during the October 15, 2019 Council meeting, and some Brockton Council members may attend as spectators.

The Committee determined that audience seating as a whole will be provided at all venues, as opposed to break-out tables, with members of council sitting at the front. The meeting will run no longer than 2 hours maximum, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
The Mayor will open the Special Council/Council Vision Plan 2019-2022 session by welcoming everyone to the respective meeting, have members of Council introduce themselves, and give a general overview of the Draft Vision Plan. At that point, the Mayor will defer to CAO to introduce staff and the facilitator, who will subsequently lead the meeting.

The Committee determined that the facilitator would review the three pillars only to get the conversation started, with posters being available for each of the pillars for attendees to write down their comments on the respective pillar.

The facilitator will ask the audience about ideas to enhance their community, and to indicate what issues matter to them.

Papers and pens will also be made available at the start of the meeting for attendees to relate ideas how to enhance their community or to note what issues matter to them, without the need to vocalize their opinions, as written comments received will be read by the facilitator during the meeting.

Adjournment
Deputy Mayor Hutchinson-Councillor Shea, Resolved that, we do now adjourn at 5:34 p.m., to meet again on October 29, 2019, 9:00 a.m., or at the call of the Mayor. Carried.

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