



# **Township of Georgian Bluffs**

## **Council Minutes**

**February 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual**

Members Present: Mayor Dwight Burley  
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton  
Councillor Carol Barfoot  
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn  
Councillor Grant Pringle  
Councillor Paul Sutherland (5:40 p.m.)  
Councillor Ryan Thompson

Staff Present: Brittany Drury, Clerk  
Kassandra Rocca, Director of Finance / Treasurer  
Jenn Burnett, Senior Planner  
Krista Fearon, Legislative Services Assistant  
Steven Dollmaier, Director of Operations  
Al Meneses, Township CAO

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### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Dwight Burley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **2. Approval of Agenda/Additions to the Agenda**

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Carol Barfoot

**That the agenda be approved as presented.**

Carried

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

4.1 January 20, 2021

RES2021-017

Moved By: Councillor Grant Pringle

Seconded By: Councillor Carol Barfoot

**That the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 20, 2021, be adopted.**

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Mayor Dwight Burley	X	
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton	X	
Councillor Carol Barfoot	X	
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn	X	
Councillor Grant Pringle	X	
Councillor Ryan Thompson	X	
<b>Results</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried (6 to 0)**

4.2 Special Council - January 27, 2021

RES2021-018

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

**That the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on January 27, 2021, be adopted.**

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Mayor Dwight Burley	X	
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton	X	
Councillor Carol Barfoot	X	
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn	X	
Councillor Grant Pringle	X	
Councillor Ryan Thompson	X	
<b>Results</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**5. Announcements**

Nil

**6. Public Hearings**

Nil

**7. Presentations**

**7.1 Tim Nicholls Harrison, Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library - 2021 Budget**

Tim Nicholls Harrison from the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library presented to Council.

Discussion included:

- Changes to library practices in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Library outreach and community partnerships,

- Draft 2021 library operating budget,
- Membership totals, being that Georgian Bluffs members accounted for 2,280 library cards.

At the request of Council, the Clerk will circulate the presented financial documents separate from the agenda package.

Council thanked Mr. Harrison for his presentation.

## **8. Delegations**

Nil

## **9. Consent Agenda**

At the request of Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton, items 9.3.7 and 9.3.13 were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At the request of Mayor Burley, item 9.3.8 was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At the request of Councillor Barfoot, item 9.3.11 was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

RES2021-019

Moved By: Councillor Carol Barfoot

Seconded By: Councillor Grant Pringle

**That Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs adopt the Consent Agenda for information, as circulated, less items 9.3.7, 9.3.8, 9.3.11, 9.1.13.**

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Mayor Dwight Burley	X	
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton	X	
Councillor Carol Barfoot	X	
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn	X	
Councillor Grant Pringle	X	
Councillor Ryan Thompson	X	
<b>Results</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried (6 to 0)**

- 9.1 Correspondence for Council's Information
  - 9.1.1 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Energy Storage
  - 9.1.2 MPAC's 2020 Municipal Partnership Report
- 9.2 Minutes
  - 9.2.1 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority - December 2020
  - 9.2.2 Grey County Joint Accessibility Committee - January 21, 2021
  - 9.2.3 Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board - November 26, 2020
  - 9.2.4 Climate Action Committee - January 8, 2021
- 9.3 Resolutions From Other Municipalities
  - 9.3.1 Plympton Wyoming - Grant Application Deadlines
  - 9.3.2 Plympton - Wyoming - Drainage and Railways
  - 9.3.3 Mississippi Mills - Revisions to Municipal Elections
  - 9.3.4 United Counties SDG - Small Businesses
  - 9.3.5 Township of Laird - Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution

- 9.3.6 City of Port Colborne Resolution - AGCO Licensing
- 9.3.7 Grey Highlands - Insurance Rates
- 9.3.8 City of Port Colborne Resolution - Drainage Matters on CNR Lands
- 9.3.9 City of Port Colborne Resolution - Amending the Tile Drainage Installation Act
- 9.3.10 South Stormont - Support for Reopening Small Businesses
- 9.3.11 City of Port Colborne - Cannabis Grow Operations
- 9.3.12 North Glengarry - Support for Small Business
- 9.3.13 Augusta - Fire College
- 9.3.14 Asphodel-Norwood - CSWB Plan Extension Request
- 9.4 Informational Reports
  - 9.4.1 Monthly Facility Report - December 2020

## **10. Consideration of Items Separated from Consent Agenda**

### **9.3.7 Grey Highlands - Insurance Rates**

Council provided a notice of motion in support of Grey Highlands, for consideration at the February 24, 2021 meeting of Council.

### **9.3.8 City of Port Colborne Resolution - Drainage Matters on CNR Lands**

Council inquired regarding the impacts of the drainage amendments on the Township Rail Trail.

Council directed the Director of Operations to prepare a report outlining the impacts of the drainage amendments on the Township Rail Trail for consideration at a future meeting.

### **9.3.11 City of Port Colborne - Cannabis Grow Operations**

Council provided a notice of motion in support of Port Colborne, for consideration at the February 24, 2021 meeting of Council.

### **9.3.13 Augusta - Fire College**

The Fire Chief addressed Council regarding the closure of the fire college.

Council directed the Fire Chief to provide additional information regarding the closure, impacts to the Township and replacement options proposed

by the Province, for presentation at the February 24, 2021 meeting of Council.

A motion in support of Augusta will be presented with the information from the Fire Chief for Council's consideration.

Councillor Paul Sutherland joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

## **11. Correspondence**

### **11.1 GBTEL Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) - Letter of Support**

The Township CAO outlined the request for support from GBTEL, indicating the benefits of reliable broadband services.

RES2021-020

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Councillor Grant Pringle

**Whereas GBTEL has indicated their intent to apply for the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) to support the expansion of critical broadband infrastructure in underserved areas of the Township; and**

**Whereas access to reliable high-speed internet is a basic, desired service;**

**Now Therefore, Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs hereby supports GBTEL in their application for funding under the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF); and**

**That staff are hereby directed to forward a letter indicating said support to GBTEL to assist their application.**

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Mayor Dwight Burley	X	
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton	X	
Councillor Carol Barfoot	X	
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn	X	
Councillor Grant Pringle	X	
Councillor Paul Sutherland	X	
Councillor Ryan Thompson	X	
<b>Results</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**11.2 Kim Wamsley - Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act (Bill 229)**

The Clerk noted that Council had previously endorsed a resolution, at their meeting on November 25, 2020, indicating their opposition to Bill 229.

Council provided a notice of motion, indicating opposition to Bill 229, including MZO's, for consideration at their meeting on February 24, 2021.

**11.3 BDO - 2021 Audit Planning Report**

The Treasurer summarized the audit report, noting that the included fee is consistent with that of the RFP.

**12. Committee Reports**

Nil

**13. Staff Reports**

Nil

**14. Public Question Period**

Please email questions for consideration of Council to the Clerk at [bdrury@georgianbluffs.ca](mailto:bdrury@georgianbluffs.ca).



The Clerk indicated no questions were received.

**15. By-laws**

15.1 Zoning By-laws

Nil

15.2 Other By-laws

Nil

**16. Unfinished Business**

16.1 Notice of Motion, re: West Grey - Bill 229

As provided at the January 20, 2021 meeting of Council.

RES2021-021

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

**Whereas Council received a resolution passed by the Council of the Municipality of West Grey regarding Bill 229 and Schedule 8 and the amendments to the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*, at their meeting on January 20, 2021; and**

**Whereas Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs recognizes the impact of Bill 229 and Schedule 8 to at risk species; and**

**Whereas Schedule 8 of Bill 229 received Royal Assent on December 8, 2020;**

**Now Therefore Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs supports the Council of the Municipality of West Grey in their request that the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 8 of Bill 229; and**

**That copies of this motion be forwarded to the parties contained in that of the Municipality of West Grey.**

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Mayor Dwight Burley	X	
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton	X	
Councillor Carol Barfoot	X	
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn	X	
Councillor Grant Pringle	X	
Councillor Paul Sutherland	X	
Councillor Ryan Thompson	X	
<b>Results</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried (7 to 0)**

## **17. New Business**

### **17.1 ROMA Conference Report**

Brief report of information shared at the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association Conference, to be provided by Mayor Dwight Burley and Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn.

#### **17.1.1 Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn - Written Conference Notes**

Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn noted that the ROMA Conference focused on the challenges faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both as a health emergency and socio-economic emergency.

Council thanked Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn for the detailed written summary of discussions.

Mayor Dwight Burley outlined conference discussions regarding proposed amendments to the *Police Services Act, 1990*, and changes to the existing Board structure.

The Clerk noted that the Township Police Services Board had directed staff to prepare a report regarding the changes, which will be referred to Council for their information.

**18. Notice of Motion**

Nil

**19. Closed Session**

Nil

**20. Confirming By-law**

RES2021-021

Moved By: Councillor Paul Sutherland

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

**That By-law 2021-008, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on February 10, 2021, be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the By-law Book.**

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Mayor Dwight Burley	X	
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton	X	
Councillor Carol Barfoot	X	
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn	X	
Councillor Grant Pringle	X	
Councillor Paul Sutherland	X	
Councillor Ryan Thompson	X	
<b>Results</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**21. Date of Next Regular Meeting/Adjournment**

Committee of the Whole – February 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Council - February 24, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Dwight Burley noted that Council had scheduled 2021 Budget discussions tentatively for March 30, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

**That the meeting be adjourned at 6:14 p.m.**

Carried

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Mayor, Dwight Burley

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Clerk, Brittany Drury