



# **Township of Georgian Bluffs**

## **Committee of the Whole Minutes**

**February 9, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers/Virtual**  
**Township Administration Offices**  
**177964 Grey Road 18, RR#3, Owen Sound ON N4K 5N5**

**Members Present:** Mayor Dwight Burley  
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton  
Councillor Carol Barfoot  
Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn  
Councillor Grant Pringle  
Councillor Paul Sutherland  
Councillor Ryan Thompson

**Staff Present:** Brittany Drury, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk  
Jenn Burnett, Senior Planner  
Steven Dollmaier, Director of Operations  
Samantha Buchanan, Treasurer  
Carly Craig, Deputy Clerk  
Cynthia Fletcher, Chief Administrative Officer

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

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

### **2. Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Mayor Dwight Burley opened the meeting with the land acknowledgement statement.

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

Councillor Carol Barfoot requested that a discussion about the phone system and response rate to resident inquiries be added under new business.

Moved By: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Seconded By: Councillor Grant Pringle

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

Approved

**4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

**5. Public Hearings**

Nil

**6. Delegations**

Nil

**7. Correspondence**

**7.1 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority - Inventory of Programs and Services**

Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn briefly spoke to the changes in the Conservation Act and noted the difference between mandated and non-mandated programs and services.

Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn noted that if Council has comments and suggestions about services to be added to the non-mandatory category or any that are missing, to notify the Board.

**8. Staff Reports**

**8.1 Operations**

**8.1.1 OPS2022-09 - 2022 Water Rates**

The Director of Operations and Treasurer outlined the legislative and financial requirements of the systems and water rates.

The Treasurer provided two examples of water consumption rates, and how the proposed system would impact said consumption rates.

There was discussion regarding creating a tool for publication on the Township's website to assist the public in evaluating the impact of the new rates to individual water bills, and potential for collaborative water servicing efforts with the City of Owen Sound.

COW2022-013

Moved By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Carol Barfoot

**That staff report OPS2022-09 entitled "2022 Water Rates" be received for information purposes; and**

**That the new water rates be enacted, effective May 1, 2022, for the July 2022 water bill circulation, thus allowing for adequate time for notifying residents; and**

**That staff are hereby directed to create an online tool for publication on the Township's website, to assist the public in evaluating impacts of the proposed water rates; and**

**That a by-law to establish 2022 Water Rates, be presented at the February 16, 2022, meeting of Council.**

	<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>

**Approved (7 to 0)**

## 8.2 Planning

### 8.2.1 PI.2022.04 - NEP Amendment UA 59, Wiarton Airport

COW2022-014

Moved By: Councillor Paul Sutherland

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

**Whereas the Township of Georgian Bluffs sold the Wiarton Keppel International Airport to private ownership; and**

**Whereas said sale closed on December 21, 2021;**

**Now Therefore, the Senior Planner is hereby directed to submit a formal withdrawal of the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) Amendment UA 59, Wiarton Airport application to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), as the Township is no longer the owner of the Wiarton Keppel International Airport.**

Approved

## 9. Public Question Period

The Director of Corporate Services/Clerk noted that no public questions had been received for consideration of the Committee.

## 10. Unfinished Business

Nil

## 11. New Business

Councillor Carol Barfoot noted that there may be an issue with the phone system, as residents have been in contact with her regarding lack of response. Staff will connect with Councillor Barfoot to investigate the issue.

Committee discussed the need to prioritize more effective communication between Council and staff.

## 12. Notice of Motion

None

## 13. Closed Session

Nil

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

Council will meet again as regularly scheduled on February 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Carol Barfoot

Seconded By: Councillor Ryan Thompson

**That the meeting be adjourned at 5:57 p.m.**

Approved

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Mayor, Dwight Burley

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Clerk, Brittany Drury