

County Council

Agenda

October 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers - Grey County Administration Building

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1. Call to Order	
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3. Roll Call	
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5.a County Council and Committee of the Whole minutes dated October 8, 2026	2
That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated October 8, 2026 and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.	
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That By-law 5309-26 to 5310-26 be introduced and be taken as read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the by-law book.	
i. 5309-26 - A By-law to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the County of Grey (Lauren Chee Hing)	
ii. 5310-26 - A By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council	
9. News and Celebrations	
9.a Local Government Week	
10. Adjournment	

Minutes Council

October 8, 2026

Present: Warden Andrea Matrosovs, Councillor Brian Milne, Councillor Scott Mackey, Councillor Terry McKay, Councillor Sue Carleton, Councillor Grant Pringle, Councillor Paul McQueen, Councillor Dane Nielsen, Councillor Sue Paterson, Councillor Warren Dickert, Councillor Ross Kentner, Councillor Shirley Keaveney, Councillor Ian Boddy, Councillor Scott Greig, Councillor Barbara Dobreen, Councillor Peter Bordignon, Councillor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Tom Hutchinson

Staff Present: Randy Scherzer, CAO, Niall Loble, Deputy CAO, Scott Taylor, Director of Planning, Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Community Services, Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care, Jennifer Moreau, Director of Human Resources, Jody MacEachern, Director of IT, Kevin McNab, Director of Paramedic Services, Sharon Irwin, Manager of Community Housing, Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services, Robert Hatten, Manager of Communications, Savanna Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture, Garrett Reed, Interim Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting, Tara Warder, Clerk, Rayburn Murray, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The Warden called Council to order and assumed the Chair.

O Canada

The Warden invited members of Council to stand for O Canada.

Roll Call

The Clerk confirmed that all members were in attendance.

Land Acknowledgement

The Warden read the land acknowledgement.

Adoption of Minutes

County Council and Committee of the Whole minutes dated September 24, 2026

CC62-26

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated September 24, 2026, and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Special Committee of the Whole minutes dated September 22, 2026

CC63-26

Moved by: Councillor Paterson

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the Special Committee of the Whole minutes dated September 22, 2026, be adopted as presented.

Carried

Closed Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated September 10, 2026 and September 22, 2026

CC64-26

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor Milne

That the closed session Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated September 10, 2026 and the Special Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated September 22, 2026 be adopted as provided.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Reports

There were no reports.

By-laws

CC65-26

Moved by: Councillor Dickert

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

That By-law 5309-26 be introduced and be taken as read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Warden and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and engrossed in the by-law book.

- i. **5309-26 A By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council**

Carried

News and Celebrations

Councillor Carleton indicated that movie night at the Kemble Arena is scheduled on October 9th. Gently used Halloween costumes are being accepted for a future swap.

Councillor McKay indicated the Poppy Campaign for the Chatsworth Legion will begin on October 24th. Further, at the end of October, Chatsworth will be celebrating Halloween at the Community Centre.

Councillor Milne noted that Southgate participated in the Communities in Bloom Program and referred to the success.

Adjournment

On motion by Councillor Keaveney and Councillor Hutchinson, Council adjourned at 10:09 a.m. to the call of the Warden.

Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk

Minutes

Committee of the Whole

October 8, 2026

Call to Order

Grey County Council met on the above date via zoom. Warden Matrosovs assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. with all members present.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Business Arising from Minutes

Notice of Motion provided by Councillor Pringle on September 24, 2026 - Joint Municipal Services Committee

CW156-26

Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Dobreen

Whereas the Joint Municipal Services Committee was established by this term of Council to look at opportunities for shared services to be pursued amongst two or more municipalities; and

Whereas the Terms of Reference had indicated that the Committee would dissolve on September 25, 2026;

Now therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to bring forward new Terms of Reference for the Joint Municipal Services Committee for Council to consider re-establishing the Committee in the next term of Council.

Carried

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Councillor Eccles requested that item 6c) regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding Levels on the consent agenda for this meeting be pulled for further discussion.

Consent Agenda

CW157-26

Moved by: Councillor Hutchinson

Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

That the following Consent Agenda items be received; and

That staff be authorized to take the actions necessary to give effect to the recommendations in the staff reports; and

That the correspondence be supported or received for information as recommended in the consent agenda.

Carried

United Way Bruce Grey - Energy Poverty Brief

That the correspondence from the United Way Bruce Grey regarding the Energy Poverty Brief be received for information.

Letter from the Honourable Robert J. Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Buy Ontario Procurement Policies

That the letter from the Honourable Robert J. Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Buy Ontario Procurement Policies be received for information.

Municipality of Chatham-Kent - Resolution Regarding Regulatory Framework for e-Scooters

That the correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Regulatory Framework for e-Scooters be supported by the County of Grey.

Prince Edward County - Resolution regarding the Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax

That the resolution from Prince Edward County regarding the vacant commercial storefront tax, be received for information.

CSR-CW-08-26 Declaration of Surplus Lands and Establishment of Easements

That report CSR-CW-08-26 regarding the declaration of surplus lands be received; and

That staff be directed to enter into an agreement, for nominal consideration, with the owner of Lot 27 Plan 444 (the “Easement Agreement”) to grant and obtain the necessary easements required to establish the shared driveway between Lot 26 Plan 444 and Lot 27 Plan 444, identified as Parts 1 and 2 on the attached draft reference plan (the “Shared Driveway Easement”); and

That once the Easement Agreement has been finalized, staff be directed to prepare an approval by-law for Council’s consideration; and

That Grey County Council declares Westmount property 1343 8th Avenue West, Owen Sound legally described as Lot 26 Plan 444, Owen Sound (the “Property”); subject to a shared driveway easement over Part 2 on the attached draft reference plan benefitting Lot 27 Plan 444; City of Owen Sound, County of Grey, and subject to a driveway encroachment easement over Part 3 on the attached draft reference plan benefitting Lot 25 Plan 444, City of Owen Sound, County of Grey (the “Driveway Encroachment Easement”) as surplus to the needs of the municipality; and

That Lot 26 Plan 444 be valued based on a price achieved by listing the property for sale on the open market through the services of a realtor; and

That the Clerk be directed to provide notice of Council’s intent to sell the property in accordance with the Land Acquisition and Disposition Policy 4-52.

Items For Direction and Discussion

CCR-CW-16-26 Integrity Commissioner

CW158-26

Moved by: Councillor Nielsen

Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

That Report CCR-CW-16-26 regarding an Integrity Commissioner appointment for Grey County, be received; and

That a by-law be brought forward for Council’s consideration, appointing Lauren Chee-Hing as the County of Grey’s Integrity Commissioner for a three-year term beginning November 15, 2026; and

That staff provide a notice of early termination to Principles Integrity for existing integrity commissioner and closed meeting investigator

services prior to Council approval as per Section 26.6 (b) of the Procedural By-law.

Carried

Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding Levels

CW159-26

Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200 million per year to \$400 million per year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Grey supports Municipal Finance Officer Association's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Adjournment

On motion of Councillor Carleton and Councillor McQueen, Committee of the Whole adjourned at 10:34 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Andrea Matrosovs, Warden

Tara Warder, Clerk

Corporation of the County of Grey

By-Law 5309-26

A By-law to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the County of Grey (Lauren Chee Hing)

WHEREAS Section 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws to provide for any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public, including authorizing by-laws respecting the accountability and transparency of the municipality and its operations;

WHEREAS Section 223.2 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality shall establish codes of conduct for members of the council of the municipality and of its local boards;

WHEREAS Section 223.3 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides for the following functions that can be assigned by the municipality to the Integrity Commissioner to perform in an independent manner:

1. The application of the code of conduct for members of council and the code of conduct for members of local boards.
2. The application of any procedures, rules and policies of the municipality and local boards governing the ethical behaviour of members of council and of local boards.
3. The application of sections 5, 5.1 and 5.2 of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* to members of council and of local boards.
4. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the code of conduct applicable to the member.
5. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under a procedure, rule or policy of the municipality or of the local board, as the case may be, governing the ethical behaviour of members.
6. Requests from members of council and of local boards for advice respecting their obligations under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.
7. The provision of educational information to members of council, members of local boards, the municipality and the public about the municipality's codes of conduct for members of council and members of local boards and about the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF GREY HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Lauren Chee Hing is hereby appointed as the County of Grey's Integrity Commissioner for the period from November 15, 2026 – November 14, 2029.
2. That upon appointment, Lauren Chee Hing will have all the functions, powers and duties of an integrity commissioner as set out in Part V.1, Accountability and Transparency, of the Municipal Act, and in addition such functions, powers and duties as may be assigned by Council from time to time.
3. That all actions taken and required to be taken by the Warden and Clerk on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Grey to complete this matter including the execution of the Agreement and any other associated documentation are hereby authorized, confirmed and ratified.
4. That by-law 5162-26 a By-law to Appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the County of Grey (Principles Integrity) be repealed effective November 15, 2026.
5. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on November 15, 2026.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 22nd day of October, 2026.

WARDEN: Andrea Matrosovs

CLERK: Tara Warder

Corporation of the County of Grey

By-law 5310-26

A By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council

WHEREAS Section 5 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, states that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that municipal powers shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF GREY HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The actions of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Grey at its meetings held on October 8, 2026, to date, in respect of each recommendation contained in the Reports to Committee of the Whole, and each motion and resolution passed, and any other actions taken by Council at these meetings are hereby adopted and confirmed as if such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-law.
2. The Warden and proper officers of the Corporation of the County of Grey are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required and to execute all documents necessary in that behalf.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 22nd day of October, 2026.

WARDEN: Andrea Matrosovs

CLERK: Tara Warder