The Finance and Personnel Committee met on the above noted date and time at the County Administration Building with the following members present:

Present: Kevin Eccles, Chair; Councillors Ellen Anderson, Dwight Burley, Dave Fawcett, Bob Pringle, Francis Richardson, Gerald Rogers and Warden Arlene Wright.

Regrets: Councillor Don Lewis.

Staff Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Gary Wood, Outgoing Chief Administrative Officer; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Grant McLevy, Director of Human Resources; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Services; Marg Graham, Provincial Offences Court Manager and Merrylynn Henry, Recording Secretary.

Staff attended for presentation of their respective reports and for information of other reports.

Chair Eccles called the meeting to order.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was none.

MINUTES

FP57-10 Moved by: Councillor Rogers Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the Finance and Personnel Committee minutes of March 2, 2010, as amended by County Council on March 2, 2010, be approved;

AND THAT the Finance and Personnel Committee minutes of March 9, 2010 be adopted with the exception of Motion FP56-10 as follows:

“THAT Resolution FP45-10 of the Finance and Personnel Committee Minutes of February 9, 2009 referred back to Committee by Council at its meeting on March 2, 2010, be reaffirmed as follows:

“THAT the monthly allowance of $50.00 provided to councillors to offset technology and administrative costs incurred by councillors be eliminated.”
which is hereby rescinded as it is in contravention to a decision of Council made at its March 9, 2010 Council meeting.

Carried

FINANCIAL

Finance and Personnel Expenditure Listings and TD Visa Summary, February 2010

FP58-10 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

THAT the Finance and Personnel Committee Expenditure Listings and the TD Visa Supplementary Documentation for February 2010 be received.

Carried

Meeting Expense Journal, February 2010

FP59-10 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the Meeting Expense Journals for February 2010 be received.

Carried

REPORTS

County Clerk/Director of Council Services


Mrs. Graham presented the 2009 Provincial Offences’ Year End Statistics as outlined in Report CCR-FP-25-10 relating to tickets filed, court sessions and hearings held, as well as payments received. She noted the efficiencies implemented as a result of the utilization of the Dashboard program developed in-house by the Information Technology Department. The means of collecting defaulted fines was also addressed including the hiring of Collection Officer on a one year contract and utilizing the services of “Quick Connect Solutions”.

FP60-10 Moved by: Councillor Fawcett  Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

THAT the Provincial Offences Court Manager’s Report CCR-FP-25-10 regarding 2009 Year End Statistics and Good Government Act 2009 – Bill 212 Update, be received.

Carried

Report CCR-FP-26-10 Parking Tickets – Part II Provincial Offences Act

Mrs. Graham presented Report CCR-FP-26-10 and its recommendation to resolve the parking ticket payment issues that evolve when a defendant pays a ticket to the lower tier after a “Certificate Requesting Conviction” has been filed with the court.

FP61-10 Moved by: Councillor Anderson  Seconded by: Councillor Rogers

WHEREAS there is a legislated process in place through the Provincial Offences Act for the collection of defaulted parking ticket fines;

AND WHEREAS once a lower tier municipality files the “Certificate Requesting Conviction” with the court, defendants are required to pay their fine and associated costs through the court;

AND WHEREAS some lower tier municipalities are now utilizing the on line web services of PayTickets to accept payments;

AND WHEREAS defendants can still use the services of PayTickets and pay the original fine amount directly to the lower tier municipality after the ticket has been filed with the court;

AND WHEREAS this creates problems as the fine and additional costs remain unpaid with the court;

AND WHEREAS lower tier municipalities can apply to the Minister of the Attorney General to assume responsibility for collecting defaulted parking fines;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Offences Court Manager’s Report CCR-FP-26-10 regarding Parking Tickets – Part II Provincial Offences Act, be received;

AND THAT if a lower tier municipality utilizes the services of PayTickets for the collection of parking fines, that the municipality either make application to the Minister of the Attorney General and assume responsibility for the collection of defaulted parking fines or, that the municipality follow existing legislation and not accept
payment for defaulted parking fines after the Certificate Requesting Conviction is filed with the Provincial Offences Court;

AND FURTHER THAT if municipalities inadvertently accept payment after the Certificate Requesting Conviction has been filed with the court, that the municipality forward the payment and required additional costs to the court as required by Provincial legislation so that the case may be cleared from the Integrated Court Offences Network, Defaulted Fines Control Centre and the Ministry of Transportation records.

Carried

Southwest Economic Alliance Conference

Mrs. Vokes presented for Committee’s consideration the addition of the Southwest Economic Alliance Conference as an eligible conference for councillors to attend. Mrs. Vokes advised of the County’s staff participation at a Southwest Economic Alliance Conference and the follow-up information received that this conference would be beneficial for council members.

The Ontario West Municipal Conference was also brought forward for consideration of being included as an eligible conference.

FP62-10 CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR POLICY FOR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REFERRED BACK TO FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER REVIEW AT THE APRIL 6, 2010 SESSION OF GREY COUNTY COUNCIL

FP62-10 Moved by: Warden Wright Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the Southwest Economic Alliance Conference and the Ontario West Municipal Conference be approved as eligible conferences for County Councillors;

AND THAT Policy ADM-04-07 – Conference and Seminar Policy for County Council Members, be amended by adding the Southwest Economic Alliance Conference and the Ontario West Municipal Conference as eligible conferences.

Carried

Survey Results on the Election and Role of Warden, February 2010

Mrs. Vokes noted the results of a survey conducted by the County of Bruce regarding the Election and Role of Warden dated February 2010 is submitted for information purposes.
**Council Remuneration Committee**

Mrs. Vokes informed the Committee that in accordance with Council's direction the Council Remuneration Committee will reconvene in 2010 to review the system after one year of implementation to determine if revisions are warranted. In this regard, she advised that an initial meeting was held and two surveys will be prepared; one survey will go to comparator municipalities and the other will be circulated to County Council members.

**Procedural By-law Update**

Mrs. Vokes informed the Committee that a review of the County’s Procedural By-law is being undertaken and any recommendations will be brought forward for Committee’s consideration. Council members have been asked to submit their comments.

**Director of Finance**

**Report FR-FP-18-10 Municipal Funding Amendment Agreement – Federal Gas Tax**

Mr. Weppler presented Report FR-FP-18-10 regarding the Federal Gas Tax Municipal Funding Amendment Agreement and informed the Committee of the changes.

FP63-10 Moved by: Councillor Richardson Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the Director of Finance’s Report FR-FP-18-10 regarding the Federal Gas Tax Fund – Municipal Funding Amending Agreement be received;

AND THAT the Warden and the Clerk be authorized on behalf of the County of Grey to execute the Municipal Funding Amending Agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues under the New Deal for Cities and Communities for 2010 to 2014;

AND FURTHER THAT the necessary by-law to enter into this agreement be presented to Council. Carried

**Director of Information Technology**

**Report ITR-FP-06-10 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement**

Mr. Hogan informed the Committee that the licensing (Select Agreement) with Microsoft expires in September 2010 and reported on the option of either entering into another Select Agreement or moving to an Enterprise Agreement. He reviewed the estimated cost differences over a three year period, as outlined in Report ITR-FP-06-10, for each of the Agreements and the benefits of the additional costs that would be incurred with the Enterprise Agreement.
FP64-10  Moved by: Councillor Fawcett          Seconded by: Councillor Burley

WHEREAS the three (3) year Microsoft Select agreement approved with resolution FP197-07 in September 2007 is due to expire in September 2010;

AND WHEREAS it is advantageous for the County of Grey to sign a new agreement with Microsoft;

AND WHEREAS it is advantageous to move to an Enterprise Agreement from the current Select Agreement at an annual cost increase of approximately $10,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Director of Information Technology’s Report ITR-FP-06-10 regarding entering into a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement be received;

AND THAT the Director of Information Technology be directed to go to market for a three (3) year Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft.

Carried

Rural Broadband Update

Mr. Hogan provided the Committee with an update on the Rural Broadband Project.

RESOLUTION

City of Kingston February 2, 2010 regarding Haiti Relief Efforts and Debt Forgiveness

FP65-10  Moved by: Councillor Anderson          Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT the resolution from the City of Kingston dated February 2, 2010 encouraging all citizens to donate to help the relief efforts in Haiti and the Federal Government to support the growing initiative to provide complete debt forgiveness to the nation of Haiti, be noted and filed.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Region of Durham February 16, 2010 regarding Consideration of Host Community Slot Machine Revenue Sharing for Upper-Tier Municipalities in Ontario

FP66-10  Moved by: Councillor Pringle          Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the correspondence from the Region of Durham dated February 16, 2010 requesting the Province’s consideration of host
community slot machine revenue sharing for upper-tier municipalities in Ontario, be noted and filed.

Carried

Ontario Public Services Employee Union (OPSEU) dated March 16, 2010 regarding Service Quality Issues at Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), and MPAC regarding Negotiations with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union dated March 19, 2010

FP67-10 Moved by: Warden Wright Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT the correspondence from the Chair of the Ontario Public Service Employee Union (OPSEU) Bargaining Team representing employees at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) dated March 26, 2010 regarding Service Quality Issues at MPAC, and from the President of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation regarding the negotiations with OPSEU, be noted and filed.

Carried

INCAMERA MATTERS

The Chair advised that the Committee will go incamera at 11:40 a.m. for the purpose of discussing labour relations and employee negotiations between the County and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union representing employees in the County’s Social Services Department and Non-Union Compensation.

FP68-10 Moved by: Councillor Rogers Seconded by: Warden Wright

THAT the Finance and Personnel Committee do now go into closed session to discuss labour relations and employee negotiations between the County and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union representing employees in the County’s Social Services Department and Non-Union Group Compensation.

AND THAT the following staff members remain in attendance: Lance Thurston, Gary Wood, Grant McLevy, Kevin Weppler and Merrylynn Henry.

Carried

FP69-10 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the Finance and Personnel Committee do now return into open session at 12:05 p.m.

Carried
The Chair confirmed that the Committee discussed those matters identified in the motion above.

Sharon Vokes rejoined the meeting.

FP70-10 Moved by: Councillor Richardson Seconded by: Councillor Fawcett

THAT the recommendation contained within Confidential Report HRR-FP-07-10 regarding the 2010 Compensation for the Non-Union Group be endorsed, as amended.

Carried

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Councillor Fawcett the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Kevin Eccles, Chair