



## DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

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A meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were:                    Bob Sweet, Chair  
   Donald Rathwell, Warden

and Committee Members:    Raye-Anne Briscoe, Mary Campbell, John Hildebrandt, Bob Johnston, Tammy Stewart

Staff Present:                    Norm Lemke, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
   Jim Hutton, Director of Development & Property  
   Jim Lynch, Manager of Real Property Assets  
   Mitchell Wilkie, Manager of Economic Development  
   Jeff Muzzi, Manager of Forestry Services  
   Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services  
   Alastair Baird, Business Development Officer – Natural Resources  
   Judy Kelly, Administrative Assistant, Development & Property

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Chair Sweet called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

The Chair welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy New Year.

### **RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-01**

Moved by: Mayor Campbell

Seconded by: Warden Rathwell

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

Chair Sweet advised that the 2010 draft Development & Property Department budget would be overviewed after the delegation.

### **DEVELOPMENT & PROPERTY**

Mr. Hutton overviewed the Development and Property Department Report, which is attached as Appendix I.

Discussion was held on the letter from Ms. Caroline Schultz, Executive Director of Ontario Nature, regarding the Endangered Species Act. Committee also received a letter (distributed at the meeting and attached as Appendix II) from Mr. Alf Beck, former president of the Pembroke Outdoor Sportsman's Club, which appeared in the Pembroke Daily Observer in response to Ms. Schultz's letter. Mayor Campbell informed Committee of the detailed process for habitat protection as experienced at an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing in McNab/Braeside. Committee directed staff to send a letter of response to Ms. Schultz from the Warden.

Reeve Stewart, Mayor Wilson and Mr. Dave Darch entered the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Mayor Campbell informed Committee that McNab/Braeside has passed a resolution in support of the County of Renfrew's resolution on the Endangered Species Act.

Mr. Hutton overviewed item 2 of the report entitled "Renfrew County Green Operations Property Management Committee." Discussion was held on the energy saving initiatives the Committee has implemented. Mr. Lemke commended the Green Operations Property Management Committee and advised that the Committee would be making a presentation to County Council in the near future pending approval from the Warden. The Warden concurred with the recommendation of a delegation to the upcoming January meeting of County Council.

Mr. Hutton overviewed item 4 of the report entitled "Designated Employee – Native Land Claim." Discussion was held on County Council's approval to have Mr. Norm Lemke replace Mr. Michael Johnson on this file. Chair Sweet commented that at the grand opening of the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office in Pembroke on January 11, 2010, he was told that they are hoping to have an Agreement in Principle sometime in 2011.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-02**

Moved by: Mayor Hildebrandt

Seconded by: Reeve Stewart

THAT this Committee recommends that County Council pass a by-law amending By-law 83-09, being a By-law to Enter into an Agreement with the Province of Ontario Related to the Reimbursement of Expenses Related to the Algonquins of Ontario First Nation Land Claim.

CARRIED.

Mr. Bruce McIntyre entered the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Alastair Baird, Business Development Officer – Natural Resources, introduced Mr. Brian Yuke, Chair of the Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee, who made a presentation to Committee (attached as Appendix III). Mayor Hildebrandt commended the Committee on all the work they have done and continue to do. Mayor Briscoe informed Committee that beef is now 20 cents less per pound than it was at the height of the beef crisis.

Mr. James Kutschke entered the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Discussion was held on the Taste of the Valley Guidelines distributed at the meeting and attached as Appendix IV. Chair Sweet suggested that Committee review the Guidelines and a discussion will be held on them at a future Committee meeting. Chair Sweet thanked Mr. Yuke for his presentation and for all the work the Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee does.

Committee recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. with the same persons present excepting Mr. Yuke.

Mr. Lemke gave members of Committee an overview of the status of the County's 2010 budget. He referenced the list of budget pressures that were presented to Council at the October 2009 meeting and confirmed that the first draft of budget submissions by the various Departments resulted in double digit increases, taking into consideration the identified financial pressures. He indicated that the total levy impact from the first roll-up was not appropriate to bring forward for Council's consideration and as such, Department Heads amended their budgets to achieve a more acceptable levy impact for Council's consideration.

Mr. Lemke indicated that the current 2010 corporate budget reflects a 4.9% levy impact assuming a 1.1% for CVA growth. This results in a net levy increase of 3.8%. Mr. Lemke also discussed the impact of the phased property reassessment of 7.5% that yields a tax rate decrease of 3.7% for 2010.

Mr. Kutschke provided further information on the current status of the 2010 corporate budget. He discussed the format of the budget presentation and indicated that a "PSAB hybrid" had been developed to facilitate presentation of financial reporting. Mr. Kutschke also overviewed reductions in gas tax revenues, the County's share of Broadband funding requirements and the impacts of OMPF funding for 2010.

Warden Rathwell advised that he would like to see the County of Renfrew budget passed in January each year, but realizes that this year it most likely will be February due to PSAB.

Mr. Hutton advised Committee that each Manager would go over their respective division budget. He also advised that direction was given from the CAO to provide \$1,000 for each of the seven divisions of the department for disability management and that this is not reflected in the departmental budget distributed today.

Chair Sweet requested that the overall budget percentages (increase or decrease) by division be provided at the Budget Workshop on January 25, 2010. Mr. Kutschke indicated that this would be done.

Mr. Lynch overviewed the Real Property Assets Division portions of the 2010 General Revenue Fund Budget. Mayor Briscoe stated that if the parking lot at the County Building is to be repaved this year, then International Drive (City of Pembroke) should also be repaired.

Mr. Lynch referred to the revenue from the lease of Land Ambulance stations in Barry's Bay and Petawawa and advised Committee that the Recoverable – County line for both the Barry's Bay Paramedic Base and Petawawa Paramedic Base leases have been changed: Barry's Bay should be \$81,870 and Petawawa should be \$79,860 as the leases have now been negotiated with the Emergency Services Department.

Mr. McIntyre vacated the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Muzzi overviewed the Forestry Division portion of the 2010 General Revenue Fund Budget.

Mr. Hutton spoke to the Special Projects line (Abandoned Rail Line Development) of the 2010 General Revenue Fund Budget. He advised that this item is for the K&P Trail. Mayor Campbell suggested putting this money in reserve in preparation for the potential purchase of the CN and CP lines that have/are being abandoned respectively.

Mr. Wilkie overviewed the Economic Development Division portion of the 2010 General Revenue Fund Budget.

Mr. Darch vacated the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Mr. Wilkie overviewed the Enterprise Centre portion of the 2010 General Revenue Fund Budget.

Mr. Wilkie overviewed the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association portion of the 2010 General Revenue Fund Budget. Mayor Briscoe inquired what portion of the taxes of other Counties in our new Destination Market Organization (DMO) goes to their tourist associations. Mr. Wilkie advised that he would provide that information.

Mr. Cheesman overviewed the Planning Division portion of the 2010 General Revenue Fund Budget.

### **RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-03**

Moved by: Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by: Reeve Stewart

THAT this Committee recommends that the Development and Property Department portions of the 2010 General Revenue Fund Budget as presented to the Development and Property Committee on January 12, 2010, be forwarded to the Budget Workshop on January 25, 2010.

CARRIED.

Committee recessed at 11:56 a.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:32 p.m. with the same persons present.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Wilkie overviewed the Economic Development Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Discussion was held on the investor immigrant reception held in Toronto. Mr. Wilkie indicated that these investor immigrant receptions are held 2-3 times a year.

Mr. Alastair Baird vacated the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Discussion was held on the Eastern Ontario Regional Broadband Network Request for Proposals. Mr. Lemke advised that selection is currently in process.

### **OTTAWA VALLEY TOURIST ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Wilkie overviewed the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Mayor Johnston vacated the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Discussion was held on the Ontario government's increased funding to the tourism industry over the next two years.

Chair Sweet commended OVTA staff on the reprinted Paddle Routes brochure.

### **ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY (ERC)**

Mr. Wilkie overviewed the Enterprise Renfrew County Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

### **FORESTRY**

Mr. Muzzi overviewed the Forestry Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Warden Rathwell passed on his thanks to the Road Superintendent of Admaston/Bromley Township for his work on the K&P Trail. Staff was directed to send a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Warden.

Chair Sweet, as Chair of the Expo 150 Committee, advised that the provincial tree-planting program was cancelled; therefore, the Expo 150 Committee will not be proceeding with the purchase of land for the planting of 150,000 trees. They may instead look at planting 20,000 trees on County property at the Pembroke Patrol Garage (approximately 26 acres at the corner of Whitewater Road and Highway 417). Mayor Briscoe suggested that this item be revisited at the next meeting of Committee and more information provided (e.g., any future plans for the patrol garage, location – will road salt affect growth, etc.).

Mayor Hildebrandt vacated the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Discussion was held on the transfer of surplus forestry funds into the Reforestation Reserve fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-04**

Moved by: Mayor Briscoe  
Seconded by: Reeve Stewart

THAT this Committee recommends that County Council approve the placement of any 2009 surplus funds versus the 2009 Forestry budget at December 31, 2009, into the Reforestation Reserve component of the County of Renfrew's Accumulated Surplus.

CARRIED.

**REAL PROPERTY**

Mr. Lynch overviewed the Real Property Assets Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Mr. Lynch thanked Mr. Carl Grant and Mr. Kevin Forgie for their assistance at the Barry's Bay and Petawawa Land Ambulance Station grand openings and thanked Mr. Hutton for assisting in his place while he was off for a family matter during this time.

Discussion was held on the leases for Ontario Realty Corporation (Ministry of Community and Social Services) and the Barry's Bay and Petawawa land ambulance stations.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-05**

Moved by: Mayor Briscoe  
Seconded by: Warden Rathwell

THAT this Committee recommends that County Council pass a by-law to enter into a lease with Ontario Realty Corporation at 450 O'Brien Road, Renfrew, Ontario.

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-06**

Moved by: Reeve Stewart  
Seconded by: Mayor Campbell

THAT this Committee recommends that County Council pass a by-law to enter into a lease for the Barry's Bay Land Ambulance Station.

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-07**

Moved by: Reeve Stewart  
Seconded by: Mayor Campbell

THAT this Committee recommends that County Council pass a by-law to enter into a lease for the Petawawa Land Ambulance Station.

CARRIED.

**PLANNING**

Mr. Cheesman overviewed the Planning Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-08**

Moved by: Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by: Reeve Stewart

THAT the Development and Property Department Report attached as Appendix I be approved.

CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Sweet informed Committee of a 2.5 kilometer piece of property (historic track) that begins at Flat Rapids Road and ends at Corporal Barr Road (close to highways 508 and 417 in McNab/Braeside Township). Mayor Campbell indicated that this piece of property could be used for tree planting or as a trail but would need to be title searched before moving forward if the County is interested, as it appears that no one owns this piece of land (according to a past OMB hearing). Mayor Briscoe raised concern about the ownership (unknown) of the property and the need/cost of a survey. Mr. Hutton suggested that Committee not pursue this item at this time, as a Transportation Management Plan (including trails) is being proposed by the County's Public Works Department.

Chair Sweet raised the topic of holding Development and Property Committee meetings in the County throughout the year. He suggested holding a meeting in Barry's Bay in the spring and perhaps holding one or two more in the fall at other locations yet to be determined.

Chair Sweet asked what Committee wishes to do about the CP rail line (abandonment). Mr. Lemke advised that he received a voice mail this morning from the CAO of North Bay stating that North Bay would be interested in assisting to entice a short line railway company to operate the CP line. It was suggested that as the County of Renfrew is located between North Bay and Smiths Falls, that the County host a meeting to brainstorm with both areas as to what should/could be done with this line in the near future, as there is a very short timeframe to work with. Mayor Briscoe advised Committee that passenger rail transportation has never been profitable, and the purchase/operation of a freight line cannot be supported by taxpayer's money. Mayor Campbell advised that CP is not interested in leasing the line and the County should start looking at the line from a trails perspective.

Chair Sweet offered the Petawawa Civic Center as a location for the meeting and the Warden indicated he would work with Mr. Lemke on arranging the meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-09**

Moved by: Mayor Briscoe  
Seconded by: Reeve Stewart

THAT this meeting becomes a closed meeting for the following purpose(s): Time – 1:50 p.m.

- (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (g) a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another act;
- (h) a meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied: 
  - i. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members AND
  - ii. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-10**

Moved by: Reeve Stewart  
Seconded by: Mayor Campbell

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time: 2:27 p.m.

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-10-01-11**

Moved by: Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by: Reeve Stewart

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010.  
Time – 2:28 p.m.

CARRIED.