



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

A special meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Don Rathwell, Chair
Bob Sweet, Warden

and Committee Members: Raye-Anne Briscoe, Mary Campbell, Donald Eady, Audrey Green,
Norm Lentz, David Thompson

Staff Present: Jim Hutton, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Paul Moreau, Director of Development & Property
Judy Kelly, Administrative Assistant, Development & Property

Chair Rathwell called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-11-01-07

Moved by: Reeve Lentz

Seconded by: Mayor Campbell

THAT this meeting becomes a closed meeting for the following purpose(s): Time – 9:32 a.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-11-01-09

Moved by: Mayor Briscoe
Seconded by: Reeve Lentz

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time: 9:47 a.m.

CARRIED.

Mayor Eady entered the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Mr. Moreau overviewed the Addendum to the Development Property Committee Report to County Council entitled "Renfrew OPP Detachment Facility" attached as Appendix I. Discussion was held.

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

Moved by: Mayor Campbell
Seconded by: Reeve Green

THAT this meeting adjourn. Time: 9:54 a.m.

**ADDENDUM TO
DEVELOPMENT & PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT
JANUARY 26, 2011**

INFORMATION

20. Renfrew OPP Detachment Facility

At the invitation of the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC), County staff and Warden Don Rathwell attended a presentation in Kemptville, Ontario, on December 9, 2010. The presentation was aimed at three municipalities from Eastern Ontario to solicit proposals to construct and lease new accommodations for the OPP in those communities. The ORC request is to “fast-track” the approvals of the new stations from the current 36 month time frame down to a 3-4 month approval process. With the municipalities being the Landlord of choice for the ORC, recommendations were made to enter into a partnership arrangement which benefits both interests. Attached as Appendix I is an article from the January 13, 2011 edition of the Renfrew Mercury entitled “Might Renfrew build and lease new building to OPP?”

Committee directed staff to proceed with contacting the OPP/ORC in writing to express an interest in discussing OPP/ORC requirements and various options to satisfy these requirements.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Donald Rathwell, Chair

And Committee Members: Raye-Anne Briscoe, Mary Campbell, Donald Eady, Audrey Green, Norm Lentz, David Thompson

Might Renfrew build and lease new building to OPP?

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Mayor Bill Ringrose asked town council Monday night if they wish to entertain the idea of building a new building to accommodate the Renfrew OPP detachment.

Such discussion is very much at the preliminary stage.

However, Ringrose pitched the idea after attending an early-December meeting in Kemptville, where he says six or so eastern Ontario detachments met with area municipalities to discuss how they might best expand their respective headquarters.

At present, the Renfrew detachment has operated more than 10 years with two offices, the former Renfrew police service building on Stewart Street and the administrative headquarters within the municipal building on Raglan Street.

The Renfrew OPP detachment officially replaced the former Renfrew police service Nov. 1, 2000.

The detachment has limited space and Ringrose says it's not a matter of if, but when, the detachment will find a bigger building.

The Town of Renfrew currently receives substantial rental income from the OPP for use of the municipal building, so Ringrose was asking if the town wants to continue to be in a position to benefit from leasing a building to the OPP.

This would likely entail constructing a new building for the OPP.

Possible sites mentioned in council's discussion Monday night included land on the Renfrew County Place property where the Canadian Tire store once stood.

Another property of seven acres, is the O'Brien Road property that was off the market for seven years after local busi-

nessman Murray Sullivan unsuccessfully sought to buy the property.

However, that land is now back on the potential buyers' list, after a certificate of pending litigation was lifted Dec. 17, 2010.

Council members wondered Monday night if that property, which was appraised several years ago at more than \$700,000, should be first reappraised, before making that property available.

MCWHIRTER'S COMMENTS

Councillor Clint McWhirter wondered if the OPP needs such prime real estate, suggesting perhaps the OPP might be very happy with another property rather than this "Cadillac" property that would be very suitable for future business expansion in town.

"Clearly we're looking to get new business in town ... it's prime real estate for

another box store or other business. I don't really want to give up prime real estate to the OPP when there are other prime properties."

At the same time, he said it's a "win for the town if we can afford" to provide and lease a new building to the local detachment.

"We may decide not to" enter the real estate market for the OPP, but "we may decide it's advantageous," said Ringrose.

The mayor was careful to stress during Monday's council meeting that the possibility of constructing a building for the OPP is very much an "if issue."

Whatever happens, Reeve Audrey Green "heartily" encouraged council to find a place for the Renfrew OPP's new home.

Ringrose intimated discussions will continue with the OPP to see if they might be interested in leasing a new town building for the local detachment's future