



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

A meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, March 8, 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

Staff Present: Jim Hutton, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Paul Moreau, Director of Development & Property
Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning
Jim Lynch, Manager of Real Property Assets
Jeff Muzzi, Manager of Forestry
Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development
Judy Kelly, Administrative Assistant, Development & Property

Regrets: David Thompson
Norm Lentz
Audrey Green

Chair Rathwell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-11-03-17

Moved by: Mayor Campbell
Seconded by: Warden Sweet

THAT the minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

DEVELOPMENT & PROPERTY

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

Discussion was held on the letters from Minister Merrifield regarding the future of the CP railway line. Warden Sweet advised that CP has met the conditions of the *Canada Transportation Act* legislation, but because of climate conditions in Renfrew County CP cannot pull up the rails until weather permits; therefore, if an offer comes forth in the meantime, CP may entertain it. This may also apply to the Camspur to Mattawa portion of the rail line.

Discussion was held on the Ottawa River Heritage designation. Mayor Campbell advised that according to a recent television program she watched on the Marguerite River in New Brunswick, the heritage designation has no regulations associated with it. When asked, Mr. Moreau advised that a Conservation Authority outside Renfrew County cannot have any authority in Renfrew County. Mayor Briscoe thanked Mr. Moreau for his leadership on this issue and for putting the document together and also thanked Mr. Fred Blackstein for all his hard work on this project. She indicated that we now must take some leadership and present this document to our municipalities and inform our ratepayers – show them the facts. There are 11 rivers in Ontario (41 total across Canada) that have this designation and none of them have any issues with the designation. We need to show that the impediment to this situation is that we must wait for our MP's endorsement. This is a very important economic and tourism related issue for the County of Renfrew. Committee agreed that the document be mailed to all CAOs of municipalities in the County, as well as all municipalities along the Ottawa River and the Prime Minister of Canada. Mayor Campbell advised that the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) has been working on destination marketing and this heritage designation is important to this issue. The Rideau River has an Ontario Heritage Designation and the OVTA is wondering how we bring the tourists from the Rideau River to the Ottawa Valley. Mayor Campbell applauded Warden Sweet's efforts to get partners on side (e.g. Mayor Jim Watson – City of Ottawa). She indicated that we also need to inform the Ouataouais region as they are also working on destination marketing (including some of the areas that are also on the Transport Pontiac-Renfrew board). Mr. Moreau advised that he did contact the Province of Ontario and they are looking for the letter from the Province of Quebec indicating that they were opting out of the heritage designation because they had their own priorities and their own designation process. Mayor Briscoe advised that Quebec also opted out for other reasons at the time.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-11-03-18

Moved by: Mayor Briscoe
Seconded by: Warden Sweet

THAT this Committee directs staff to send the memorandum from Mr. Paul Moreau, Director of Development and Property, on the Approval of the Designation of the Ottawa River to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) (including the news release from Ministers Baird and Cansfield dated May 16, 2008) to all 17 municipalities in the County of Renfrew, municipalities along the Ottawa River, local MPPs, Eastern Ontario MPs, the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association and also to the Minister of the Environment, the Honourable Peter Kent, with a special request asking him to forward the facts to the MP of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

CARRIED.

Mr. Moreau continued to overview the Department Report.

Mayor Briscoe inquired if there is any progress in getting the County logo put on the County of Renfrew ambulances. Mr. Hutton advised that it is being worked on.

Discussion was held on the resolution from the Niagara Region and the Town of Fort Erie regarding Land Conservation Services and the lack of resources for the planning of land use with a strategy towards returning governance back to municipalities – especially rural ones. Mayor Briscoe indicated that this issue requires more investigation and more time and discussion at another time. Mayor Campbell advised that this is broader than the Provincial Policy Statement

(PPS) and staff should be directed to prepare a brief on this to have positive direction before southern Ontario pushes us back with regulations more suited to urban areas. Chair Rathwell suggested taking a brief to the EOWC and have it submitted through them. Mr. Hutton advised that the direction from the EOWC is that the PPS should remain flexible, but municipalities can go beyond the PPS (which is a minimum standard) and provide more detail in their Official Plan and Zoning By-law. Committee agreed with Mr. Hutton's recommendation that Committee receive this resolution as information and maintain the EOWC's position on the PPS.

Discussion was held on the letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources requesting space to accommodate an Emergency Centre. Mr. Hutton advised that the Council Chambers is the Emergency Operations Centre for the County of Renfrew and asked that this be kept in mind during the discussions with MNR.

Chair Rathwell congratulated Mr. Baird on his promotion to Manager of Economic Development.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

Mayor Campbell inquired if municipalities in the Creative Economy Project will be contacted soon. Mr. Baird advised that he is waiting to hear if the County is successful in a funding request to support this project.

Mayor Campbell inquired about the progress on the signage for the Roots and Rivers Project. Mr. Baird advised that this project is still in progress as signs are currently being made for the new Naturalists Routes.

OTTAWA VALLEY TOURIST ASSOCIATION

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

Mayor Briscoe asked that Item 5 (OVTA's Tourism Tent at Expo 150) be amended for the County Council report thanking Expo 150 for the donation of the tent for the OVTA. Mayor Campbell asked that OVTA also be thanked for the free advertising in the Travel Guide for the Expo 150 event.

ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY (ERC)

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

Mayor Campbell complimented ERC staff on the informative Funders Forum event.

FORESTRY

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

Mr. Moreau acknowledged Mr. Muzzi for the significant amount of positive information in the media regarding the County forests and forestry in general. Chair Rathwell thanked Mr. Muzzi for all his work in the forestry area.

REAL PROPERTY

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

PLANNING

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

Mayor Campbell thanked Mr. Cheesman for the Karst discussion paper, and advised that she intends to parallel what the County is doing in McNab/Braeside. Mr. Hutton advised using “in-situ” before overburden in Section 5.1 and Section 5.2 of the discussion paper instead of “natural.” It was reiterated that this protocol would affect new severances only. When asked what would happen if this protocol was not followed, Mr. Cheesman advised that the consent would be disputed and would have to go to the Land Division Committee hearing. Mr. Moreau advised that this report should only be used for planning purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-11-03-19

Moved by: Mayor Briscoe

Seconded by: Mayor Campbell

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

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Muzzi overviewed the Forestry Addendum Report distributed at the meeting and attached as Appendix II entitled “Easement for Hydro One on Beachburg Tract.” Discussion followed.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-11-03-20

Moved by: Mayor Campbell

Seconded by: Mayor Eady

WHEREAS the Corporation of the County of Renfrew passed By-law No. 99-07 on the 28th of November, 2007 wherein it agreed to grant an easement over certain lands to Hydro One Networks Inc.;

AND WHEREAS said By-law No. 99-07 did not contain a legal description of said lands, which are now described as Part 1 on a plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Renfrew (No. 49) as Plan 49R-16931;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Part 1, Reference Plan 49R-16931 be and are the lands referred to in By-law 99-07 and that County Council pass a by-law to amend By-law 99-07 being a By-law to authorize an Agreement to Grant an Easement to Hydro One Networks Inc. to Construct and Maintain a Hydro Transmission Line Within the County of Renfrew Beachburg Forest Tract.

CARRIED.

Warden Sweet provided Committee with an update on the activities of the EOWC and the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference. He advised that he will provide briefs to all County Council members on the issues presented. Warden Sweet informed Committee that the EOWC addressed farm and forest rebates at the OGRA Conference and provided a map to the Ministers showing how farm, forest and Crown Land affects Renfrew County (map prepared by County of Renfrew GIS staff). Mayor Briscoe requested that a copy of the map be given to all of Renfrew County Council and that it be put on the overhead projector during the meeting. She thanked Mr. Davis and GIS staff for their hard work. Warden Sweet advised that a similar map will be done for all of Ontario. Warden Sweet informed Committee that he spoke to Minister Brad Duguid regarding the future of AECL. The Minister advised that the government is planning to go ahead with a domestic nuclear reactor for a new build.

Mayor Eady advised that he would like to recognize the dedication of the County staff.

Mr. Darch entered the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-11-03-21

Moved by: Mayor Campbell

Seconded by: Mayor Eady

THAT this meeting becomes a closed meeting for the following purpose(s): Time – 11:23 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-11-03-22

Moved by: Mayor Campbell
Seconded by: Warden Sweet

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time: 11:44 a.m.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-11-03-23

Moved by: Mayor Eady
Seconded by: Mayor Campbell

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Town of Laurentian Hills Municipal Office. Time – 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED.

COUNTY OF RENFREW

DEVELOPMENT & PROPERTY DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Development and Property Committee

FROM: Paul Moreau, Director of Development & Property

DATE: March 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Departmental Report

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The following items of correspondence have been received and are attached for Committee's information.

- (a) Appendix I – Letter from the Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister of State (Transport), to Warden Donald Rathwell, in response to the Warden's letter of October 26, 2010 regarding the future of the railway line between Mattawa and Smiths Falls.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

- (b) Appendix II – Letter from the Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister of State (Transport), to MPP Norman Sterling, in response to Mr. Sterling's letter of November 20, 2010 that expressed his opposition to the Ottawa Valley Railway's discontinuance of service.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

- (c) Appendix III – Memorandum to Renfrew County Council from Mr. Paul Moreau, Director of Development & Property, regarding the Approval of the Designation of the Ottawa River to the Canadian Heritage Rivers Systems.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

- (d) Appendix IV – Update on the initiatives of the Renfrew County Green Operations Property Management Committee.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

- (e) Appendix V – Letter from the Office of the Regional Clerk of the Niagara Region in response to the Town of Fort Erie's request to petition the Minister of Natural Resources to improve the delivery of land conservation services in Ontario.

Fort Erie's resolution requests the Province to repeal the *Conservation Authorities Act* and enact new legislation mandating Regions and Counties to fulfill the role of Conservation Authorities.

The Regional Council approved the following recommendations of its Integrated Community Planning Committee: to continue its efforts to work with the Provincial government ministries (including via Niagara Week deliberations) to assure appropriate balance of Land Conservation Services with other policies as identified in Report ICP 63-2010 (Provincial Policy Statement Review) and this report; and not support the request of the Town of Fort Erie at this time.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

- (f) Appendix VI – Letter from Ms. Mona Denault, Logistic Services Supervisor, Pembroke District of the Ministry of Natural Resources, to Mr. Paul Moreau, Director of Development and Property, inquiring if the County has space that the Ministry could access for an alternate Emergency Centre.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

INFORMATION

2. Manager of Economic Development

Mr. Alastair Baird was the successful candidate for the position of Manager of Economic Development effective February 28, 2011. We have commenced the process to fill his former position of Business Development Officer.

3. Economic Development Division

Attached as Appendix VII to this report is the Economic Development Division Report, prepared by Mr. Alastair Baird, Manager of the Economic Development Division, providing an update on activities.

4. Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

Attached as Appendix VIII to this report is the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Report, prepared by Mr. Alastair Baird, Manager of the Economic Development Division, providing an update on activities.

5. Enterprise Renfrew County

Attached as Appendix IX to this report is the Enterprise Renfrew County Report, prepared by Mr. Alastair Baird, Manager of the Economic Development Division, providing an update on activities.

6. Forestry Division

Attached as Appendix X to this report is the Forestry Division Report, prepared by Mr. Jeff Muzzi, Manager of the Forestry Division, providing an update on activities.

7. Real Property Assets Division

Attached as Appendix XI to this report is the Real Property Assets Division Report, prepared by Mr. Jim Lynch, Manager of the Real Property Assets Division, providing an update on activities.

8. Planning Division

Attached as Appendix XII to this report is the Planning Division Report, prepared by Mr. Charles Cheesman, Manager of the Planning Division, providing an update on activities.

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Mr. Donald Rathwell
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County of Renfrew
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Dear Mr. Rathwell:

I am writing in response to your correspondence of October 26, 2010, regarding the future of the railway line between Mattawa and Smiths Falls, Ontario. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

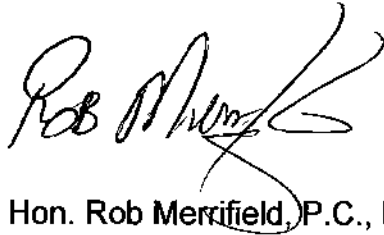
By way of background, I should explain that the federal government's role is to provide a legislative framework in the *Canada Transportation Act* that encourages stakeholders to seek commercial solutions to issues, such as the discontinuance of rail service. In fact, the line transfer and discontinuance provisions of the *Canada Transportation Act* are aimed at encouraging the retention of rail lines where it makes sense to do so.

Before a federally regulated railway can begin the discontinuance process, the line must be listed on the railway's three-year plan for at least one year. At any time during the discontinuance process, any proponent who wishes to lease or purchase a line to continue to operate as a railway can submit an offer. The offer to governments occurs after this one-year period in order to give individuals and local organizations time to put together a business case to take over and continue operations on the rail line.

Regarding the Ottawa Valley Railway, I understand that Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) has held, and continues to hold, discussions with the affected communities on the Smiths Falls to Mattawa section of the rail line. I also understand that CPR has agreed to extend the time for negotiations until spring 2011 to give the communities time to put together an offer for this section of the line.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Merrifield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Hon. Rob Merrifield, P.C., M.P.

c.c. Ms. Cheryl Gallant, M.P.
The Honourable Kathleen O. Wynne, M.P.P.
The Honourable Michael Gravelle, M.P.P.
Mr. John Yakabuski, M.P.P.

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WARDEN'S OFFICE
CITY OF LONDON

Dear Mr. Sterling:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 10, 2010, in which you expressed your opposition to the Ottawa Valley Railway's discontinuance of service.

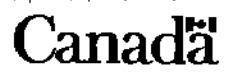
As you are aware, the federal government's role is to provide a legislative framework through the *Canada Transportation Act* that encourages stakeholders to seek commercial solutions to issues such as the discontinuance of rail service. In fact, the line transfer and discontinuance provisions in the *Canada Transportation Act* are aimed at encouraging the retention of rail lines where it makes sense to do so.

Before a federally regulated railway can begin the discontinuance process, the line must be listed on the railway's three-year plan for at least one year. At any time during the discontinuance process, organizations may submit an offer to lease or purchase a line to operate as a railway.

If a federal railway initiates the discontinuance process, the availability of the rail line must be advertised for sale, lease, or other transfer for continued operation for at least 60 days, after which it can be offered to governments. This provision provides an opportunity for provincial/territorial and local governments to acquire lines identified for discontinuance if it is in the public interest to do so. The federal railway must also disclose its intention to discontinue operating the line if it is not transferred to another commercial operator or to governments.

In addition, until the discontinuance process has been completed, a federal railway has an obligation to provide service on the line. A shipper on the line whose service has been withdrawn by a federal railway can file a complaint with the Canadian Transportation Agency to have the service restored.

For more information, please contact the
Public Inquiries and Information Centre
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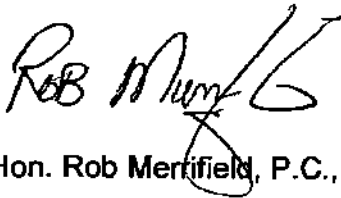


With regard to the Ottawa Valley Railway, I understand that Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) has been holding discussions with the affected communities and that these discussions continue. I also understand that CP has agreed to wait until spring 2011 to give communities time to put together an offer for the Smiths Falls-Mattawa section of the railway.

As for a proposed moratorium on the discontinuance process, the *Canada Transportation Act* does not give the Minister of Transport the authority to grant a moratorium. I would therefore encourage you and community-elected representatives to continue discussing the future of the line with CP.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Hon. Rob Merrifield, P.C., M.P.

c.c. The Honourable Gordon O'Connor, M.P.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Renfrew County Council

FROM: Paul Moreau, Director of Development and Property

DATE: February 23, 2011

RE: **Approval of the Designation of the Ottawa River to the Canadian Heritage Rivers Systems (CHRS)**

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Ontario has 11 rivers designated as part of the CHRS. These are the French, Mattawa-La Vase Portages, Grand, Boundary Waters-Voyageur Waterway, Bloodvein, Humber, Rideau Waterway, Thames, St. Marys, Detroit and the Missinaibi.

The Ottawa River heritage designation initiative began in 2003. It has received a significant degree of grass-roots involvement, demonstrated by the organization of the Ottawa River Heritage Designation Committee (ORHDC); a citizens' group representing the general public, organizations, agencies and municipalities along the Quebec and Ontario shores of the Ottawa River. There have been expressions of support from members of federal and provincial parliament and municipal government, as well as contributions made by numerous organizations and partners.

The first four principles of the CHRS as documented in its 1997 "Charter," best summarize the salient points (emphasis added).

- i) *Participation in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System is **voluntary**.*
- ii) *Participants in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System will **retain their traditional jurisdictional powers over rivers included in the System including ownership of land, the choice to nominate a river to the System and the right to continue to operate and manage** designated rivers in accordance with the objectives of the system.*
- iii) *All participants in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System will **respect the rights and concerns of communities, Aboriginal Peoples, land owners and other stakeholders** in the nomination, designation and management of Canadian Heritage Rivers.*
- iv) *Rivers, **or sections of rivers**, included in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System will meet the spirit of the heritage and recreational value selection guidelines as set out by the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board.*

Issues of private ownership and development have already been dealt with, as noted in (then) Warden Donald Rathwell's July 8, 2010 letter to Prime Minister Harper.

“Over the past seven years, numerous public meetings and consultation sessions were held and hundreds of stakeholders participated in the process, including the First Nations communities. The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan have been a vital member of the Designation Committee since its inception.

Concerns raised by Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, concerning potential negative impacts on development have been addressed numerous times by the Designation Committee and staff of the Canadian Heritage Rivers System. Quite simply, **the designation will not affect existing laws and existing laws and regulations will continue to apply.**

Prime Minister Harper, the Council of the County of Renfrew respectfully requests your consideration of this extremely important matter and hopefully, the Ottawa River can be recognized as the great and historic river that it truly is.”

With respect to concerns that designation of the Ontario side of the Ottawa River would be precedent setting, Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe's letter of September 21, 2010 to Prime Minister Harper notes:

“Prime Minister Harper, it is clearly understood that Heritage Designation in no way affects any existing municipal, provincial or federal legislation.

It is further clearly understood that in Canada, there is precedent for an inter-provincial river system at the outset to be successfully nominated within the jurisdiction of only one province. The classic example would be the Clearwater River with Saskatchewan at the beginning and Alberta following a number of years later.”

ROLE OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES:

As a result of concerns raised at Renfrew County Council on January 26, 2011 regarding the possible impact of a Conservation Authority, the following is based on a study of existing legislation, discussions with former colleagues and other sources.

Conservation Authorities are corporate bodies created by the province at the request of two or more municipalities in accordance with the requirements of the *Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act)*. Section 20 of the *CA Act* provides the mandate for an Authority to offer a broad resources management program. Section 21 of the *CA Act* provides the mandate to have watershed-based resource management programs and/or policies that are approved by the Board of Directors.

Conservation Authorities operating under the authority of the *CA Act*, and in conjunction with municipalities, develop business plans, watershed plans and natural resource management plans within their jurisdictions (watersheds). These plans may recommend specific approaches to land use and resource planning and management that should be incorporated into municipal planning documents and related development applications in order to be implemented.

Conservation Authorities may become involved in the review of municipal planning documents (e.g., Official Plans, zoning by-laws) and development applications under the *Planning Act* to ensure that program interests developed and defined under Section 20 and 21 of the *CA Act* are addressed in land use decisions made by municipal planning authorities. In this role, the Conservation Authority is responsible to represent its program and policy interests as a watershed based resource management agency.

What is important in this report is that Conservation Authorities have only a small portion of their watershed that enters Renfrew County. Therefore, they have no authority or mandate to operate in Renfrew County.

It is also important to recognize that the powers granted to a Conservation Authority are limited to the watershed as defined by regulation under the *CA Act*.

Finally, heritage river designation does nothing to expand or enhance the authority or jurisdiction of a Conservation Authority.

While researching the files on the Ottawa River Heritage Designation initiative, I discovered the press release issued by Federal Environment Minister John Baird and Provincial Minister of Natural Resources Donna Cansfield. I have attached their May 16, 2008 news release for reference, as I believe it summarizes the arguments most eloquently.

PM/jhk

Attachment



News Release Communiqué

CP2008-00259

BAIRD AND CANSFIELD APPROVE NOMINATION OF OTTAWA RIVER AS A CANDIDATE CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVER

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, MAY 16, 2008 – Canada's Environment Minister, John Baird, and Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources, Donna Cansfield, are pleased to announce the official endorsement of the nomination of the Ottawa River as a Canadian Heritage River.

"Being born and raised in Nepean, I'm delighted to recognize the cultural, natural and recreational significance of the Ottawa River by approving the nomination of the Ottawa River to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System," said Minister Baird. "This river represents a critical link to our country's settlement and growth, and continues to be an important waterway to local communities."

"The Canadian Heritage River nomination and future designation will ensure the Ottawa River gets the full recognition it deserves as a vital part of our history, and will support our efforts to ensure a healthy, vibrant future for this important waterway and the communities it serves," said Minister Cansfield.

The Ottawa River can now be considered for full designation in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System. The area recommended for designation includes the entire section of 590 km of the Ottawa River bordering the Province of Ontario, from the head of Lake Timiskaming to East Hawkesbury.

The average flow of the Ottawa River is one of the greatest in Canada, making it a world-class paddling and rafting destination. The river spans 1271 km with a watershed covering 146,300 sq. km, an area twice the size of New Brunswick. The river provides a home for over 300 species of birds and is one of the continent's most important flyways. Its rich ecosystems also sustain more than 80 species at risk.

"Minister Cansfield and I want to thank the Ottawa River Heritage Designation Committee for their hard work and dedication. This nomination will be good for the river, good for the citizens living along it, and good for Canada," said Minister Baird. "We would especially like to acknowledge the support of the former Member of Parliament Len Hopkins who, unfortunately, is not with us today to see the nomination move forward. I'm sure Mr. Hopkins would have been pleased to see the community's hard work come to fruition."

The Ottawa River and surrounding area is of outstanding cultural heritage value as the heartland of the Algonquin people and their culture, as well as for being the definitive route of Canadian exploration, providing Canada's most famous European explorers such as Samuel de Champlain, with a passage into central and western North America. The Ottawa River was gateway to Canada's most famous trade routes used during the *coureurs de bois* and *voyageur* era in Canada, and was critical to the development of commercial enterprise, mapping and settlement in Canada.

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The Canadian Heritage Rivers System is a joint federal-provincial-territorial initiative that gives national recognition to Canadian rivers of extraordinary natural, cultural and recreational significance.

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RENFREW COUNTY GREEN OPERATIONS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Purpose

The purpose of the Renfrew County Green Operations Property Management Committee is to review energy utilization and operational procedures in each County facility to identify areas for improvements in energy efficiency and common operational practices.

Members of Committee

The Director of the Development and Property Department chairs the Committee consisting of the following members:

- Paramedic Service Deputy Chief – Logistics – Emergency Services Department
- Technical Services Supervisor – Renfrew County Housing Corporation
- Environmental Services Supervisor – Bonnechere Manor
- Environmental Services Supervisor – Miramichi Lodge
- Manager of Real Property Assets
- Director of Public Works and Engineering
- Chief Administrative Officer
- Media Relations/Grants Coordinator
- Manager of Information Technology

GREEN OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 2011 PRIORITIES

1. Facility energy management plans as required by the Green Energy Act
2. Waste management (review of opportunities)
 - a. explore economies of scale (private vendor for service)
 - b. education
3. Review of data associated with energy usage/savings (comparison with previous years)
 - a. bulletin/newsletter 3 times per year
 - b. sharing information on successes and failures
4. Fuel usage – Public Works/EMS vehicles (review of opportunities)
 - a. fleet management plan
 - b. change over to blue tech diesel
5. Consolidate Servers (IT)
 - a. Print strategy (analysis of current practices)
6. Assessment of street lighting/energy management (review of opportunities)

In addition to these priorities, the committee also agreed to investigate opportunities for photovoltaic systems on County properties. The committee agreed to investigate a pilot project at Bonnechere Manor as the first step.



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February 11, 2011

Office of the Regional Clerk

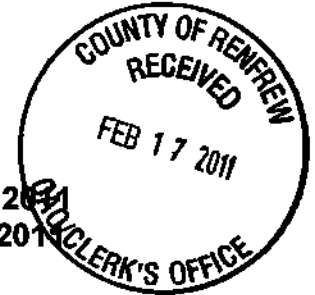
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Report ICP 9-2011

Response to Town of Fort Erie Request to Petition Minister of Natural Resources to Improve the Delivery of Land Conservation Services in Ontario

ICP 9-2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Regional Council, at its meeting of February 10, 2011, approved the following recommendations of its Integrated Community Planning Committee:

That Regional Council continue its efforts to work with the Provincial government ministries (including via Niagara Week deliberations) to assure appropriate balance of Land Conservation Services with other policies as identified in Report ICP 63-2010 (Provincial Policy Statement Review) and this report;

That the request of the Town of Fort Erie not be supported at the time; and

That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Local Municipalities, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, the Regions, Counties, and Single Tier Municipalities in Ontario, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

A copy of Report ICP 9-2011 is enclosed for your information.

Yours truly,

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk
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cc: Mr. P. Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning
Ms. M. L. Tanner, Manager of Policy Development
Mr. A. Gummo, Associate Director, Regional Policy Planning
Mr. P. Colosimo, Director of Development Services
Mr. M. Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services
M. Macara, Legal Services

Niagara Region

REPORT TO: Chair and Members of the
Integrated Community Planning Committee

SUBJECT: Response to Town of Fort Erie Request to Petition Minister of
Natural Resources to Improve the Delivery of Land Conservation
Services in Ontario

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this Committee recommend to Regional Council:

1. That this report be received for information;
2. That Regional Council continue its efforts to work with the Provincial government ministries (including via Niagara Week deliberations) to assure appropriate balance of Land Conservation Services with other policies as identified in Report ICP 63-2010 (Provincial Policy Statement Review) and this report; and, that the request of the Town of Fort Erie not be supported at this time; and,
3. That a copy of this report be forward to the Local Municipalities; the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority; to the Regions, Counties, and Single Tier Municipalities in Ontario; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2010, the Town of Fort Erie passed a resolution (see Appendix I) requesting the Region to petition the Province to repeal the *Conservation Authorities Act* and enact new legislation to place these responsibilities on Regional and County Councils. This correspondence was received by Integrated Community Planning Committee on January 12, 2011.

This report provides an overview of the system of land use planning, environmental review, and conservation in Ontario. The report also identifies the increasing complexities of the environmental regulation system including responsibilities that are with both the federal and provincial governments.

For the information of members of the Integrated Community Planning (ICP) Committee, the Ministry of Natural Resources has initiated updates to wetland mapping across Ontario. These updates impact most municipalities. In Fort Erie, for example, new designated wetlands are in the urban and rural areas. This is the case in other Niagara municipalities as well – Wainfleet, for example, saw a significant increase in designated wetland area. In urban areas, the wetland designation must be considered within the context of the overall growth management strategy and its emphasis on maximizing the potential of serviced urban lands. This speaks to the

perspective of balance across Provincial Policy, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and achieving both sound environmental management and sound growth management which has previously been adopted by Regional Council and is consistent with other Provincial Directions (e.g., Places to Grow). In view of ongoing effort in such contexts as the review of the Provincial Policy Statement and with Council's continued lobbying with Provincial Ministries, it is recommended that the Town's request not be supported at this time.

This report supports Council's Business Plan under Strategic Objective A - Responsive Region and more specifically Strategic Action 1 – Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Regional Corporation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications flowing from the adoption of the recommendations.

PURPOSE

This report provides an overview of environmental planning review, the land use planning system, and land conservation.

REPORT

Responsibility of Conservation Authorities

Conservation Authorities were created starting in the mid 1950's in response to the widespread flooding from Hurricane Hazel and the associated land based devastation that occurred in many communities. The property damage to buildings, homes, and businesses at that time was extensive. While the excessive water was clearly the issue; the analysis completed after Hurricane Hazel showed that the protection of valleylands, hazard lands, floodplains, and riparian areas required new stewardship to ensure that buildings, homes and businesses were built safely on the landscape. The intent was to ensure that such widespread damage from flooding would not recur.

Since their creation, Conservation Authorities have been provided with a series of tools through statute and regulation for environmental review and protection consistent with the issues identified after Hurricane Hazel (e.g. building in floodplain and hazard lands as examples). A key component of this responsibility is achieved through the land use planning process where Conservation Authorities are responsible for the plan review for key natural heritage components of the Provincial Policy Statement issued under the *Ontario Planning Act*.

Conservation Authorities also have permitting responsibilities for development that is within floodplains, wetlands, and interferes with watercourses. Various regulations of the Province of Ontario delegate authority for management of planning of watercourses and development in and around watercourses to all Conservation Authorities. This is to

ensure the overall public safety of the environment and the physical safety of the actual construction of the building or work.

Conservation Authorities are also responsible for Source Water Protection Planning. This new initiative was created from the Walkerton Inquiry and requires the analysis of drinking water sources – groundwater and lake based water sources; the analysis of any potential threats to these drinking water sources – farms; industry; businesses such as dry cleaners and gas station and the mitigation of threats through the Source Protection Plan.

Within Niagara, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) acts as the Region's agent regarding natural land management. The NPCA has significant holdings of lands that are key components of the natural heritage system and manages the long term of these lands for public benefit. In addition, the NPCA operates a number of Conservation Areas that provide various types of recreational activities including hiking, camping, water access etc.

Environmental Regulation in Canada and Ontario

It is a fact that environmental regulation in Canada and Ontario is more complex than ever. Both the federal and provincial governments have expanded their legislation in the areas of environmental protection. In the land use planning system, proponents must address compliance to all of this legislation – if it is applicable to their property.

For example, federal legislation includes:

- *Fisheries Act* - protection of fish habitat
- *Species at Risk Act* – protection of threatened and endangered species

Examples of provincial legislation and regulation for which the Province retains control:

- Natural Heritage Planning Manual (Ministry of Natural Resources)
- Identification and designation of Provincially Significant Wetlands (Ministry of Natural Resources)
- Private groundwater wells (Ministry of Environment)

In the Niagara Region, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority provides environmental information on all of the above legislation to property owners and applicants under the *Planning Act*. The actual permitting and decision making responsibility still rests with the federal or provincial government (see above). However, early access to information is critical to property owners and applicants so that they may prepare their applications with full information.

Conservation Authorities Review – Minister of Natural Resources

The Minister of Natural Resources has convened an expert panel, reporting directly to her, regarding the relationship of environmental planning review and the land use planning system in Ontario. Representation on the expert panel included key stakeholders in the development industry, the municipal planning system, Conservation Authorities, and provincial staff. The Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario were

also represented on this panel. One of the conclusions of the panel is a document entitled "Draft Policies and Procedures for Conservation Authority Plan Review and Permitting Activity". The intent of this document is to provide a clear and consistent set of policies and procedures for all Conservation Authorities. It is also intended to be the most up to date and clear direction on the extent of responsibility of Conservation Authorities in plan review and permitting.

The Minister had intended to conclude the expert panel work after the above document had been completed. However, the Minister has determined that the panel will stay in place to advise her on the ongoing implementation of the Policies and Procedures documents as well as any new issues which may arise. This is a very important commitment to ongoing continuous improvement at the provincial level.

Memorandum of Understanding on Planning Services – Niagara Region

The MOU on Planning Services (approved by the Region, local municipalities, and the NPCA) in the Niagara Region was a key shift in the administration of planning services. The MOU identifies which agency is the lead on matters under the *Planning Act*. The MOU stipulates that there will be a "one window" environmental review done by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority as recommended by the local municipalities and implemented by the Region. Screening maps are provided to all local municipalities and the Region for use by planning staff, property owners, and applicants.

More recently, Regional, local municipal, and NPCA staff have been working on some continuous improvement initiatives in the area of environmental policy and its administration. In the next months, reports will be coming forward to Integrated Community Planning Committee regarding these initiatives. This is a brief summary:

- Updated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines – these are updated guidelines reflecting both best practices and improved customer service. The intent is to provide applicants with greater clarity on when an EIS is required, what the requirements are, how to mitigate impact, and how to ensure timely review.
- Customer Service – The environmental review process can seem overwhelming to property owners and applicants. Staff are committed to enhanced customer service documents, written in plain language, to assist owners and applicants to understand the process, the requirements, and that environmental impact statements can be scoped (narrowed in focus to specific issues) and in certain circumstances waived.
- Updated Policies – it is clear from the ongoing discussions that there is a need to clarify certain policies relative to waiving and scoping Environmental Impact Statements. This will be an amendment to the Regional Policy Plan and will assist local municipalities, owners, and applicants with a clearer process. Model policies for use by local municipalities have been prepared and are available. It is expected to be brought forward to Committee in the early spring of 2011.

The ongoing continuous improvement work will not end with the conclusion of the above three matters. Clearly, customer service in the face of increasingly complex environmental regulation must continue. Regional staff will continue to work with our partners in the local municipalities and the NPCA to be responsive to the issues and

needs of property owners and applicants in the environmental review of planning matters.

The Province of Ontario is undertaking a review of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). As part of the joint responsibility for planning services, Regional staff lead the review of the PPS with Niagara's local Area Planners. Regional Council adopted the staff recommendations and comments for submission to the province on the PPS. The report (ICP 63-2010) spoke to the key point that provincial policies must be applied in their totality and on balance to local circumstances. This point is very important because the PPS, which contains many of the policy drivers for natural heritage, also contains other policy drivers such as growth management, sustainability, agricultural policies, and economic development. Ensuring that there is balance across policies to achieve good planning is a key point that has been communicated to the Province in the PPS review; it is the position of Niagara's planners, and it was adopted by Council as part of the comments in ICP 63-2010.

Concluding Comments

This report provides an overview of environmental planning review, the land use planning system, and land conservation. In addition, this report highlights a number of ongoing continuous improvement initiatives relative to the administration of the land use planning system and environmental review.

The environmental regulation system in Canada, Ontario, and Niagara Region is increasingly complex. In Niagara, staff at the Regional, local municipal and NPCA levels are committed to enhanced customer service to take the complex system of environmental regulation to a point that is understandable and the information is accessible in plain language. The commitment to customer service and continuous improvement is ongoing and will continue.

The perspective of balance across policies and their implementation is important to continue through the PPS review, the area planners, and reinforcement through Regional Council. This work will also continue. In view of this effort it is suggested that the request of the Town of Fort Erie not be supported at this time.

Submitted by:



Patrick Robson
Commissioner
Integrated Community Planning

Approved by:

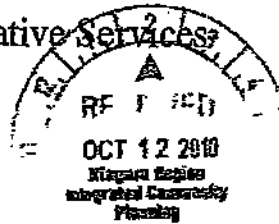


Mike Trojan
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared by Mary Lou Tanner, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Policy Development and Alan Gummo, MCIP, RPP, Associate Director, Regional Policy Planning and was reviewed by Peter Colosimo, MCIP, RPP, Director of Development Services.



Legal & Legislative Services



October 7, 2010

Kevin Bain, Regional Clerk
 The Regional Municipality of Niagara
 2201 St. David's Road, P O Box 1042
 Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Mr. Bain:

Re: Request to Region to Petition Minister of Natural Resources to Improve the Delivery of Land Conservation Services in Ontario

At the Council meeting of September 27, 2010 the following resolution was passed regarding the above matter:

THAT: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby respectfully requests the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara to consider a motion to petition the Minister of Natural Resources to investigate and report on the feasibility of reconstituting the conservation authorities in Ontario by repealing the Conservation Authorities Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.C.27 and enacting new legislation to provide that regional councils and county councils shall once again govern, control and regulate land conservation in Ontario, and alternatively, to explore and identify options to improve the delivery of land conservation services in Ontario; to improve transparency and accountability; to regulate standards for true cost recovery of services and to more effectively balance conservation needs with those of municipalities and stakeholders, and further

THAT: In the event Regional Council takes the lead and supports this initiative for change in the governance and management of land conservation in Ontario that they seek the support of all regional and county councils in the Province of Ontario, and further

THAT: A copy of this resolution be circulated to the regions and counties in Ontario for information

Your assistance in advancing this matter to Regional Council would be appreciated.

We thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours very truly,

Carolyn J. Keith, A.M.C.I.,
 Town Clerk

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February 17, 2011

County of Renfrew
9 International Drive
Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

Attention: Paul Moreau, Director of Development and Property

Dear Paul:

On behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources in Pembroke, I am searching for space to accommodate an Emergency Centre. Would your facility have such a room or space we could potentially have access to if needed?

We do have an Emergency set up here at our location. What we are looking for is an alternate location where we could set up should we not be able to utilize our location due to unforeseen circumstances. I would also like to know if we could store an Emergency Kit at your location.

Please advise if this is feasible and what is available. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Mona Denault
Logistic Services Supervisor
Pembroke District

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development & Property Committee

March 8, 2011

INFORMATION1. Forestry and Value-added Wood Processing Sector

A representative of the Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio Economy (CRIBE) based on Thunder Bay and funded by the Province of Ontario, met with forest industry representatives on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. The purpose of the meetings, and a tour of the Ensyn facilities in Renfrew, was to investigate the possibilities of accessing the CRIBE funding for any innovative forest biomass transformation processes here in the County. There were two possible project areas where CRIBE may play a role.

2. Agri-Business Sector

A potential investor is investigating a high volume use of agricultural biomass fibre to produce a structural product for the North American market.

3. Activity Indicators for February, 2011

TYPE	New	Closed	Success
Industrial Space Investigations	2		
Industrial Space Investigations Area	95,000 sq. ft.		
Industrial Operator Request for Assistance			
Service Industry Space Investigations	1		
Specific Business Investment Opportunities Sought:			
Successful Investments			
Successful Investment Area			
Successful Investment Value			

OTTAWA VALLEY TOURIST ASSOCIATION REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development Services

Prepared for: Development & Property Committee

March 8, 2011

INFORMATION1. Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association staff and member companies recently attended the Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show (February 25-27, 2011) as the feature exhibitors and hosts of the Grand Prize in the Canadian Classic Adventure contest - a week of adventure at various resorts and attractions across the Ottawa Valley.

Visitors to the OVTA booth were also able to indulge in free samples of County of Renfrew food products: maple syrup products from Mapleside Sugar Bush, sausages from Uncle Jim's Meat Market, hemp products (seeds, cookies, dipping oil) from Stone Farms, ice cream from Eganville's Finest All Natural Ice Cream and blueberry fudge from Hugli's Blueberry Ranch. Also featured were entertainers from Stone Fence Theatre presenting Ottawa Valley music, stories and dance.

2. Travel Guides and Road Maps - Distribution

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association staff launched the mass distribution of the 2011 Ottawa Valley Travel Guide and Road Map on February 11, 2011.

3. OVTA Annual Conference & Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This year's Annual Tourism Conference and AGM, to be held on April 28, 2011, will be hosted by the Twin Rivers Golf Club at CFB Petawawa. The full-day event will feature two keynote speakers, Louise Lacroix, Executive Director for Direction Ontario, and Bernard Charlebois, co-founder and CEO of Virtuo CMS Technologies Inc., as well as a Social Media Panel made up of OVTA members.

Ms. Lacroix's presentation will discuss the Francophone Tourism Market and will highlight opportunities to increase Francophone Tourism in the Ottawa Valley. Mr. Charlebois will discuss social media tools and marketing, with a special focus on viral social media tools such as Facebook and Twitter. Staff are working with Mr. Charlebois to see if a small "social media - how-to" workshop can be provided to interested conference participants at the end of the day.

The Social Media Panel will feature OVTA members who have put considerable time and effort into establishing social media campaigns for their businesses. The goal of the panel is to showcase OVTA members who have established strong social media campaigns and allow them to share the "trials and tribulations and successes" they've faced along the way.

4. Rural Ramble

The OVTA Marketing Committee has finalized the themes and dates of the 2011 Rural Ramble, which are:

September 10 & 11: Adventure & Exploration
September 17 & 18: Agriculture & Food
September 24 & 25: History & Heritage
October 1 & 2: Arts & Culture

Detailed planning information will be made available in the coming weeks.

5. OVTA's Tourism Tent at Expo 150

The OVTA is pleased to announce that it is organizing a 40' x 100' tent to promote Tourism at the upcoming County of Renfrew Expo 150. The OVTA Tourism Tent will be an engaging, interactive, fun and educational space and promises to be a favourite destination for visitors to the Expo 150 festival site.

Spaces inside the Tourism Tent are free for OVTA members, provided no goods or services are being sold. In addition to free tent space, the OVTA will provide Tourism Tent exhibitors with free signage, as well as tablecloths for display tables.

Space inside the Tourism Tent is limited and all interested parties must submit a completed application form by March 25, 2011. All applications will be subject to approval by an adhoc OVTA Expo 150 Committee.

More information, including Tourism Tent guidelines and applications forms, can be obtained by contacting the OVTA office.

ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development Services

Prepared for: Development & Property Committee

March 8, 2011

INFORMATION

1. Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) Activity Report

The Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) Activity Report for the month of January 2011 is attached as Appendix ERC-I.

2. ERC Business Visitations

The ERC Business Visits Report for the month of January 2011 is attached as Appendix ERC-II.

3. Summer Company 2011

Enterprise Renfrew County has currently received applicant inquiries from 7 students in Renfrew County. An article that appeared in the February 17, 2011 edition of the Arnprior EMC is attached as Appendix ERC-III.

4. Renfrew County Funders' Forum

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) partnered with several organizations to host a Funders' Forum held on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Marguerite Centre in Pembroke. This event brought together funders and service providers interested in the development of communities in Renfrew County.

The objective of the forum was to facilitate the access of not-for-profit/charitable organizations, small/medium businesses and municipalities to the available funding programs and to strengthen their capacities through training workshops. Participants had the opportunity to meet with funders and service providers individually by signing up on the appointment log to discuss their proposed projects. In addition, participants attended a training workshop on effective grant proposal writing in the afternoon. There were 146 in attendance.

5. Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) Eastern Regional Meeting

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) staff attended a Regional Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) meeting in Belleville, Ontario, on February 22-23, 2011. Agenda items included updates by Mr. Mitchell Wilkie, (*MEDT Manager, Entrepreneurship Partnerships*), Ms. Madge Linton (*MEDT Team Coordinator, Youth Partnerships*), E-Business by Mr. Doug Bower (*MEDT Manager, E-Business*) and a Canada Business Ontario (*CBO*) update by Mr. Dan Humpheries.

Mr. Philipp Wood (*MEDT Regional Advisor Eastern Ontario*) and Ms. Elizabeth Cornish (*MEDT Regional Advisor Central Ontario*) facilitated discussions on "How SBEC's Have Changed," "Ensuring Our SBEC's Remain Relevant" and "Different Ways to Consult." Ms. Elizabeth Cornish lead a brainstorming session on topics for the SBEC Provincial Conference taking place May 30, 31 and June 1, 2011 in Toronto.

	Month of January			Year to Date
	Renfrew	Pembroke	Combined	
A: SBEC Economic Impact:				
<i>Categories "Economic Impact"</i>				
Total Business Started	0	0	0	0
Total Business Expanded	0	0	0	0
Total Jobs Created	0	0	0	0
Total Others	0	0	0	0
B: Client Contacts				
<i>General Inquiries:</i>				
Total INQUIRIES	39	126	165	165
Website (# of page views) *			5995	5995
Client Consultations A:				
<i>New</i>				
Total NEW CONSULTATIONS	7	15	22	22
<i>Repeat</i>				
Total REPEAT CONSULTATIONS	6	5	11	11
Total NEW/REPEAT CONSULTATIONS	13	20	33	33
French Language Consultations			0	0
Client Consultations B:				
Total CLIENT CONSULTATIONS	13	20	33	33
Referral - Consultations				
Total Referrals	7	16	23	23
C. SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:				
<i>Categories "Activities"</i>				
Total Seminars "Activities"	0	1	1	1
<i>"Attendance"</i>				
Total Seminar "Attendance"	0	21	21	21
D. OUTREACH / NETWORKING PRESENTATION				
PART 1: GENERAL OUTREACH				
<i>Activity</i>				
Total Gen. Outreach/Visits/Networking	7	4	11	11
Total Activities "Outreach"	7	4	11	11
OUTREACH / NETWORKING PRESENTATION				
<i>Attendance</i>				
Total Attendance Gen. Outreach/Visits/Networking	20	15	35	35
Total Attendance "Outreach"	20	15	35	35
PART 2: YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP				

Activity				
Total Activities "Youth"	0	1	1	1
Total Attendance "Youth"	0	6	6	6
E. EVENTS "HOSTED"				
<i>Events</i>				
Total "Events"	0	0	0	0
<i>Attendance</i>				
Total Attendance "Events"	0	0	0	0
F: MENTORING:				
Total Protégés/Mentors Registered	0	0	0	0
<i>Activities</i>				
Total Mentor/Protégé Sessions	0	0	0	0
Total Participants	0	0	0	0

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Young people can be their own boss this summer

By KATHRYN GLYNN
Staff Writer

EMC News - If you're a student looking for a rewarding summer job, why not start your own business?

Students between 15 and 29, returning to school in September, may be eligible for up to \$3,000 through Summer Company. This is a program delivered through Enterprise Renfrew County and assists students with starting and running their own businesses.

Colleen Sadler is a business consultant with the program. "The program focuses on raising awareness about the importance of entrepreneurship as a viable career option. Applicants must have a good idea and a comprehensive business plan," said Sadler.

In addition to funding, successful candidates receive practical business training, mentoring and essential busi-

ness skills."

If you are accepted into the Summer Company you will receive an award of up to \$1,500 to help cover the costs of business start-up. If you successfully complete all the program requirements, you may qualify for an additional award of up to \$1500 in the fall.

"Deadline for application is May 9. Students should apply early", said Sadler. "The Summer Company will only accept 500 students in 2011 and applications are cut off once the program reaches capacity."

She recommends "students read the Summer Company guidelines before writing a business plan, to ensure that you qualify. A business plan template may be found on the website. If applicants need any help we are always here."

Enterprise Renfrew County

delivers the Summer Company in partnership with the Government of Ontario.

McNab/Braeside mayor Mary Campbell would like to see more students take advantage of the entrepreneurial program, in Renfrew County.

At Feb. 1 township council meeting, Campbell suggested encouraging students to look at opportunities available at McNab Centre Park and Burnstown beach canteens.

"The money is there. Why not someone from the area?" Campbell stated.

Since the Summer Company program began in 2001, over 3000 high school, college and university students from Ontario have participated.

Last year, the program launched more than 600 students in business ventures, from recreational day camps to lawn care services.

In Renfrew County alone,

70 students have completed the Summer Company program since 2001.

Local success story

Paul Rusheleau is one of those students. His successful application in 2006, provided him with the seed money to open the 'Ice Shack', an ice cream business, in Armprior.

Rusheleau, now 27, lives in Ottawa.

"I had decided in the winter of 2005, to not go back to the camp I had worked at for several summers. It really started with a conversation with some family members. We were battling around some ideas for a business I could start and ice cream came up - almost as a joke. I immediately thought about the corner at Madawaska and John Streets in Armprior," he recalled. "The visibility of the corner, traffic is there and who doesn't like

learned it is really rewarding to work that much to have a functioning business. I recommend it to anyone."

Whether the business is successful or not, the Summer Company program guarantees to teach something valuable.

"That experience dovetails nicely into what I am doing today. I have an amazing opportunity, working with a start-up tech company in Ottawa. There hasn't been one day in the last year and a half that I haven't had to do something, I have never done before. Learning as I went with the business prepared me to solve problems as they come up.

At times, it's like drinking from the fire hose but always rewarding," Rusheleau said.

For details and to apply to Summer Company visit www.ontario.ca/summercompany

FORESTRY DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Jeff Muzzi, Manager of Forestry Services

Prepared for: Development & Property Committee

March 8, 2011

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The following items of correspondence have been received and are attached for Committee's information.
 - (a) Appendix FOR-I – Letter from Ms. Jamie Lim, President and CEO, Ontario Forest Industries Association, informing Mr. Jeff Muzzi that he has been selected as a 2011 Forest Sector Champion and will be recognized at the Association's 68th Annual Meeting on March 2, 2011. Also included in this appendix is: 1) a letter from Ms. Lim to Warden Bob Sweet advising that the County of Renfrew has been recognized for its remarkable leadership and support of Ontario's forest sector; and 2) an article from the February 23, 2011 edition of the Daily Observer entitled "Making a difference in sustainable forest management."

Recommendation: Receive as information.

INFORMATION2. Staff Activities

In addition to regular duties, staff has been involved in the following activities:

- continuing inventory update and stand analysis for the 5-year update of the County of Renfrew Forest Management Plan;
- attended the annual working group meeting of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, with which the County is affiliated as a result of our Forest Stewardship Council certification;
- completed a timber valuation exercise for the Township of Madawaska Valley;
- attended a meeting of the Upper Ottawa Valley Forest Industry Alliance with Mr. Alastair Baird, Acting Manager of Economic Development;
- facilitated a meeting for the office of MP Cheryl Gallant between local forest industry interests and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency regarding changes in legislation affecting lumber exports to the United States.



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Appendix FOR-I

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February 2, 2011

Mr. Jeff Muzzi
Manager of Forestry Services
County of Renfrew
9 International Drive
Pembroke, Ontario
K8A 6W5

RE: 2011 International Year of Forests – OFIA Recognizes Community Leaders.

Dear Jeff.

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests to raise awareness of sustainable forest management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests.

In celebration of the International Year of Forests, the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) is recognizing the outstanding contributions of northern and rural Ontario community leaders who are dedicated to promoting the sustainable use of Ontario's forests.

On behalf of OFIA's members, we are pleased to inform you that you have been selected as a 2011 Forest Sector Champion. Your remarkable leadership and support for Ontario's forest sector will be recognized on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 during a luncheon at our 68th Annual Meeting. We would be most honoured to have you join us as we celebrate your contributions to growing Ontario's renewable natural resource sector- forestry.

Please confirm your attendance with Allyson Lemire at 416-368-6188.

We can't wait to see you on March 2nd.

Warmest Regards.
Jamie

Jamie Lim
President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Home of CLA Grading and Inspection

February 2, 2011

His Worship Mayor Bob Sweet
Warden
County of Renfrew 9 International Drive
Pembroke, ON
K8A 6W5



RE: 2011 International Year of Forests – OFIA Recognizes Community Leaders.

Dear Bob.

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests to raise awareness of sustainable forest management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests.

In celebration of the International Year of Forests, the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) is recognizing the outstanding contributions of northern and rural Ontario community leaders and organizations who are dedicated to promoting the sustainable use of Ontario's forests.

On behalf of OFIA's members, we are pleased to inform you that the County of Renfrew has been recognized for its remarkable leadership and support of Ontario's forest sector.

OFIA's celebration of community leaders and organizations will take place on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 during a luncheon at our 68th Annual Meeting. We would be most honoured to have you, as the County of Renfrew's representative, join us as we celebrate your County's contributions to growing Ontario's renewable natural resource sector – forestry.

Please confirm your attendance with Allyson Lemire at 416-368-6188.

We can't wait to see you on March 2nd.

Warmest Regards,

Allyson Lemire
Allyson Lemire
President & CEO

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Making a difference in sustainable forest management

The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) has selected the County of Renfrew as a 2011 Forest Sector Champion. Jeff Muzzi, the County of Renfrew's manager of forestry services, will accept the award on behalf of the county at a special ceremony scheduled for March 2 during the 68th annual meeting of the OFIA.

The United Nations Assembly declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests to raise awareness of sustainable forest management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests. In celebration of this declaration, the OFIA is recognizing outstanding contributions of northern and rural Ontario community leaders who are dedicated to promoting the sustainable use of Ontario's forests.

Whitewater Region Reeve Don Rathwell, chair of the county's development and property committee, praised the dedication and professionalism of the county's forestry department.

"This award recognizes the commitment of our forestry department to the long term sustainability of our county forests. Mr. Muzzi and all those involved in forest management are being recognized for leadership in terms of preserving our forests. This is a proud day for all of Renfrew County as once again we show why the County of Renfrew is a leader in terms of preservation of our natural resources."

County of Renfrew Warden Bob Sweet said it is an honour to be recognized for the work the County of Renfrew has done in sustainable forest management.

"The county is proud of its long tradition of sustainable forest management," Warden Sweet said. "In fact, forestry will be an important part of the county's 150th anniversary celebration of June 9-12. Jeff Muzzi, Renfrew County's forest manager, should also be very proud of being selected as the 2011 Forest Sector Champion. He has been a dedicated community leader promoting the sustainability of Ontario's forests."

Return to Report

REAL PROPERTY ASSETS DIVISION REPORT
Prepared by: James Lynch, Manager of Real Property Assets
Prepared for: Development & Property Committee
March 8, 2011

INFORMATION

1. Real Property - Projects Update

Committee will find attached as Appendix RP-I a summary report of all projects currently underway that involve the Real Property Assets Division. All projects have been approved through the applicable Committee. A legend is attached detailing the nomenclature and project steps as outlined.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

Proponent / Location	Work Description	Status*				Comments		
		Pre	Quote	Const	Compl	Budget	Quotes	Actual
County Administration Building Pembroke	Energy Upgrades. T-5 Main Lighting, LED specialty					Main lighting completed, specialty lighting and LED lights installed		
						P/o 100,000	74,000	~13,000
Renfrew County Place	Land Encroachments					Waiting on response from CTC via legal. Appraisal completed.		
	Lease Escalation(s)					Financials to be discussed		
	Annual Review					Lease review with Provincial Tenants (CBRE)		
	Recovery of Municipal Taxes					Commercial lease conditions. 2 Tenants.		
Provincial Offences Offices, Pembroke	HVAC systems					Analysis of HVAC concerns by Consultant		
	Lease					Negotiations with Landlord (PCCC)		
	Facility Improvements					Overseeing Improvements by Landlord		
	Escalation calculations					Annual lease operating cost increase from Landlord to be reviewed.		
Ontario Works, Pembroke	Lease					Negotiations with Landlord (PCCC)		
	Facility Improvements					Overseeing Improvements by Landlord		
Renfrew County Health Unit, Pembroke	Escalation calculations					Annual lease operating cost increase from Landlord to be reviewed.		
	Lease					Lease being drafted Current lease expires Feb 2012.		
Pembroke Paramedic Base	Lease					Lease completed and signed with PRH.		
Public Works Garages	Energy Management Plans and Retrofits					Consulting to Public Works. Goshen Garage scheduled for March 2,3, 2011		

Proponent / Location	Work Description	Status*				Comments		
		Pre	Quote	Const	Compl	Budget	Quotes	Actual
All Paramedic Bases	Security							Preparing to re-key all bases to common system.
	CO / NO system							Annual testing and verification
Paramedics	Storage of Uniforms							Developing strategy to simplify storage and distribution of uniforms.
Bonnechere Manor	Auditorium Project Status Summary							Construction underway, April 2011 target. 1,096,842 1,096,842 \$2000 under
	Inspections/Reports					100%		
	Foundation					100%		
	Structure and Roof					95%		Waiting on RTU to complete
	Exterior Finish	20%						Brick and Stone selected
	Interior Finish					70%		Drywall installed, colors chosen
	Windows & Doors		40%					
	Mechanical					90%		RTU may be delayed from factory
	Electrical					80%		
	Stage					80%		
	Flooring							Materials chosen.
	Landscaping							Removed from project scope
	Parking Lot							Plan required for new lot
	Completion							

Status*

Pre Preliminary work to develop needs and concept with customer.

Quote Costing by external companies underway, as per GA-01.

Const Construction and fabrication underway as planned.

Compl Project substantially complete but not yet fully signed off. (deficiencies and documentation addressed).

① Progress not as expected or project halted

PLANNING DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services

Prepared for: Development & Property Committee

March 8, 2010

INFORMATION1. Planning Division Activity Tracker

Attached as Appendix PLAN-I is the Activity Tracker for February 2011. In February, the Division received 24 new severance applications and prepared 16 Planning Checklists for general inquiries. The GIS technicians worked on 91 mapping and GIS projects.

For the period January-February 2011, the County of Renfrew received 22 severance applications compared to 24 received over the same period in 2010.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

2. Discussion Paper: Issues and Options for Reviewing Planning Applications in Karst Areas of Renfrew County

The Karst discussion paper is attached as Appendix PLAN-II. This document provides background information on karst and outlines a proposed policy approach to deal with planning applications in karst areas. Until this policy can be incorporated into the County of Renfrew Official Plan, it would serve as an internal protocol in dealing with the County's review and approval of severances and plans of subdivision, and in our review and commenting on other planning applications.

The intent of the protocol is to work with local municipalities and applicants to address the karst issue without having to proceed automatically in all cases to a geotechnical study, the costs of which would have to be borne by the applicant.

This document was circulated to all municipalities affected by karst topography.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

DEVELOPMENT AND
PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

PLANNING DIVISION ACTIVITY TRACKER

TIME PERIOD - February 2011

	Arnprior	Deep River	Laurentian Hills	Petawawa	Renfrew	Admaston/Bromley	Bonnechere Valley	Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan	Greater Madawaska	Head, Clara & Maria	Horton	Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	Laurentian Valley	Madawaska Valley	McNab / Braeside	North Algona Wilberforce	Whitewater Region	County-wide	TOTAL	
APPROVALS																				
Local Official Plan																				0
Local Official Plan Amendment																				0
Subdivision Draft Approval																				0
Number of Draft Approved Lots/Blocks																				0
Subdivision Final Approval																				0
Number of Final Approved Lots/Blocks																				0
Part Lot Control By-laws																				0
Number of Lots Created by Part Lot Control																				0
Severances			1	2		2		2	5		1	3	2			1	3			22
TOTAL FINAL AND DRAFT APPROVED LOTS	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	5	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	3	0	22	
APPLICATIONS (Review & Preparation of Documents)																				
Official Plans																				0
Official Plan Amendments																				0
Comprehensive Zoning By-law Amendments				1							1			1	1		2			6
Severances (County) New Applications			2	1		2	1				4		6			3	5			24
Severances (Reports to Municipality)															2					2
Minor Variances (Reports to Municipality)																				0
Plans of Subdivision New Applications																				0
Number of Subdivision Lots/Blocks																				0
Site Plans / Agreements																				0
OMB Hearings																				0
PRELIMINARY REVIEW																				
Planning Checklist						1	1	1	2	1	3			2	2	1	2			16
Counter & Other Inquiries						1	1	1			1		1		3	1	1			10
TOTAL ACTIVITY	0	0	3	4	0	4	4	5	7	1	10	3	9	3	8	6	13	0	80	

24 severances received January-February 2010 versus 26 severances received January-February 2010

22 severance decisions January-February 2011 versus 30 severance decisions January-February 2010



GIS ACTIVITY TRACKER

TIME PERIOD - Feb 2011

	Arnprior	Deep River	Laurentian Hills	Petawawa	Renfrew	Admaston / Bromley	Bonnechere Valley	Brudenell Lyndoch & Raglan	Greater Madawaska	Head, Clara & Maria	Horton	Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	Laurentian Valley	Madawaska Valley	McNab / Braeside	North Algona Wilberforce	Whitewater Region	County-wide	TOTAL	
GIS Data & Systems																				
Database Maintenance													1		1				6	8
Internet GIS Maintenance																			2	2
Internet GIS Enhancements																				0
Metadata Creation & updates																			3	3
Data Distribution/ Contracts																				0
Conferences, Courses & User Groups																				0
Training, Reports & Presentations Delivered																			2	2
Technical Support																			12	12
Map document conversions & updates																			1	1
Policies & Procedures																			1	1
Research, Funding Applications & Budgets																			3	3
Other																			2	2
Internal D&P Dept																				
Economic Development & Tourism																			2	2
Forestry																			2	2
Planning	1			3					2					2	2		1	2	13	
Real Property																			4	4
Other																				0
County Departments																				
Administration, Finance & Information Technology																			4	4
Community & Social Services																			4	4
Emergency Services																			5	5
Human Resources																			1	1
Public Works & Engineering																			2	2
Other																				0
External Inquiries & Requests																				
Municipalities				2		1			3				2							8
Agencies & Institutions																				0
General Public & Businesses																			8	8
Other																				0
Special Projects																				
WEB GIS RFP																			1	1
AMCTO																			1	1
DRAPE																			1	1
BROADBAND																			1	1
LAND CLAIM																			2	2
Total	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	2	3	0	1	70	91	

Notes:

DISCUSSION PAPER

Issues and Options for Reviewing Planning Applications in Karst Areas of Renfrew County

Prepared by: County of
Renfrew Planning Division

Date: January 14, 2011
(Revised February 28, 2011)

Issues and Options for Reviewing Planning Applications in Karst Areas of Renfrew County

1.0 Karst Mapping

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry (MNDMF) recently distributed karst topography data map to the County of Renfrew; the data was prepared by the Ontario Geological Survey (OGS) and has a stated accuracy of +/- 100 metres. The identified Karst Area covers 60,060 hectares (148,406 acres) of the County of Renfrew within 10 municipalities. Attachment 1 is a map of the County with coloured areas representing three karst categories: Known Karst, Inferred Karst, and Potential Karst.

Known Karst: Regions coloured in red on the attached map represent areas of known karst, determined either by OGS staff and/or published reports. These karst features include caves, sinkholes, and or disappearing streams and karst springs, and, to a lesser degree, various forms of karren.

Inferred Karst: Inferred karst areas are depicted on the map in orange. This represents areas that are predominantly carbonate rock where direct observations could not be made due to overburden cover or logistical challenges, but which possesses rock units that are most susceptible to karstification and should display karst features. These areas are a natural extrapolation of exposed bedrock areas that display karst and/or through various groundwater studies the aquifers appear to behave in a karstic nature.

Potential Karst: Potential Karst areas are coloured yellow on the attached map; this is the least confident category for depicting karst. Areas depicted as potential karst regions possess predominantly carbonates or mixed carbonate/evaporate successions that are susceptible to karstification but which are covered by overburden or younger stratigraphic units. These regions also lack direct observation of karst features by OGS staff and/or do not have any reported karst features.

The information provided by MNDMF only describes and identifies the location of karst topography. The Ministry has not produced a best practices or recommended approaches document for reviewing development applications in karst topography. The majority of karst topography in the province of Ontario is immature and would not pose a significant hazard for most development applications. The challenge for the County of Renfrew and local municipalities is how to ensure that planning decisions are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement by limiting development on hazardous sites, while reducing the need for expensive studies at the property owner's expense. The problem we face is that there are no official policies or internal protocols for dealing with development applications in Karst areas.

2.0 Provincial Policy Context

Section 3(5) of the *Planning Act* requires that decisions on planning applications (i.e. consents, subdivision, zoning and official plan amendments) be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). The PPS provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. The PPS includes policies to protect public health and

safety by directing development away from natural hazards where there is an unacceptable risk to public health or safety, or of property damage. Hazardous sites are defined as property or lands that could be unsafe for development and site alteration due to naturally occurring hazards. Under the PPS these hazards include unstable soils (sensitive marine clays [leda], organic soils) or unstable bedrock (karst topography). Section 3.1.1 of the PPS states that development shall generally be directed to areas outside of hazardous sites.

3.0 Karst – A Brief Description

Karst is a term used to describe landscapes that display distinctive features resulting from chemical dissolution and precipitation of bedrock known as carbonates (e.g., limestone, dolostone and marble). Karst may include features such as sinkholes, caves, sinking streams and various forms of channels or furrows. The term Karst is derived from an area on the border of Slovenia and Italy where the first scientific research of a karst topography was made, where it is called "Carso".

Karst landscapes are caused mainly by erosion of bedrock by surface water and groundwater over a substantial time span. This results in conduit-style groundwater flow and greater connectivity between surface waters, sinking streams, and groundwater aquifers. Therefore, groundwater aquifers in karsted terrains are more susceptible to biological and chemical contamination as water may run unimpeded, bypassing the normal filtering that occurs in a porous aquifer. Areas of exposed limestone/dolostone plain or associated areas of thin overburden cover are considered to be of "High Aquifer Vulnerability".

Karst features are affected by several factors, including overburden cover, bedrock lithology (physical composition), topography and depth to the water table. Overburden cover greatly limited the development of karst where the overburden was uniformly in excess of 0.5 to 1.0 metres in depth. Under these conditions, water infiltrating from precipitation will be neutralized as it passes through the soil porosity prior to encountering the bedrock, hence having little influence on the rock. For example, buried limestone surfaces commonly preserve the smooth, striated glacial surface in a fresh state. The sites where surface karst weathering was most developed with distinct open crevasse-like joints and channels were those areas where the rock was directly exposed at the surface.

There is no one formula for defining a hazardous area associated with karst formations. Defining the "area of provincial interest" is a site-specific process. The size, extent and severity of the hazards depend on local conditions.

4.0 Summary of Municipal Approaches to Deal with Development in Karst Areas

Few municipalities in the Province have Karst Topography. The Niagara Escarpment is a large landform that is a largely forested ridge of sedimentary rock (dolostone) 725 km in length which in many areas has various forms of Karst. Planning staff have contacted several municipalities within this area and found that there are three common approaches to handle development in areas of Karst.

- 1) The most common example is to have a policy which is basically a direct quote from the PPS:

Development shall generally be directed to areas outside of hazardous sites. Development may be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the hazards can be safely addressed, and the development and site alteration is carried out in accordance with provincial standards.

Policies like this example do not directly make any reference to Karst topography, but applies equally to all hazardous sites such as karst, slip clays and flood plains. Under this policy, wherever a potential natural hazard has been identified, it would be the responsibility of the proponent to hire a professional to prepare a study to address the concern. Very little direction is provided for the proponents of a development application which could lead to varying interpretations to what is required as there are no provincial standards for development in Karst areas.

- 2) The second example is as follows:

Development or site alteration in areas identified as having Karst Topography will require the preparation of a Geotechnical Study to assess the impacts and mitigation measures on the surface and groundwater supply. The study shall be prepared to the satisfaction of the municipality.

The policy provides direction that the study is required to examine impacts on the surface and groundwater supply and provide any mitigation measures that may be required. This policy automatically requires a study for any development within Karst areas. It was found that the municipalities that used this approach all had a more in-depth Karst study for their municipality which mapped the Karst areas (as opposed to having inferred or potential Karst areas). Generally this study was prepared by the local Conservation Authority.

- 3) The third common policy example is used by municipalities with similar data (questionable accuracy) as the County of Renfrew was given to utilize. The policy generally states:

Areas shown on the Schedule to this plan as being the site of Karst topography are potentially considered to be development constraint areas. In cases where Planning Act approval is required, an investigation of the potential impacts of the development on the surface and groundwater supply shall be required in accordance with the following provisions:

- *An assessment of the need to provide a full scale Geotechnical Study is required. This assessment shall determine if karst features exist within 1 metre of the surface. If the assessment determines that there is more than 1 meter of material between the surface and the karst feature, no further work is required;*
- *If karst features are found within 1 metre of the surface, then a Geotechnical Study shall be required assessing the impacts and mitigation measures on the surface and groundwater supply.*

Under this scenario, the proponent of the development would dig 3 holes, 2 holes on either side of the building envelope and one where the septic system would be located. The holes would be inspected by the Septic Inspector or the Chief Building Official to measure the depth of overburden material. If more than one metre of overburden was present then it would be determined that there was no Karst Hazard. Staff for the municipalities that we interviewed said that the majority of development applications received in karst areas had the 1 metre of overburden. In cases where there was less than 1 metre of overburden the applicants would submit a study that would examine the potential impacts of both potential for sinkholes and groundwater impact, but recognizing that groundwater was the larger issue. This policy would only apply to new proposed development that required *Planning Act* approval. Applications for building permits that did not require a zoning amendment, consent, or site plan are permitted without further study.

5.0 Proposed Karst Policy in County of Renfrew Official Plan (5-year Review)

The recommended policy approach for reviewing development applications in karst areas has been developed by County staff based on research from the karst mapping received from MNDMF, correspondence with MNDNF and a survey of other municipal Official Plans. The recommended policy takes a three-step approach to addressing Karst. This approach attempts to reduce cost and time to an applicant while still ensuring any planning decision will not create a risk to public health or safety or property. The recommended policy is a derivative of the third policy example provided above. The difference between the recommended policy approach and example 3 is the allowance for a “scoped” or “scaled down” review by an expert before progressing to a full Geotechnical Study in cases where there is less than a metre of overburden.

When the County of Renfrew Official Plan is updated a formal karst policy can be included in the plan. This proposed policy would only apply to municipalities that utilized the County of Renfrew Official Plan. Municipalities that have their own Official Plan would have to decide on a policy direction on how to ensure that their planning decisions are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement to avoid development within a potentially hazardous karst area.

KARST TOPOGRAPHY POLICY

Karst topography is an area of limestone plain marked by sinks or karst holes, interspersed with abrupt ridges and irregular protuberant rock, usually underlain by caverns and underground streams. This irregular topography is developed by surface and ground water eroding limestone. Areas shown on Attachment 1 as being karst topography are potentially considered to be development constraint areas. It is recognized that the mapping may not be totally accurate, however the mapping does show areas of potential environmental constraint to development that must be addressed prior to development occurring. Development shall generally be directed to areas outside of karst topography unless the effects and risk to public safety are minor so as to be managed or mitigated.

- 1) In areas identified as karst on Attachment 1, three on-site test holes are required to determine whether the hazard exists (one hole in the proposed location of the septic system and two holes on either side of the proposed building envelope). The holes are to be inspected by the Chief Building Official or Municipal Sewage Inspector. If there is generally more than 1 metre of overburden material between the surface and the bedrock no further work is required.

- 2) In areas where there is generally less than 1 metre of overburden material between the surface and the bedrock as determined by the on-site test hole, a scoped geotechnical investigation by a qualified individual shall be required. The scoped investigation should provide a professional opinion whether a karst hazard exists on-site. If it is determined that a hazard does not exist, no further work is required.
- 3) In areas determined to be within a karst hazard, a geotechnical study prepared by a qualified individual shall be required. The study is required to assess the impacts and risks to surface and groundwater contamination and/or construction restrictions due to unstable bedrock conditions, and recommending mitigation measures to prevent any adverse impacts. Site plan control and/or zoning by-law restrictions may be utilized to implement recommended mitigation measures. Council will not support development where adverse impact due to karst cannot be mitigated.

Until the County Official Plan is amended to incorporate policies for dealing with development in karst areas, it is recommended that the three-step approach outlined above serve as an internal protocol.

(*Amendment – February 28, 2011*)

*The County of Renfrew Planning Division circulated a draft of this document to the affected local municipalities in the County. As a result of this circulation and the comments received back, the following clarifications have been made to the protocol:

1. It would not apply to existing vacant lots.
2. It would not apply to severances splitting 2 existing dwellings.
3. It would not apply to a severed or retained parcel with an existing dwelling.
4. It would apply to the retained or severed parcel that is vacant.*

Sources:

1. Karst of Southern Ontario and Manitoulin Island: Groundwater Resources Study 5. Ontario Geological Survey
2. Supplementary Report to Groundwater Resources Study 5: 3-D Field Investigation of Paleozoic Bedrock and Boreholes in Thin-Drift Limestone-Dolostone Plains of Southern Ontario. Golder Associates Ltd. And Ontario Geological Survey.
3. Natural Hazards Technical Guide. Ministry of Natural Resources.
4. City of Hamilton
5. Grey County
6. Bruce County
7. Town of the Blue Mountains
8. Municipality of Meaford
9. North Grenville

ADDENDUM TO FORESTRY DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Jeff Muzzi, Manager of Forestry Services

Prepared for: Development & Property Committee

March 8, 2011

BY-LAWS3. Easement for Hydro One on Beachburg Tract

As previously discussed at the October 31, 2007, sessions of Committee and County Council, Paul and Fritz Klaesi are generating electricity on their farm operation using an anaerobic bio-digester system. They had sent a request to Hydro One to connect their farm operation on Government Road to the three-phase hydro line that is located on Beachburg Road. The route chosen follows the north side of Fletcher Road, which forms the south boundary of the Beachburg Tract. The easement required the clearing of a strip of Renfrew County forest to a depth of 3 or 4 metres over a length of 1,400 metres (1/2 hectare total) and the installation of one transmission pole anchor on County property. All costs of clearing, erection and installation were borne by the Klaesi brothers. Timber products harvested during the line clearing operation remained the property of the County of Renfrew and were sold. There was no cost or liability incurred by the County of Renfrew. The three-phase line allows them to sell any excess energy they generate to Ontario Power Generation. The Manager of Forestry Services inspected the proposed easement, and in his judgment, the proposed easement will have negligible effects on the management of the County forest, and it is permitted under the Renfrew County Forest Management Plan.

County Council previously passed Resolution No. DP-CC-07-11-179 as follows: THAT a By-law to authorize an Agreement to Grant an Easement to Hydro One Networks Inc. to Construct and Maintain a Hydro Transmission Line Within the County of Renfrew Beachburg Forest Tract be adopted at this session of County Council.

Hydro One Networks Inc. has now submitted an easement transfer agreement to the County of Renfrew for the transfer of the easement lands to Hydro One. The County's legal counsel is advising that an amending by-law be passed with the correct legal description of the said lands.

Recommendation: WHEREAS the Corporation of the County of Renfrew passed By-law No. 99-07 on the 28th of November, 2007 wherein it agreed to grant an easement over certain lands to Hydro One Networks Inc.;

AND WHEREAS said By-law No. 99-07 did not contain a legal description of said lands, which are now described as Part 1 on a plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Renfrew (No. 49) as Plan 49R-16931;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Part 1, Reference Plan 49R-16931 be and are the lands referred to in By-law 99-07 and that County Council pass a by-law to amend By-law 99-07 being a By-law to authorize an Agreement to Grant an Easement to Hydro One Networks Inc. to Construct and Maintain a Hydro Transmission Line Within the County of Renfrew Beachburg Forest Tract.

COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 99-07 BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT TO GRANT AN EASEMENT TO HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A HYDRO TRANSMISSION LINE WITHIN THE COUNTY OF RENFREW BEACHBURG FOREST TRACT

WHEREAS on November 28, 2007, the Corporation of the County of Renfrew enacted By-Law No. 99-07, a By-Law to authorize an Agreement to Grant an Easement to Hydro One Networks Inc. to Construct and Maintain a Hydro Transmission Line Within the County of Renfrew Beachburg Forest Tract;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and expedient to amend the said By-Law for the purpose of amending the description of lands;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. The agreement marked as Schedule "A" attached to and made part of this by-law is hereby approved and deemed an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Renfrew and Hydro One Networks Inc.
2. That the Warden and Clerk are hereby empowered to do and execute all things, papers, and documents necessary to the execution of this by-law.
3. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first time this 30th day of March 2011.

READ a second time this 30th day of March 2011.

READ a third time and finally passed this 30th day of March 2011.

ROBERT SWEET, WARDEN

W. JAMES HUTTON, CLERK

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DIRECTION

TO: ALEXIS MARIE ALYEA
AND TO: DAVIS LLP
RE: THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW

Transfer Easement to: HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. (the “**Transferee**”)

of: Part of Lot 1, Concession 5, East of Muskrat Lake, Shown as Part 1 on Plan 49R-16931; Township of Westmeath; Geographic Township of Whitewater Region; County of Renfrew (Part of PIN: 57209-0049 LT) (the “**Property**”)

(the “**Transaction**”)

This will confirm that:

1. the undersigned has reviewed the information set out in the following document attached hereto:

Transfer Easement from THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW to HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. for the Property (the “**Electronic Document**”);
2. the information contained in the Electronic Document is accurate;
3. the effect of the Electronic Document has been explained to the undersigned;
4. you are authorized and directed to:
 - (a) electronically sign and register the Electronic Document, as well as any other documents required to complete the Transaction, on behalf of the undersigned; and
 - (b) make minor amendments to the Electronic Document, if necessary, without our further authorization, in order to correct minor typographical errors;
5. the undersigned understands that it is a party to and bound by the terms and provisions of the Electronic Document to the same extent as if it had signed such documentation;
6. The undersigned is in fact the party named in the Electronic Document and has not misrepresented its identity to you; and
7. The undersigned acknowledges that Davis LLP is acting as counsel to the Transferee and has not acted for the undersigned in any respect in connection with the preparation, negotiation or completion of the Electronic Document or otherwise, other than registering the Electronic Document on behalf of the undersigned as its registering agent pursuant hereto.

Dated at _____, Ontario this ____ day of _____, 2011.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF
RENFREW**

Per:

Name: **Janice Visneskie**
Title: **Warden**

Name: **Norm Lemke**
Title: **Chief Administrative Officer**

I/We have authority to bind the Corporation

This document has not been submitted and may be incomplete.

Properties

PIN 57209 - 0049 LT Interest/Estate Easement Add Easement

Description SERVIENT LANDS: PART OF LOT 1, CONCESSION 5, EAST OF MUSKRAT LAKE,
SHOWN AS PART 1 ON PLAN 49R-16931; TOWNSHIP OF WESTMEATH;
GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION; COUNTY OF RENFREW

Address RENFREW

Consideration

Consideration \$ 15.00

Transferor(s)

The transferor(s) hereby transfers the easement to the transferee(s).

Name THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW
Acting as a company

Address for Service 9 Internation Drive
Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

This document is not authorized under Power of Attorney by this party.

This document is being authorized by a municipal corporation JANICE VISNESKIE, WARDEN and I, NORM LEMKE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

Transferee(s)

Capacity

Share

Name HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.
Acting as a company

Address for Service 185 Clegg Road
Markham, ON L6G 1B7

Statements

Schedule: See Schedules

Signed By

Michelle Elizabeth McArthur 5600-100 King St. West, PO Box 36 acting for Signed 2011 02 03
Toronto Transferor(s)
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I have the authority to sign and register the document on behalf of all parties to the document.

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Calculated Taxes

Provincial Land Transfer Tax \$0.00

Retail Sales Tax \$0.00

This document has not been submitted and may be incomplete.

File Number

Transferee Client File Number : 76766.00642/635.4-13456

LAND TRANSFER TAX STATEMENTS

In the matter of the conveyance of: 57209 - 0049 SERVIENT LANDS: PART OF LOT 1, CONCESSION 5, EAST OF MUSKRAT LAKE, SHOWN AS PART 1 ON PLAN 49R-16931; TOWNSHIP OF WESTMEATH; GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION; COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY: THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW

TO: HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

%(all PINs)

1. ALEXIS MARIE ALYEA

I am

- (a) A person in trust for whom the land conveyed in the above-described conveyance is being conveyed;
- (b) A trustee named in the above-described conveyance to whom the land is being conveyed;
- (c) A transferee named in the above-described conveyance;
- (d) The authorized agent or solicitor acting in this transaction for HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC. described in paragraph(s) (c) above.
- (e) The President, Vice-President, Manager, Secretary, Director, or Treasurer authorized to act for _____ described in paragraph(s) () above.
- (f) A transferee described in paragraph () and am making these statements on my own behalf and on behalf of _____ who is my spouse described in paragraph () and as such, I have personal knowledge of the facts herein deposed to.

3. The total consideration for this transaction is allocated as follows:

(a) Monies paid or to be paid in cash	15.00
(b) Mortgages (i) assumed (show principal and interest to be credited against purchase price)	0.00
(ii) Given Back to Vendor	0.00
(c) Property transferred in exchange (detail below)	0.00
(d) Fair market value of the land(s)	0.00
(e) Liens, legacies, annuities and maintenance charges to which transfer is subject	0.00
(f) Other valuable consideration subject to land transfer tax (detail below)	0.00
(g) Value of land, building, fixtures and goodwill subject to land transfer tax (total of (a) to (f))	15.00
(h) VALUE OF ALL CHATTELS - items of tangible personal property	0.00
(i) Other considerations for transaction not included in (g) or (h) above	0.00
(j) Total consideration	15.00

4.

Explanation for nominal considerations:

- o) Transfer of easement or right of way for no consideration.

5. The land is not subject to an encumbrance

PROPERTY Information Record

A. Nature of Instrument: Transfer Easement
 LRO 49 Registration No. Date:

B. Property(s): PIN 57209 - 0049 Address Assessment Roll No
 RENFREW

C. Address for Service: 185 Clegg Road
 Markham, ON L6G 1B7

D. (i) Last Conveyance(s): PIN 57209 - 0049 Registration No.
 (ii) Legal Description for Property Conveyed : Same as in last conveyance? Yes No Not known

E. Tax Statements Prepared By: Michelle Elizabeth McArthur
 5600-100 King St. West,
 PO Box 367
 Toronto M5X 1E2

(7) Interest/Estate Transferred – Easement in Gross

The Transferor hereby grants to Hydro One Networks Inc. (herein called the Transferee), its successors and assigns, the perpetual rights, easements, rights of way, covenants, agreements and privileges as herein set out in, through, under, over, across, along and upon that portion of the lands being Part of Lot 1, Concession 5, East of Muskrat Lake, Shown as Part 1 on Plan 49R-16931; Township of Westmeath; Geographic Township of Whitewater Region; County of Renfrew (the "Strip"):

- (a) To enter on and erect, maintain, operate, repair, replace, relocate, upgrade, reconstruct and remove at any time and from time to time, an electrical transmission line or lines and communication line or lines consisting of all necessary poles, and all necessary anchors with all guys, braces, wires, cables, underground cable and associated material and equipment (all or any of which works are herein called "the line");
- (b) to erect, maintain and use such gates as the Transferee may from time to time consider necessary in any fences which are now or may hereafter be installed on the Strip by the Transferor;
- (c) to enter on and mark the location of the line under the Strip by suitable markers, but said markers when set in the ground shall be placed in fences or other locations which will not interfere with any reasonable use the Transferor shall make of the Strip;
- (d)
 - (i) to enter on and cut selectively trees and shrubs on the Strip and to keep it clear of all trees, shrubs and brush which may interfere with the safe operation and maintenance of the line;
 - (ii) subject to payment of additional compensation therefor, to cut, prune and remove, if necessary, trees located outside the Strip whose condition renders them liable to interfere with the safe operation and maintenance of the line;
- (e) to enter on and conduct engineering and legal surveys in, on and over the Strip;
- (f) to clear the Strip and keep it clear of all buildings, structures or other obstructions of any nature whatever including removal of any materials which in the opinion of the Transferee are hazardous to the line. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in all cases where in the sole discretion of the Transferee the safe operation and maintenance of the line is not endangered or interfered with, the Transferor from time to time or the person or persons entitled thereto, may with prior written approval of the Transferee, at the Transferor's own expense construct and maintain roads, lanes, walks, drains, sewers, water pipes, oil and gas pipelines and fences (not to exceed 2 metres in height) on or under the Strip or any portion thereof, provided that prior to commencing any such installation, the Transferor shall give to the Transferee 30 days' notice in writing so as to enable the Transferee to have a representative inspect the site and be present during the performance of the work and that the Transferor complies with any instructions that may be given by such representative in order that such work may be carried out in such a manner as not to endanger, damage or interfere with the line.
- (g) to enter on, to exit from and to pass and repass at any and all times in, over, along, upon, across, through and under the Strip and so much of the Lands as may be reasonably necessary, at all reasonable times, for the Transferee and its respective officers, employees, workers, permittees, servants, agents, contractors, subcontractors, with or without vehicles, supplies, machinery, plant, material and equipment of all purposes necessary or convenient to the exercise and enjoyment of the said rights and easement subject to payment by the Transferee of compensation for any crop or other physical damage only to the Land caused by the exercise of this right of entry and passageway; and

- (h) To remove, relocate and reconstruct the line on or under the Strip, subject to payment by the Transferee of additional compensation for any damage caused thereby.

This Transfer of Easement shall be subject to the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended.

The Transferor covenants and agrees not to erect in, on and under the Strip any buildings, structures, swimming or wading pools, or other obstructions of any nature whatsoever, except paved driveways and property line fences and further covenants and agrees not to change the grade of the Strip if in the opinion of the Transferee such act would interfere with the line.

The Transferee covenants and agrees with the Transferor to save harmless the Transferor, the Transferor's tenants or other lawful occupiers of the Strip for any loss, damage or injury caused by the granting and transfer of these rights or anything done pursuant thereto or arising from any accident (not excluding any Act of God) that would not have happened but for the presence of the line on the Strip; provided, however, that the Transferee shall not be liable to the extent to which such loss, damage, or injury is caused or contributed to by any act or omission of the Transferor, or those the Transferor is responsible for in law.

All covenants herein contained shall be construed to be several as well as joint where the context or the identity of the Transferor/Transferee so requires.

The burden and benefit of this Transfer of Easement shall run with the Strip and the works and undertaking of the Transferee and shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.