

**PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

April 2, 2009

9:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Bill Arthur, County Clerk, summoned the members of County Council and conducted the roll call.

The Warden welcomed Matt Ash, Public Works Director.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Julie Behrns, Warden, presided with all members of County Council present except Councillor Wilhelm. The April 2, 2009 session of Perth County Council commenced with an Opening Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

Staff in attendance:

Bill Arthur, CAO/Clerk; Carol Zimmer, Deputy Clerk; Matt Ash, Director of Public Works; Dave Hanly, Director of Planning & Development; Linda Rockwood, Director of Emergency Medical Services; Renato Pullia, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PERCUNIARY INTEREST and the general nature thereof

None declared

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 2009-157

Moved by: Councillor McTavish

Seconded by: Councillor Seiler

That the Subdivision report for File No. WP4-01 dated April 2, 2009 be added to the Council agenda as item 8.1.1, the Clean Water Program be discussed under new business and the agenda as amended be approved.

Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution: 2009-158

Moved by: Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by: Councillor McMillan

That the Items 5.1 to 5.11 excluding item 5.5 on the Consent Agenda be received and the minutes of the March 19, 2009 Regular Session be adopted.

Carried

Resolution: 2009-159

Moved by: Councillor McTavish

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That further information be sought from PDHU regarding the surplus reserve account referred to in minutes Item 5.5.

Carried

6. **DELEGATIONS**

6.1 OMAFRA Program update – Shawna Stonehouse

Shawna Stonehouse from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs updated Council on the current programs being offered by the Rural Affairs division which are designed to help small communities with Economic Development planning and programs. There are 3 team members working in the area stretching from Huron County to Norfolk and Haldimand Counties.

Programs offered are the

- Community and Business Projects (RED)
- Ontario Market Investment Fund
- Strategic Planning

Communities are helped with the initiating the process, understanding the situation, creating the vision, analyzing the economy, building partnerships and setting strategies. Information is available on website: ww.reddi@mah.gov.on.ca

First Impressions Community Exchange is the first step, followed by the Business Retention and Expansion program and the RED program which provides opportunities for youth retention, medquest, skill enhancement training, business support, marketing and downtown revitalization.

The program, 'Main Street Ontario' is a new program just announced. It is a 3 year program and includes the 4 pillars – Economic Development, physical streetscape, organization & collaboration, Marketing promotion. The program is cost sharing covering 50% of the project up to a maximum of \$150,000.00. Expressions of interest must be submitted by May 5th and full applications submitted by June 23rd. Successful communities will be announced in October.

The Ontario Market Investment Funds is a second program, now in its second year, assisting with marketing projects.

The Olympic Torch Run will be passing through Shakespeare and stopping in Stratford on December 22nd. Interest stories about Shakespeare can be submitted to Shawna Stonehouse.

6.2 Treasurer's Tax Policy Presentation – Renato Pullia

Renato Pullia and the lower tier treasurers presented the Treasurer's Tax Policy for 2009. The decision is made at the County level and put into effect by the lower tier.

Mr. Pullia reviewed the 4 main components of the taxation system – provincial government, MPAC, municipalities and the Assessment Review Board – as well as the history of legislation governing the assessment and taxation system.

The following topics were addressed:

- Tax ratios
- Assessment cycle phases
- 2009 business education tax rate
- Tax capping options
- New tools
- Capping financial options
- Recommendations for the treasurers

Resolution: 2009-160

Moved by: Councillor McTavish

Seconded by: Councillor Van Bakel

That Perth County maintain the current tax ratios for 2009 for all respective classes; and

That Perth County adopt the following property tax capping options for the year 2009;

- increase capping limit to 10% over previous year's annualized capped tax; and
- increase capping limit of 5% of previous year's annualized CVA tax; and
- impose a threshold adjustment for increasers for capped properties within \$250.00 of their CVA tax; and

That Perth County adopt both 'Stay at CVA Tax' and 'Cross CVA Tax' options; and

That Perth County adopt full within-class recovery of capping costs for all capped classes.

Carried

Resolution: 2009-161

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Seiler

That the Perth County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee update be added to the Council Agenda as Item 8.2.4

Carried

7. **PUBLIC MEETING – None**

8. **ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Resolution: 2009-162

Moved by: Councillor McMillan

Seconded by: Councillor Forrest

That the Council of the County of Perth adjourns to convene as Committee of the Whole at 10:30 a.m.

Carried

Councillor McTavish chaired the Committee of the Whole.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 Planning and Development

8.1.1 Plan of Subdivision

Resolution: 2009-163

Moved by: Councillor Forrest

Seconded by: Councillor Van Bakel

That the Council of the County of Perth amend Condition No. 8 of its draft plan for Draft Plan of Subdivision File No. WP 04-01 (B & C Bice Enterprises Inc.) by revising Condition No. 8 to read as follows:

8. That prior to final approval, the applicant shall submit for the review and approval of the Municipality of West Perth and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority a detailed stormwater management plan addressing stormwater quality, downstream erosion and quantity.

And further that this amendment is considered as a minor revision to the draft plan approval.

Carried

8.2 CAO

8.2.1 Perth County Joint Accessibility Co-Ordinators

Resolution: 2009-164

Moved by: Councillor Forrest

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That County Council contract the services of an Accessibility Co-Ordinator to assist the County and its lower tier municipalities in developing and implementing accessibility standards to ensure compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA).

Carried

8.2.2 Warden's Report – February 2009

Resolution: 2009-165

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Moved by: Councillor McMillan
Seconded by: Councillor Van Bakel

That the Warden's Activity Report dated April 2, 2009 be received for information.

Carried

8.2.3 Perth County Radio Communications Update

Resolution: 2009-166

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Behrns

That County Council request RFPs as per the recommendation of KVA Communications Inc. to allow for an improved county-wide radio communication system within Perth County.

Carried

8.2.4 Perth County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

Resolution: 2009-167

Moved by: Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by: Councillor Seiler

That the report prepared by the Accessibility Advisory Committee Secretariat date April 2, 2009 be received and that Council for the County of Perth appoint the aforementioned community members to the Perth County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

And that the Accessibility Advisory Committee members be reimbursed for mileage to meetings according to County of Perth policy

Carried

8.3 Corporate Services

8.3.1 Tax Rebate Program

Resolution: 2009-168

Moved by: Councillor Forrest

Seconded by: Councillor McMillan

That the decision on the tax rebate program be deferred to obtain additional information of the possible impact on tax revenue from staff.

Carried

8.3.2 City of Stratford Social Housing Capital Request

Resolution: 2009-169

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Moved by: Councillor McMillan
Seconded by: Councillor Van Bakel

That the Council decline the request on the basis that all funding requirements for operating and capital needs of shared programs be requisitioned through the standard budget process.

Carried

8.4 **Emergency Medical Services** - None

8.5 **Public Works** - None

9.0 **MINUTES OF OUTSIDE BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None

11. **AMO ALERTS** – None

Resolution: 2009-170

Moved by: Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by: Councillor Kehl

That the Committee of the Whole adjourns and reconvenes as Council at 11:20 a.m.

Carried

Warden Behrns resumed Chair.

12. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

12.1 Removal of any Recommendations from Committee of the Whole - None

12.2 Deferral of Recommendations from Committee of the Whole - None

12.3 Endorsement of Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

Resolution: 2009-171

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor McTavish

That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth endorses all recommendations from Committee of the Whole from April 2, 2009.

Carried

13. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS** – None

14. **NEW BUSINESS** –

14.1 Clean Water Program

Resolution: 2009-172

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Moved by: Councillor McTavish

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That Resolution 2009-146 from March 19, 2009 concerning funding for the Clean Water Program be rescinded.

Carried

Resolution: 2009-173

Moved by: Councillor McTavish

Seconded by: Councillor Van Bakel

That County Council approves the request from the Clean Water Program to provide financial assistance for the purpose of 'Well Decommissioning and upgrades' and to establish a budget of \$10,000.00 in the 2009 budget for this purpose;

And further that Perth County's position is that the absence of the Environmental Farm Plan would not preclude someone from accessing these funds.

Carried

15. **BY-LAWS** - None

16. **CLOSED SESSION –**

Resolution: 2009-174

Moved by: Councillor Seiler

Seconded by: Councillor Forrest

That Perth County Council move to Closed Session in accordance with Sec. 239 of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c. 25 (as amended), at 11:40 a.m. regarding subject matter as follows:

- The security of the property of the municipality or local board
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

Carried

Resolution: 2009-175

Moved by: Councillor Kehl

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth rises from Closed Session and reconvenes the regular meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Carried

16.1

Resolution: 2009-176

Moved by: Councillor McTavish

Seconded by: Councillor Hollinger

That the County of Perth obtain a legal opinion as to whether to proceed with legal action regarding File #T1/2009 and that the County of Perth proceed with legal action if the legal opinion recommends to do so.

Carried

16.2

Resolution: 2009-177

Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Seiler

That Perth County Council supports the investigation of property for an EMS post.

Carried

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution: 2009-178

Moved by: Councillor McMillan

Seconded by: Councillor Forrest

That By-law 3130 - 2009 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth, at its regular meeting on April 2, 2009 be read a first, second and third time and

That the Warden and Clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to sign the same, and attach the Corporate Seal thereto.

Carried

19. ADJOURNAMENT

Resolution: 2009-179

Moved by: Councillor Kehl

Seconded by: Councillor Seiler

That this meeting adjourns at 12:05 p.m.

"Julie Behrns"

Warden, Julie Behrns

"R. William Arthur"

Clerk, R. William Arthur