

**PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes**

December 3, 2009

9:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. OPENING PRAYER

Julie Behrns, Warden, presided with all members of County Council present except Councillor Forrest (arrived at 9:58 a.m.). The December 3, 2009 Regular Meeting of Perth County Council commenced with an Opening Prayer at 9:01 a.m.

Staff in attendance:

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

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and the general nature thereof

Councillor McKay stated Pecuniary Interest during closed session.

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 2009-583

Moved by Councillor McKay

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That the Council agenda for December 3, 2009 be approved.

Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Request made by Councillor Wilhelm to move Item 5.4 – Hwy 7 Improvements – to Public Works 8.5.2

Resolution: 2009-584

Moved by Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by Councillor McTavish

That the Items 5.1 to 5.9 except Item 5.4 be received for information and the minutes of the November 19, 2009 Regular Meeting be approved.

Carried

6. PUBLIC MEETING - None

7. DELEGATIONS –

Howard Famme, of the United Way introduced Steve Mitchell, Campaign co-chair, Ellen Balmain, Executive Director and Jody Simple of Family Services of Perth Huron.

Steve Mitchell introduced the 211 program which is the biggest initiative of United Way providing one stop shopping for services across the County.

Jody Simple outlined the services provided by Family Services of Perth Huron including stress management, financial services, accessing community resources, CPP disability and other benefits, senior programs, hospice services. Multi facet services are offered to meet needs of families and life problems with programs reflecting the needs of people. Funding comes from the United Way.

Stratford and St. Marys are generous donors at \$0.75 per capita. Steve Mitchell asked if the County would consider being a donor as well. One in three County residents receive some services from agencies funded by United Way.

Resolution: 2009-585

Moved by Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by Councillor McTavish

That support in the amount of \$0.75 cents per capita for United Way programs be considered during 2010 budget deliberations.

Carried

8. ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution: 2009-586

Moved by Councillor Kehl

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

That the Council of the County of Perth adjourns to convene as Committee of the Whole at 9:20 a.m.

Carried

Councillor McKay took the Chair for the Committee of the Whole.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

8.1 Planning and Development

8.1.1 Other Matters

The OMB Hearing for Official Plan Amendment No. 96 will be held on March 17, 18 and 19, 2009.

8.2 CAO

8.2.1 Committee appointments for 2010

Recommendation: 2009-R587

Moved by Councillor McTavish

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That the following committee and local board appointments be recommended and a By-law to appoint Members to committees and local boards be brought to the December 17, 2009 Regular Meeting:

COMMITTEE/BOARD	COUNCILLOR	COUNCILLOR	COUNCILLOR	COUNCILLOR
Spruce Lodge Bd Of Mgt	McKay	Hollinger		
PD Health Unit	McKay	Hollinger	Van Bakel	
Stratford-Perth Museum	Kehl			
Joint Accessibility Com.	Seiler			
Municipal Liaison Com	Behrns	McTavish	Wilhelm	
Facilities Review Com	Behrns	Kehl	McTavish	Wilhelm
HR Committee	Behrns	Forrest	Kehl	McKay
Economic Development Plus Warden	Wilhelm	Hollinger	McMillan	Van Bakel
Shared Services Review Plus Warden	McTavish	Van Bakel	Wilhelm	Hollinger
Crystal Meth Task Force	Hollinger			
SWEA	Wilhelm			

Carried

8.2.2 Committee of the Whole Chair for 2010

Recommendation: 2009-R588

Moved by Warden Behrns

Seconded by Councillor Hollinger

That the following Council members Chair the 2010 Committee of the Whole meetings and assign themselves as the Warden's Alternate for Emergency Management purposes.

January 7	West Perth Councillor	June 17	Hollinger
January 21	West Perth Councillor	July 15	Seiler
February 4	McTavish	August 12	Seiler
February 18	McTavish	September 2	Wilhelm
March 4	West Perth Councillor	September 16	Wilhelm
March 18	West Perth Councillor	October 7	McMillan
April 1	West Perth Councillor	October 21	McMillan
April 15	West Perth Councillor	November 4	Forrest
April 29	McKay	November 18	Forrest
May 20	McKay	December 2	Past Warden
June 3	Hollinger	December 16	Past Warden

Carried

8.2.3 Responses from Residential-Farmland Property Tax resolution

Recommendation: 2009-R589

Moved by Councillor Van Bakel

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That the report listing municipal responses regarding the County of Perth Residential-Farmland Property Tax Resolution be received for information.

Carried

8.2.4 Memorandum of Understanding for Procedural By-law

Recommendation: 2009-R590

Moved by Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

That County Council provide authority to the Warden and Clerk to sign on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Perth Memorandums of Understandings with the Member Municipalities for the purposes of providing alternate County Council Chambers as per Schedule A of the revised Procedural By-law and that the agreement be reciprocal if requested by the lower tier municipalities.

Carried

8.2.5 Annual Salary Grid Adjustment

Recommendation: 2009-R591

Moved by Councillor McTavish

Seconded by Councillor Kehl

That the County non union salary grid and the remuneration for the County Warden, Members of Council and members of the Land Division Committee be increased by 0.38% effective ~~the first full pay period of January 2010.~~ January 1, 2010.

Carried

(motion amended December 17, 2009)

8.2.6 Flag at Half Mast

No action was taken on the request to lower the flag to half mast to recognize the "National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women". The CAO was directed to prepare a report with appropriate recommendations for lowering the flag to half mast and to bring back to the next Council Meeting.

8.2.7 Other Matters - None

8.3 **Corporate Services**

8.3.1 Other Matters

In response to the POA report given at the last Council Meeting and the need of a collection agency, Renato Pullia reported that the ability to put unpaid fines against property taxes does not go far enough to ensure collection. Charges can only be added to property taxes when the offender is the only person on title. Implementation strategies are still being developed.

Also, effective December 1st, 2009, Perth South will not be using The County of Perth services for Tax Sales.

NOTE: Councillor Forrest arrived at 9:58 a.m.

8.4 **Emergency Medical Services**

8.4.1 EMS Financial Report

Recommendation: 2009-R592

Moved by Councillor Seiler
That the EMS financial update report indicating a Ministry recovery for 2008 and forecasted recovery for 2009 be received for information.

Seconded by Councillor Hollinger

Carried

8.4.2 Other Matters - None

8.5 Public Works

8.5.1 Other Matters - None

8.5.2 – Hwy 7 improvements

Recommendation: 2009-R593

Moved by Councillor McMillan
That the Director of Public Works forward Perth County concerns regarding Hwy 7 improvements to consultant and Ministry of Transportation

Seconded by Councillor McTavish

Carried

8.6 Financial Reports - None

9.0 MINUTES OF OUTSIDE BOARDS/COMMITTEES – None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Ontario Building Officials Association – Invitation and Sponsorship

Recommendation: 2009-R594

Moved by Councillor Forrest
That correspondence from the Ontario Building Officials Association regarding the 54th AMTS Participation and sponsorship opportunities be received.

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

Carried

10.2 Communities in Bloom – Mayor's Breakfast 2010

Recommendation: 2009-R595

Moved by Councillor Hollinger
That correspondence from Communities in Bloom Ontario inviting Mayors to the 2nd Annual Mayors' Green Eggs Breakfast be received.

Seconded by Councillor Kehl

Carried

11. AMO ALERTS – See Consent Agenda

Recommendation: 2009-R596

Moved by Warden Behrns
That the Committee of the Whole adjourn and reconvene as Council 10:04 a.m.

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

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: 2009-597

Moved by Councillor McTavish

Seconded by Councillor Seiler

That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth endorses all recommendations from Committee of the Whole on December 3, 2009.

Carried

13. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS** – None

14. **NEW BUSINESS** –

14.1 Digital and Social Media Training Program

Resolution: 2009-598

Moved by Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded by Councillor Hollinger

That the Warden and the County Clerk be authorized to sign a Phased Agreement with MS2 Productions for an amount not to exceed \$140,860. for Digital and Social Media Training and Workshops with the proposed budget being reduced by \$51,600. if the grant from Southern Ontario Development Program not received.

Carried

14.2 Docfest

Letter from Docfest received. The Perth County logo was very visible at Docfest.

14.3 Volunteer Recognition program

Letter asking for nominations can be obtained from Warden Behrns.

14.4 Open House at John Wilkinson's office

Open House being held December 11th from 2 to 4 p.m.

14.5 Community Foundation invitation

CAO was directed to bring report concerning participation in the January event to the December 17th Council Meeting.

15. **BY-LAWS** – None

16. **CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution: 2009-599

Moved by Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded by Councillor Forrest

That Perth County Council move to Closed meeting in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 c.25 (as amended), regarding subject matter as follows:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board regarding Tree By-law
- Labour relations or employee negotiations with CUPE

Carried

Resolution: 2009-600

Moved by Councillor McKay

Seconded by Councillor Hollinger

That the Council of the Corporation of the Council of Perth rises from Closed Meeting and reconvenes the Regular Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Carried

18. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Councillor McKay had declared Pecuniary Interest and did not vote on the Confirmatory By-law.

Resolution: 2009-601

Moved by Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded by Councillor Hollinger

That By-law 3167-2009 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth, at its regular meeting on December 3, 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: 2009-602

Moved by Councillor Kehl

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

That the December 3, 2009 Meeting of Perth County Council adjourns at 12:31 p.m.

