

**PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes**

April 15, 2010
9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Meeting of Perth County Council was called to order and roll call conducted.

Councillors present:

Warden Behrns, Councillor McMillan, Councillor McTavish, Councillor McKay, Councillor Wilhelm, Councillor Kehl, Councillor Hollinger, Councillor Seiler, Councillor Forrest, Councillor Van Bakel

Staff in attendance:

Bill Arthur, CAO/Clerk; Carol Zimmer, Deputy Clerk; Mark Swallow, Planner; Renato Pullia, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, Linda Rockwood, Director of Emergency Medical Services, Matt Ash, Director of Public Works.

With quorum present Warden Behrns presided.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The April 15, 2010 Regular Meeting of Perth County Council commenced with an Opening Prayer at 9:01a.m.

3. DECLARATION OF PERCUNIARY INTEREST and the general nature thereof

None declared

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 2010-157

Moved by Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded by Councillor Kehl

That the Closed Meeting regarding Labour Negotiations be moved ahead on the Agenda to be held immediately after the Delegation and the following be added to the agenda:

Lapel Pins under CAO 8.2.6

EMS 2009 Year End Update Financial Reports 8.6.2

and that the Council agenda for April 15, 2010 as amended be approved.

Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution: 2010-158

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Van Bakel

That the Items 5.1 to 5.2 be received for information and the minutes of the April 1, 2010 Regular Meeting be approved.

Carried

6. **PUBLIC MEETING – None**

7. **DELEGATIONS –**

7.1 Market Study and Economic Development Strategic Plan

Mr. Paul Blais of Millier, Dickinson, Blais was present to review the Market Study and Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Mr. Blais outlined the two part project which analyzed the current labour market and the development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan. Meetings were held with focus groups, public and stakeholders with over 230 participants. The community must be looked at as the product and success is based on delivering excellent services in Economic Development with the following principles:

- Diversification giving flexibility and stability
- Economic growth happens by attracting people who will develop small businesses
- Creating jobs for residents
- Economic sustainability is possible through effective retention of businesses
- Improving quality of place is increasingly important

Investment targets include export development and import substitution (shop locally) which keep money in community or bring new money into the community. The economic drivers include the Lone Eagle (people who are able to operate business from anywhere and able to move to community), regional commercial, arts, culture and tourism, manufacturing and value added agri businesses with agri and agri food being the strongest. Strong value added agriculture and agri-food business along with appealing main street commercial areas will have the greatest long-term economic impact in the county.

Internet and website is most critical contact point as it is the first place people and business will look at for information as indicated by 64% of respondents. This is followed by personal visits, public relations, hosting special events, direct mail, advertising and telemarketing.

8. **CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution: 2010-159

Moved by Councillor Seiler

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That Perth County Council move to Closed Meeting at 9:33 a.m. in accordance with Sec. 239 of the *Municipal Act S.O. 2001 c. 25* (as amended), regarding subject matter as follows:

- labour relations or employee negotiations with CUPE

Carried

Council reconvened in Regular Meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Resolution: 2010-160

Moved by Councillor Kehl Seconded by Councillor Hollinger
That Perth County Council move to Closed Meeting at 10:38 a.m. in accordance
with Sec. 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 with regards to Tree By-law

Carried

Council reconvened in Regular Meeting at 10:46 a.m.

9. ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution: 2010-161

Moved by Councillor McTavish Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm
That the Council of the County of Perth adjourns to convene as Committee of the
Whole at 10:46 a.m.

Carried

Council recessed and reconvened 11:00 am

Councillor Van Bakel took the Chair for the Committee of the Whole.

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

9.1 Planning and Development

9.1.1 Tree Inspection Report

Recommendation: 2010-R162

Moved by Councillor Hollinger Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm
That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Perth County Council that the
Tree Inspection Report dated April 15, 2010 be accepted as presented.

Carried

9.1.2 Other Matters - None

9.2 CAO

9.2.1 Info HR software Presentation

Ann McKnight-Duralia, HR Manager, presented information on the 'Info HR' software and required training.

Recommendation: 2010-R163

Moved by Councillor Forrest

Seconded by Councillor Seiler

That the information presented on the 'Info HR' software and training be received for information.

Carried

9.2.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Recommendation: 2010-R164

Moved by Councillor McKay

Seconded by Councillor Seiler

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Perth County Council that the Terms of Reference updated by the Accessibility Coordinator, dated April 2010 be approved and implemented immediately.

Carried

9.2.3 Warden's Activity Report – March 2010

Recommendation: 2010-R165

Moved by Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by Councillor Forrest

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Perth County Council that the Warden's Activity Report for March 2010 and dated April 15, 2010 be received for information.

Carried

9.2.4 Gap Retail Study

Recommendation: 2010-R166

Moved by Councillor McKay

Seconded by Councillor McTavish

That the Gap Retail Study report and the following recommendations contained in the report be accepted:

Recommendation #1:

Retail merchants have an opportunity to expand products and services to local consumers. Business associations have the opportunity to promote price comparisons and opportunities for cost savings by shopping in the local community.

Recommendation #2:

Retail merchants and business associations have an opportunity to join together and offer convenient Hours of Operation which meet the needs of the local community.

Recommendation #3:

Retail merchants can expand their merchandise and market products, to include products more desirable for youth and young families.

Recommendation #4:

There are business opportunities in the recreation and family fun sector. Many ideas have been suggested for an entrepreneur to invest in.

Recommendation #5:

The municipality/economic development officer can work to attract the following business, brands and franchises to Perth County:

American Eagle	Northern Reflections
Garage	Old Navy
Stitches	Guess
Coffee Culture	Chapters
Tim Horton's for Milverton	Canadian Tire
H & M Clothing	Movie Theatre (Mitchell)
Home Depot	

Recommendation #6:

Retail merchants and service providers can entice youth to shop locally by:

- Staying open later into the evening
- Offering student discounts
- Offering a more relaxed atmosphere, especially in professional offices
- Playing music in downtown

Carried

9.2.5 Kiwanis Festival Support

Recommendation: 2010-R167

Moved by Councillor McTavish

Seconded by Warden Behrns

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Perth County Council that Perth County contribute \$3,200. for website design to the Kiwanis Festival funded from the existing Economic Development Budget for Youth Programs

Carried

9.2.6 Other Matters

Council reviewed the new lapel pin artwork, approving coloured crest with blue background

9.3 Corporate Services

9.3.1 Tax Policy Recommendations

Recommendation: 2010-R168

Moved by Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by Councillor McKay

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Perth County Council:

That Perth County adopt the same tax ratios for 2010 as those of 2009 for all respective classes; and

That Perth County adopts the following property tax capping options for the year 2010:

- Increase capping limit to 10% over previous year's annualized capped tax; and
- Increase capping limit to 5% of previous year's annualized CVA tax; and
- Impose a threshold adjustment for increasers for capped properties within \$250 of their CVA tax; and

That the County implement the allowable 100% minimum tax levy for 2010 for all new construction that becomes eligible during the year in their respective class, as within the meaning of subsection 331(20) of the Municipal Act, SO 2001, c.25; and

That Perth County adopt both "stay at CVA Tax" options; and

That By-laws 3188-2010, 3189-2010 and 3190-2010 be hereby adopted and that the Warden and Clerk be hereby authorized to affix their signatures and the corporate seal thereto: and

That Perth County chooses not to use a clawback for the recovery of capping costs.

Carried

9.3.6 Other Matters - none

9.4 Emergency Medical Services

9.4.1 Other Matters

Linda Rockwood will check availability dates with MP and MPP for upcoming Mitchell Ambulance Base Open House in May and advise.

9.5 Public Works

9.5.1 Other Matters – None

9.6 **Financial Reports –**

9.6.1 2009 Capital Budget Surplus Recommendations

Recommendation: 2010-R169

Moved by Councillor Kehl

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Perth County Council that the proposed transfers to and from reserves for the identified line-by-line projects as to their respective surplus/deficit position, as identified in the Treasurer's report of April 15, 2010, for the 2009 capital budget year-end position, be hereby approved.

Carried

9.6.2 EMS 2009 Year End Update

Recommendation: 2010-R170

Moved by Councillor Forrest

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Perth County Council that 2009 expenses under line items 6290-50 and 6800-50 be increased by \$22K and \$24K respectively, and such amounts be transferred to the EMS Vehicle Reserve.

Carried

10.0 **CORRESPONDENCE/MINUTES OF OUTSIDE BOARDS/COMMITTEES –**

10.1 Economic Development Committee – March 23, 2010

Recommendation: 2010-R171

Moved by Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by Councillor Seiler

That the minutes of the March 23, 2010 Economic Development Committee be received for information.

Carried

Recommendation: 2010-R172

Moved by Councillor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Forrest

To adjourn Committee of the Whole and reconvene as Council at 12:05 p.m.

Carried

Warden Behrns resumed Chair

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

11.1 Removal of any Recommendations from Committee of the Whole –
None

11.2 Deferral of Recommendations from Committee of the Whole – None

11.3 Endorsement of Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

Resolution: 2010-173

Moved by Councillor Seiler

Seconded by Councillor McKay

That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth endorses all recommendations from Committee of the Whole on April 15, 2010.

Carried

12. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS** – None

13. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

14. **BY-LAWS** –

14.1 By-law 3188-2010 to establish Tax Ratios for Prescribed Property Classes for 2010

Resolution: 2010-174

Moved by Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That By-law 3188-2010 being a By-law to establish Tax Ratios for Prescribed Property Classes for the Year 2010 be read a first and second time.

Carried

Resolution: 2010-175

Moved by Councillor Van Bakel

Seconded by Councillor McTavish

That By-law 3188-2010 being a By-law to establish Tax Ratios for Prescribed Property Classes for the Year 2010 be read a third and final time

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

Carried

14.2 By-law 3189-2010 being a By-law to set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for the Year 2010

Resolution: 2010-176

Moved by Councillor Kehl

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That By-law 3189-2010 being a By-law to set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for the Year 2010 be read a first and second time.

Carried

Resolution: 2010-177

Moved by Councillor Forrest

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

That By-law 3189-2010 being a By-law to set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for the Year 2010 be read a third and final time

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

Carried

14.3 By-law 3190-2010 to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential Property Classes

Resolution: 2010-178

Moved by Councillor McKay

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That By-law 3190-2010 being a By-law to adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential Property Classes be read a first and second time.

Carried

Resolution: 2010-179

Moved by Councillor Hollinger

Seconded by Councillor McTavish

That By-law 3190--2010 being a By-law to adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential Property Classes be read a third and final time

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

Carried

Recess at 12:11 pm for lunch

15. ADJOURN TO BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resolution: 2010-180

Moved by Councillor McTavish

Seconded by Councillor Forrest

That the Council of the County of Perth adjourns to convene as the Budget Advisory Committee at 1:11 p.m.

Carried

Resolution: 2010-BAC181

Moved by Councillor Van Bakel

Seconded by Councillor McTavish

That the 2010 budget be established at 3% increase on the levy with necessary funds to meet that levy target coming from the Levy Stabilization Reserve.

Carried

Resolution: 2010-BAC182

Moved by Councillor Van Bakel

Seconded by Councillor Hollinger

That the Budget Advisory Committee adjourns and Council reconvenes in Regular Meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Carried

16. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Recommendations removed by Budget Advisory Committee - None

Recommendations deferred from Budget Advisory Committee - None

Resolution: 2010-183

Moved by Councillor Forrest

Seconded by Councillor Wilhelm

That the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth endorses all recommendations from the Budget Advisory Committee on April 15, 2010.

Carried

17. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Resolution: 2010-184

Moved by Councillor Van Bakel

Seconded by Councillor Kehl

That By-law 3191-2010 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 15, 2010 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

18. **ADJOURNAMENT**

Resolution: 2010-185

Moved by Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded by Councillor McMillan

That the April 15, 2010 Regular Meeting of Perth County Council adjourns at 1:37 p.m.

Carried

"Julie Behrns"

Warden, Julie Behrns

"R. William Arthur"

Clerk, R. William Arthur