



The Corporation of The County of Perth

Minutes of the February 3, 2011 Council Meeting

Council Present: Councillor Wilhelm
Councillor Forrest
Councillor McMillan
Councillor Aitcheson
Councillor Schneider
Councillor French
Councillor Ehgoetz
Councillor McKenzie

Absent: Warden Behrns
Councillor Judge
Director of Planning & Development Dave Hanly

Staff Present: Bill Arthur, CAO
Linda Rockwood, Director of Emergency
Medical Services
Renato Pullia, Director of Corporate Services,
Treasurer
Matt Ash, Director of Public Works
Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Clerk

Others Present: Allan Rothwell, Senior Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Perth County Council with Quorum present was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and the roll call conducted.

2. OPENING PRAYER

The Regular meeting of Perth County Council commenced with Opening Prayer.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest stated.

4. ADDITION TO AGENDA/ADOPTION

2011-38

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Item 8.6.1 Budget Presentation be removed from the agenda;

And that the Council Agenda for February 3, 2011 be approved, as amended;

Carried

5. CONSENT AGENDA AND COUNCIL MINUTES

2011-39

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT the following items be removed from the February 3, 2011 Consent Agenda;

Carried

- 5.1 Ministry of Transportation - January 2011 - Newsletter - Highway 7 & 8 Transportation Corridor Planning & Class EA - Preferred Route
- 5.2 Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance - January 2011 - Board Highlights

6. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC MEETING

No Public Meeting.

7. DELEGATIONS

Council recessed at 10: 10 a.m. and reassembled at 1:00 p.m. in the Perth County Court Room. The Honourable Minister of Environment, John Wilkinson and Doris Dumais, Director, Approvals Program (Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment) made a presentation to Council regarding the approval requirements for renewable energy projects. The focus of the presentation was on the public and municipal roles and concerns.

The following documents were circulated to Council and are available on the Ministry of the Environment website:

1. "Guide: Provincial approvals for Renewable Energy Projects" (booklet)
2. "Development of Noise Setbacks for Wind Farms: Requirements for Compliance with MOE Noise Limits"
3. "Checklist for Requirements under O.Reg. 359/09 Supplement to Application for Approval of a Renewable Energy Project"
4. "Appendix A - Jurisdictional Comparison of Noise Limits and Required Setbacks from Wind Turbines"

The Minister and Ministry staff answered a number of questions posed by County Council members.

8. ADJOURN TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2011-40

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

That the Council of the County of Perth adjourns to convene as Committee of the Whole with Councillor Bob McMillan chairing the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Carried

8.1 Planning and Development

8.1.1 Approval of North Perth's Part Lot Control By-law No. 151-2010 Affecting Property Described as Lot 25, Registered Plan 44M-27 in the Municipality of North Perth (Listowel Ward)

2011-41

Moved By: Councillor Schneider

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Perth County Council that the Municipality of North Perth's By-law No. 151-2010 for the removal of part-lot control on property described as Lot 25, Registered Plan No. 44M-27 in the Listowel Ward of the Municipality of North Perth be approved;

Carried

8.1.2 Other Matters - Planning and Development

Alan Rothwell, Senior Planner noted that the OMB Hearing to address the Surplus Farmhouse Severance issues is scheduled for March 28, 2011 at 10AM (City of Stratford Auditorium). The week of March 28 to April 1, 2011 have been set aside for the Hearing.

The next Consent Granting Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday February 14 at 10:00 a.m.

8.2 Chief Administrative Officer

8.2.1 Other Matters - Chief Administrative Officer

Councillor French will attend the Economic Development Council of Ontario award event, in the place of Councillor Judge on February 3, 2011.

8.3 Corporate Services

8.3.1 Other Matters - Corporate Services

Renato Pullia, Director of Corporate Services noted that the County insurance provided has been invited to a closed meeting of Council to review the claims history of the Corporation.

Renato Pullia briefly outlined the draft budget position, budget challenges and successes. Council discussed OMERS rate adjustments.

8.4 Emergency Services

8.4.1 Other Matters - Emergency Services

Linda Rockwood, Director of Emergency Services noted that a joint meeting of the County, member municipalities, City of Stratford and Town of St. Marys emergency service providers was held to discuss inter-operability and nursing home evacuation issues.

8.5 Public Works

8.5.1 Other Matters - Public Works

Matt Ash updated Council on equipment conditions.

8.6 Financial Reports

No financial reports were presented.

9. CORRESPONDENCE/BOARD AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

9.1 Correspondence

9.1.1 Ontario Cattlemen's Association & Ontario Pork - January 24, 2011 - Request for Support - New Business Risk Management Programs

2011-42

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Schneider

THAT the Committee of Whole recommends to Perth County Council that the Ontario Cattlemen's Association & Ontario Pork request for Support for New Business Risk Management Programs be supported;

WHEREAS agriculture industries are an important part of both our local and the provincial economy;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's productive beef cow herd has declined 18.4% since 2003 while the productive sow herd has declined over 20% since 2007;

AND WHEREAS the current AgriStability program does not sufficiently protect against events that affect markets over the longer-term and fails to provide farmers with timely or predictable relief;

AND WHEREAS the experiences of BSE, H1N1 and the high Canadian dollar have shown that when a crisis hits the costs and risks are too big for the farming industry or governments to carry on their own;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Cattlemen's Association and Ontario Pork have undertaken unprecedented consultations with their

members and proposed the creation of a new government-backed Business Risk Management insurance program similar to the pilot project established by the Ontario government for the grains and oilseeds industry;

AND WHEREAS the establishment of this new insurance program would give farmers the predictability, bankability and level playing field they need to successfully compete with farmers across Canada and around the world and grow their businesses locally;

THEREFORE, the County of Perth resolves that:

- We will call on the Federal and Provincial governments to partner on an urgent basis with Ontario's pork and cattle producers in the establishment of the Business Risk Management programs proposed by their provincial organizations which would see farmers premiums funding 30% of the long-term program costs and the remaining funding following the traditional 60/40 split between the federal and provincial governments;
- While calling on both the Federal and Provincial governments to participate in this initiative, we encourage on the Provincial government to assume a leadership role in the establishment of this program by including it in its 2011/2012 budget, even in the absence of a Federal government commitment, though the creation of a partial program as was done with the province's grains and oilseeds industries;

Carried

9.2 Minutes of Committees

No Committee minutes.

9.3 Minutes of Outside Boards

9.3.1 Perth District Health Unit - Meeting Minutes - December 15, 2010

2011-43

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT the Committee of Whole recommends to Perth County Council that the December 15, 2010 minutes of Perth District Health Unit be received;

2011-44

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourn and reconvene as Council at 9:45 a.m.

Carried

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

No items were deferred or removed from the Committee of the Whole recommendations.

2011-45

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

THAT the Council of the County of Perth endorses all recommendations from the Committee of the Whole on February 3, 2011;

Carried

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

No Notice of Motions were stated.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion occurred regarding funding of the 2013 International Plowing Match. Staff were directed to contact the IPM planning committee regarding the approach to municipal funding requests and determine if the committee is planning to make a presentation to Perth County Council. A summary of contributions to the 2005 IPM will be provided to Council.

13. BY-LAWS

No By-laws presented.

County Council recessed at 10:10 a.m.

14. CLOSED MEETING

15. REPORT OUT

16. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2011-46

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

That By-law 3230-2011, being a By-law to confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth at its regular meeting held on February 3, 2011 be read a first, second and third time. And that the Warden and the Clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to sign the same, and attach the Corporate Seal thereto;

Carried

17. ADJOURNMENT

2011-47

Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz

Seconded By: Councillor French

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:30 p.m.;

Carried

“Original minutes signed and available from the County Clerk”

Julie Behrns, WARDEN

Kerri Ann O'Rourke, COUNTY CLERK