



The Corporation of The County of Perth

Minutes of the September 6, 2012 Council Meeting

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Council Present: Councillor Wilhelm
Warden Forrest
Councillor McMillan
Councillor Aitcheson
Councillor Schneider
Councillor Judge
Councillor French
Councillor McKenzie

Absent: Councillor Julie Behrns
Councillor Rhonda Ehgoetz

Staff Present: Bill Arthur, CAO
Linda Rockwood, Director of Emergency Services
Renato Pullia, Director of Corporate Services, Treasurer
Dave Hanly, Director of Planning & Development
Matt Ash, Director of Public Works
Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Clerk
Pauline Walkom, Administrative Support Clerk/Recording Secretary

Others Present: Geoff VanderBaaren, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Perth County Council with Quorum present was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Warden Forrest asked that Council and staff keep in their thoughts the family and friends of those in our community who met untimely deaths over the weekend.

The Regular meeting of Perth County Council commenced with a moment of silent reflection.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

2012-328

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT the Council agenda for September 6, 2012 be approved;

Carried

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest stated.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Perth County Council - August 16, 2012

5.2 Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee - August 2012 - Request for Financial Assistance

5.3 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation - August 7, 2012 - Activities Update

5.4 Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington - August 22, 2012 - Forwarding Response by Agricultural Business Community of Perth East, Perth South and Wilmot West to Highway 7-8 Transportation Corridor Planning PIC

2012-329

Moved By: Councillor McMillan

Seconded By: Councillor Schneider

THAT the Consent Agenda Items 5.1 to 5.4 be received for information and the minutes of the August 16, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted;

Carried

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Public Meetings

6.1.1 Application for Official Plan Amendment - OPA 126 - Robert and Marjorie Irvine (See Item 7.1.1)

Warden Forrest stated that purpose of the public meeting is to provide an opportunity to advise the public of the purpose and intent of the amendment and to receive input prior to considering adoption of an implementing by-law. The Public Meeting dealt with an Application to amend the County of Official Plan. Those present wanting to receive written notice of the decision were asked to provide their name, address and telephone number to the Clerk. Dave Hanly, Director of Planning & Development noted that the purpose of the Application is for creating a new lot through the severance process and have requested an amendment for that purpose. All property is in the Agriculture designation.

Comments were then made in respect to the Notice of the Public Meeting details. Written Correspondence received prior to the preparation of the planning report was referred to with copies being attached to the planning report.

Correspondence received subsequent to preparation of planning report and circulated to Council.

1. September 5, 2012 email from the Perth East Clerk advising of Perth East Council's September 4, 2012 resolution supporting the application with conditions.

2. Tracy Annett, Land Use Planner, Upper Thames River Conservation advised that it has no objection to bring a 1.0 hectare woodland into the serviced urban area designation.

Dave Hanly referred to the planning report that was included in Council's meeting agenda package, with specific reference to the recommendation section.

Warden Forrest offered those in attendance the opportunity to speak in support of the Application (other than the applicant). No one in attendance spoke in support of the application.

Warden Forrest offered those in attendance the opportunity to speak in opposition to the Application. No one in attendance spoke against the application.

Warden Forrest offered the Applicant/Applicant's Agent the opportunity to speak to the Application.

1. Robert and Marjorie Irvine, Applicants spoke in support of the application. Robert Irvin reviewed the application and explained the location of the wooded area.

Warden Forrest noted that Council considers the comments made in the Public Meeting when making a decision later in the Council Meeting. Notice of that decision is given in accordance with the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 (as amended). The decision is subject to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Planning and Development

7.1.1 Application for Official Plan Amendment - OPA 126 - By Robert and Marjorie Irvine

2012-330

Moved By: Councillor McMillan

Seconded By: Councillor Judge

THAT the Application for Official Plan Amendment by Robert and Marjorie Irvine affecting lands described as part of Lot 22, Concession 1 in the North Easthope Ward of the Township of Perth East be approved; and

THAT staff be directed to prepare revisions to the proposed bylaw amendment, including the following conditions:

1) THAT access to the property be through an easement on the west side of the property at 2252 Line 34 (owned by Robert and Marjorie Irvin); and

2) THAT there be no building or structures permitted on the proposed severed lands;

AND THAT the bylaw amendment be presented to the next meeting of Council;

Carried

7.1.2 Trails and Active Transportation

Geoff VanderBaren was in attendance and spoke to his report.

2012-331

Moved By: Councillor McMillan

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

1. That the Visions and Mission statement be adopted.
2. That the County form a Trails and Active Transportation Committee.
3. That the County refer the Master Plan cost issue to the County's Budget Committee for consideration at the time of the 2013 budget preparation, with a view to including appropriate funds for the Master Plan preparation in the 2013 budget;
4. That County staff enter into discussions with the Province concerning the County leasing the former rail line from the Province for trail purposes and that County staff report back to County Council before the end of 2012 outlining the necessary steps to obtain a lease and the costs associated with same.

Carried

7.1.3 Tree Report - August 2012

2012-332

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm
Seconded By: Councillor McKenzie

THAT Perth County Council receive the Tree Inspection Report dated September 6, 2012 for information;

Carried

7.1.4 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Tree Marking Service - Verbal Update

Dave Hanley, Director of Planning & Development reviewed the tree marking services provided by area conservation authorities. Upper Thames River Conservation Authority provides limited tree marking service. A formal report will be available at the next Council meeting.

2012-333

Moved By: Councillor Schneider
Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Perth County Council receive the verbal Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Tree Marking Service report by Director of Planning for information;

Carried

7.2 Chief Administrative Officer

7.2.1 2013 Council Meeting Dates

2012-334

Moved By: Councillor Judge
Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Perth County Council that the following meetings be scheduled for Regular Council Meetings in 2013:

January 10 and 24
January 17 – Council Budget Meeting
February 7 and 21
February 14 – Council Budget Meeting
March 7 and 21
April 4 and 18
May 9 and 23
June 6 (Council Budget-Visioning after Regular Council) and 20
July 18
August 15
September 12
October 3 and 17
November 7 and 21
December 4 – Warden Election
December 5 and 19
December 12 – Council Budget Meeting;

Carried

7.2.2 Rural Economic Development (RED) Program Funding Shortfall - Use of Levy Stabilization Reserve

2012-335

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Judge

THAT Perth County Council authorize the transfer of funds, not exceeding \$40,000, from the Levy Stabilization Reserve to fund the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program shortfall;

Carried

7.2.3 Amendment to Agreement - BR&E Agriculture Action Plan Extension

2012-336

Moved By: Councillor French

Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

THAT the report prepared by the Economic Development Coordinator dated September 6, 2012 regarding an amendment to the BR&E Agriculture Action Plan Project Agreement, be received; and

THAT Council proceed to adopt By-law 3322-2012 being a by-law authorizing the Warden and CAO to execute the Agreement;

Carried

**7.2.4 Contract Employee Benefits
2012-337**

Moved By: Councillor McMillan

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council approve a Policy whereby positions being established for a term of 2 years or more, filled by Contract Full-time Employees, receive the same benefits (OMERS, Group Benefits, vacations) as Permanent Full-time Employees;

Defeated

7.2.5 Group Insurance Benefits - Huron Group Benefits Consortium

2012-338

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council authorize the Warden and CAO sign the necessary agreements, along with the Lower Tiers, to join with the Huron Group Benefits Consortium;

Carried

7.3 Corporate Services - No Report

7.4 Emergency Services

7.4.1 Ambulance Response Times Reporting

2012-339

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT County Council direct staff to prepare an additional report regarding the proposed EMS Response Time Performance Plan as required by O. Reg 257/00 (as amended by Reg. 267/08);

Carried

7.4.2 Update on Cross Border Billing - Pre-2012 Settlements

2012-340

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Schneider

THAT County Council receive the September 6, 2012 Update on Cross Border Billing Pre-2012 Settlements report for information only;

Carried

7.5 Public Works - No Report

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington - August 28, 2012 - Request for Support of Motion - Rural/Small Town Provincial Policy Review

2012-341

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor McKenzie

THAT Perth County Council receive the motion by Randy Pettapiece MPP Perth-Wellington requesting a rural/small town provincial policy review for information;

Carried

8.2 Friends of the Fryfogel Arboretum - August 27, 2012 - Request for Perth County to Become Inaugural Donor

2012-342

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm
Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

THAT the request by Friends of the Fryfogel Arboretum for inaugural donation, dated August 27, 2012 be received for information;

Carried

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Warden Meeting Log & Report - August 2012

2012-343

Moved By: Councillor Schneider
Seconded By: Councillor Judge

THAT the August, 2012 Warden Activity Report dated September 6, 2012 be received for information;

Carried

9.2 Council Member Reports

Warden Ian Forrest advised that he attended a function advising the nominations for Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence. Four Perth County farm operations are nominated and received a \$5,000. Award.

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 3322-2012 Being a By-law to Authorize the Warden and CAO to Execute an Amendment to the BR&E Project Funding Agreement (See Item 7.2.3)

2012-344

Moved By: Councillor Schneider
Seconded By: Councillor Judge

By-law Number 3322-2012 Being a By-law to Authorize the Warden and CAO to Execute an Amendment to the BR&E Project Funding Agreement;

Be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed this 6th day of September, 2012;

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

Carried

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS - NONE RECEIVED

No Notice of Motions were received.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor McKenzie noted that the Surplus Farmhouses remains an issue in West Perth as a century farm house was torn down this week. Councillor McKenzie maintained the home could have offered additional assessment to the municipality.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE

14. CLOSED SESSION MEETING AND REPORTING OUT – No Closed Session

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2012-345

Moved By: Councillor Judge

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT By-law 3323-2012, 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 September 6, 2012 be read a first, second and third time;

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

2012-346

Moved By: Councillor Schneider

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:44 AM;

Carried

IAN FORREST, WARDEN

KERRI ANN O'ROURKE, CLERK