



# The Corporation of The County of Perth

## Minutes of the September 20, 2012 Council Meeting

September 20, 2012

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

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: Corey Bridges, Deputy Treasurer

### **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**

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

**3. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

**2012-347**

**Moved By: Councillor McKenzie**

**Seconded By: Councillor Schneider**

That the Council agenda for September 20, 2012 be approved;

Carried

**4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest stated.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2012-348**

**Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson**

**Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm**

THAT the Consent Agenda Items 5.1 to 5.2 be received for information and the minutes of the September 7, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted;

Carried

**2012-349**

**Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz**

**Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm**

THAT the Consent Agenda Items 5.2 be received for information and the minutes of the September 7, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted;

Carried

**6. PUBLIC MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS - NONE**

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**7.1 Planning and Development**

**7.1.1 Application for an Amendment to the County of Perth Official Plan  
by Robert and Marjorie Irvine**

**2012-350**

**Moved By: Councillor McMillan**

**Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson**

THAT County Council receive the Planning Directors September 20, 2012 report regarding the application for Official Plan Amendment by Robert and Marjorie Irvin affecting lands described as part of Lot 22, Concession 1 in the North Easthope Ward of the Township of Perth East for information; and

THAT Council proceed to adopt Bylaw 3324-2012 Being a Bylaw to amend the OPA;

Carried

**7.1.2 Conservation Authorities - Tree Marking Services**

**2012-351**

**Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz**

**Seconded By: Councillor Behrns**

THAT the Planning Director's September 20, 2012 report concerning private landowner tree marking services provided by the Conservation Authorities be received for information;

Carried

**7.2 Chief Administrative Officer**

**7.2.1 Appoint Acting Warden – Same Term as Warden**

**2012-352**

**Moved By: Councillor McMillan**

**Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm**

THAT the report prepared by the County Clerk dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 regarding the Acting Warden Position, be received; and

THAT Perth County Council directs the County Clerk to draft amendments to the Procedure By-law necessary to make the Acting

Warden position concurrent with the term of the Perth County Warden. effective at the next election for the Perth County Warden (December 5, 2012) and elected in the same manner at the Perth County Warden; and

THAT remuneration for the Acting Warden Position be reviewed in October, 2013 (or earlier if a Council Remuneration Review is considered);

Carried

### **7.2.2 Warden & Acting Warden Position Descriptions**

**2012-353**

**Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm**

**Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson**

THAT the report prepared by the County Clerk dated September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 regarding the Position Descriptions for the Perth County Warden and Acting Warden, be received; and

THAT Perth County Council adopt Position Description for the Warden and Acting Warden as set out in the report;

Carried

## **7.3 Corporate Services**

### **7.3.1 2011 Year End Operating Fiscal Position**

**2012-354**

**Moved By: Councillor McKenzie**

**Seconded By: Councillor Schneider**

THAT the 2011 year-end operating fiscal surplus in the amount of \$477,241.85 be transferred to the Levy Stabilization Reserve as of December 31, 2011; and

THAT the report be received for information;

Carried

### **7.3.2 2011 Audited Consolidated & Non-consolidated Financial Statements**

**2012-355**

**Moved By: Councillor Behrns**

**Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm**

THAT the Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, as audited by the firm BDO Canada, LLP, be hereby approved;and

THAT the report prepared by the Director of Corporate Services regarding the CFS for 2011 be received for information;

Carried

## **7.4 Emergency Services**

### **7.4.1 Ambulance Response Time Reporting Update**

Linda Rockwood reviewed the options available in the report to Council.

**2012-356**

**Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm**

**Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson**

THAT County Council authorize the adoption and submission of the proposed EMS Response Time Performance Plan as required by O. Reg 257/00 (as amended by Reg. 267/08) with the following response time targets:

- The 2013 target for meeting the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care response time of six (6) minutes for Sudden Cardiac Arrest patients is 51 %. This means that the County of Perth targets a defibrillator arriving at the scene of a cardiac arrest within the six (6) minute response time 51% of the time.
- The 2013 target for meeting the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care response time standard of eight (8) minutes for CTAS level 1 patients is 70%. This means that the County of Perth targets paramedics arriving at the scene of critically ill or

injured patients within the eight (8) minute response time 70% of the time.

- The proposed response time targets for CTAS level 2 as sixteen (16) minutes, 75 percent of the time, CTAS level 3 as sixteen (16) minutes, 75 percent of the time, CTAS level 4 as sixteen (16) minutes 75 percent of the time, and CTAS level 5 as thirty (30) minutes 90 percent of the time.

Carried

## **7.5 Public Works**

### **7.5.1 Storm Drainage Easement – Don MacRae**

**2012-357**

**Moved By: Councillor Judge**

**Seconded By: Councillor McKenzie**

THAT the Council of the County of Perth authorize the acquisition of an easement from Mr. Don MacRae owner of Part 2, 44R-4976 Hibbert Ward in the Municipality of West Perth, in exchange for a payment of \$2,000, and

THAT Council proceed to adopt By-law 3325-2012 being a By-law authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Easement Agreement;

Carried

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE - NO CORRESPONDENCE**

## **9. COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **9.1 Warden Meeting Log & Report - NO REPORT**

### **9.2 Council Member Reports**

Councillor Julie Behrns discussed the Inoperability session held at Township of Perth South on September 19, 2012.

## 10. BY-LAWS

### 10.1 3324-2012 By-law Adopting Official Plan Amendment No. 125 - Robert and Marjorie Irvine (See Item 7.1.1)

**2012-358**

**Moved By: Councillor McMillan**

**Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz**

3324-2012 By-law Adopting Official Plan Amendment No. 125 - Robert and Marjorie Irvine

3325-2012 To Authorize the Entering into and Execution of an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County of Perth and Donald James MacRae for the Purpose of an Easement for the Construction and Maintenance of Storm Water Drain on Part of the Lands Described as Part 2 on Plan 44R-4976

Be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed this 20th 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 Walter McKenzie discussed tractor safety concerns for Ministry of Transportation signage.

**2012-359**

**Moved By: Councillor McKenzie**

**Seconded By: Councillor Schneider**

THAT Public Works staff be directed to investigate and report back regarding the placement of Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) signs in relation to intersections;

Carried

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE**

**14. CLOSED SESSION MEETING AND REPORTING OUT**

Recess taken on 10:05 AM

Meeting resumed at 10:20 AM

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**7.3 Corporate Services**

**7.3.3 Budget Visioning Session**

Renato Pullia distributed a summary of Visioning Summary form to Councillors.



**Goal 1: Ensure residents are being served by an efficient, cohesive and comprehensive service delivery model.**

**Strategic Objective:** Investment in and support of community infrastructure and services that reflect our rate of growth and rural nature.

2013	Action 1 - Initiate a county and local municipalities services delivery review that examines where improvements and efficiencies in governance structure can be realized.
2013	Action 2 – Develop a capital asset plan that examines the County infrastructure priorities and spending requirements to maintain the infrastructure. <b>(Strike enhance)</b>
2013	Action 3 – Develop a long range facilities plan that addresses the County administrative offices and archives and any additional space requirements for the delivery of County services.
2013	Action 4 – Engage with senior levels of government, MPPs and MPs to identify partnerships that will result in more financial support and funding opportunities to county and local municipalities for infrastructure projects and delivery of services.
2014	Action 5 – Ensure that the County’s management is accountable and can measure their outcomes. Develop business plans for the corporate services, public works, planning & development, emergency medical services departments that state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department mandate and core values</li> <li>• Key department priorities</li> <li>• Major initiatives</li> <li>• The progress or completion of particular actions</li> <li>• The use of allocated resources for major initiatives in that year or resource requirements. <b>(Service review first)</b></li> </ul>
2014	Action 6 – Pursue the completion and approval of the County’s Official Plan Review. Leverage the policy framework as a means to attract new employment and residential growth in the County.
2015	Action 7 – Explore the need to complete a forest management plan to address issues of soil erosion.
2014	Action 8 – Explore the demand for affordable housing stock in the settlement areas of Listowel, Mitchell and Milverton.
2014	Action 9 – Explore the demand for additional seniors housing in the settlement areas of Listowel, Mitchell and Milverton.

**Goal 2: Create an environment that supports and engages a diverse range of local businesses.**

**Strategic Objective:** A heightened level of business activity in the County, with increased diversity in the type of available positions.

2014	Action 1 – Provide community information from a single point of contact for investors and entrepreneurs regarding property availability, zoning provisions, county or local planning processes and approvals.
2014	Action 2 – Leverage the downtown revitalization work completed and promote the Main Street commercial areas and the financial incentives that are offered. Continue to develop programs locally to support further downtown revitalization.
2014	Action 3 – Encourage businesses to invest in their storefronts and emphasize the benefit it creates to having an appealing, rural Main Street atmosphere that attracts citizens and tourists.
2013	Action 4 – In partnership with local stakeholder and regional partners, develop new community events, tourism products and themed day trips that can draw residents and visitors to Perth County’s communities.
2013	Action 5 - Partner with local municipalities, industry and local planning board to undertake a workforce attraction and retention strategy for the region.

**Goal 3: Support the continued strength and success of our agricultural businesses.**

**Strategic Objective:** Support local or export-oriented opportunities for value-added production, processing and new market development.

2013	Action 1 - Develop strategic priorities to address the challenges and opportunities arising out the Agricultural BR&E, identifying ways to support value added agriculture.
REMOVE	<del>Action 2 – Ensure water, municipal sanitary, broadband, natural gas and electricity infrastructure is in place to service value-added agriculture developments within settlement areas.</del>
2013 ONGOING	Action 3 – Attract nurture, and retain value-added agricultural and related industries. Identified targets should include food processing, milling, green energy bio-crops, bio-products, bio-mass and bio-gas, post-harvest handling facilities, specialized produce (organics, heirloom varieties), differentiated products (functional food, heritage breeds), agro-tourism, genetics facilities, and innovation in the agricultural sector. Continue to develop expanded market opportunities for local producers.
2014	Action 4 – Develop site selector packages specific to the needs of the value added agricultural sector with a current inventory of available properties, buildings and infrastructure capacity.

2013	Action 5 – Collaborate with industry and post-secondary institutions (i.e. University of Guelph) in agriculture and agri-food research, delivery of localized training to support this sector, in order to increase agriculture-innovation focused on leading edge agricultural practices in Perth County.
2014	Action 6 - Continue to enhance partnerships with producers and local agencies focussed on improving access and viability for local food.

**Goal 4: Support existing and new opportunities to engage the County’s residents and visitors.**

**Strategic Objective:** Create attractive, interesting and energized programming for our youth, seniors and families to retain our current population and attract new residents.

2013	Action 1 – Continually enhance the County’s website to better reflect community information, policy frameworks and the range of services.
2014	Action 2 – Develop a communications strategy that provides direction for effectively engaging and reporting to local residents, businesses and community organizations regarding community issues. This strategy would examine a wide variety of outreach tools including social media, e-newsletters and interactive web-based tools.
2013	Action 3 – Fully promote the Perth County area and its location to live, work and play by continuing to promote and enhance tourism, and capitalize on opportunities that will be realized during the 2013 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo.

**2012-360**

**Moved By: Councillor Judge**

**Seconded By: Councillor Schneider**

THAT the report dated September 20, 2012 by the Director of Corporate Services regarding Budget Visioning, be received and approved directions on timing of Action Plans, and

THAT staff be directed to communicate an internal and external budget targeting of less than 3%, and

THAT staff prepare a report on the implication of reduction of OMPF Funding and the recovery of these reductions through the tax levy and levy stabilization fund;

Carried

**15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**2012-361**

**Moved By: Councillor French**

**Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm**

THAT By-law 3326-2012, 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 20, 2012 be read a first, second and third time;

Carried

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**2012-362**

**Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz**

**Seconded By: Councillor Behrns**

THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:42 AM

Carried

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IAN FORREST, WARDEN

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KERRI ANN O'ROURKE, CLERK