



The Corporation of The County of Perth

Minutes of the April 18, 2013

SPECIAL Council Meeting

Council Present: Warden Vince Judge
Councillor Wilhelm
Councillor Forrest
Councillor McMillan
Councillor Behrns
Councillor Aitcheson
Councillor Schneider (arrived at 8:05PM)
Councillor French
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Rhonda Ehgoetz

Staff Present: Bill Arthur, CAO
Dave Hanly, Director of Planning & Development
Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Clerk
Allan Rothwell, Senior Planner
Geoff VanderBaaren, Planner
Mark Swallow, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of Perth County Council with Quorum present was called to order at 7:30PM held at the Sebringville Community Centre (302 Huron Road, Sebringville).

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & nature thereof

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest stated.

3. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Warden Vince Judge informed the audience that the Special Meeting of Council was held pursuant to Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990. This section of the Act requires that before revising the Official Plan the County hold a special meeting, open to the public, to discuss the revisions that may be required.

Warden Vince Judge informed the audience that the Council of the County of Perth is providing the public and interested parties with an opportunity to make comments on the need to revise the Official Plan. The Warden stated that the meeting was not intended to debate or decide on any particular issue that may be raised at the meeting but to gather information.

The Perth County Planning Department staff made a brief presentation outlining the purpose of an Official Plan, and overview of the current Official Plan and provincial government legislation that impacts decisions making. Planning Department staff informed the audience of the five year Official Plan review process.

4. PUBLIC MEETING

The following individuals and agencies made a verbal presentation:

- a. Paul Verkley – Requested that the Official Plan be amended so that Industrial Wind Turbines are not permitted.
- b. Bill Lindner – Submitted a written request to amend the Official Plan to permit the residential development of the north side of Lindner Court (Lot 20, Concession 1 North Easthope Ward, Township of Perth East).
- c. Jack Hovius - Requested that the Official Plan be amended so that Industrial Wind Turbines are not permitted.
- d. Larry Besieger – Requested that that Official Plan be amended to make 50 acre parcels the minimum sized agricultural lot.

Councillor Mert Schneider arrived at 8:05PM.

- e. Martin Kern – Requested that the County adopt a consistent approach to zoning residential properties (i.e. home zoned Agriculture or Residential can be across the road from one another).
- f. Dan Festoso – Submitted a written request that the Official Plan be amended so that the Shakespeare Settlement Area is expanded.
- g. Ed Bennett – Ed Bennett noted that he represents the old order Mennonite and Amish community in Perth County. He requested that any amendments to the Official Plan take into consideration the horse and buggy community. Details of comments are found in a written submission to the Clerk.

- h. Barry Mahon – Requested that the County consider the needs of the entrepreneur, including reducing the need for businesses to deal with bureaucracy.
- i. Romyne Smith-Fullarton - Requested that the Official Plan be amended so that Industrial Wind Turbines are not permitted. Romyne posed questions regarding the Mineral Aggregate Resources section of the current County Official Plan.

Given some audience members had questions regarding process the 5-Year Official Plan Review will follow, Warden Vince Judge requested that Director of Planning, Dave Hanly temporarily move to the next item of business in order to provide clarity.

Dave Hanly stated that the comments made at this Public Meeting are combined with comments received from provincial ministries, local municipal Councils & Planning Committees, farm organizations. Dave Hanly noted that any person or agency is welcome to provide written submissions. All of the comments received will be included in a follow-up report to Perth County Council.

County Council will review and consider all comments and recommendations received in order to determine what (if any) revisions should be made to the Official Plan. With Council's direction, revisions to the Official Plan will be drafted and presented at a future Public Meeting. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Plan. Notice for this Public Meeting must be given in accordance with the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Those in attendance, who wish to receive written notice of this future Public Meeting were encouraged to provide contact information on the attendance record at the table located at the entrance way.

Warden Judge again invited those in attendance to make verbal comments.

- j. Cindy Moyer – Cindy Moyer, President of the Huron Perth Landowners Association posed a series of questions to Council related to dispute mechanisms, method of objection, notice to private landowners and process for amendment. Cindy Moyer requested a meeting between the Huron Perth Landowners Association and Perth County Planning staff.

- k. Merlin Leis – Requested that the Official Plan reflect the non-farmer who wants to reside in Perth County by permitting the severance of surplus farm houses.
- l. Don Henderson – Inquired if the County would be providing a response to Cindy Moyer. Warden Judge confirmed that a response would be provided, but not at the Public Meeting.
- m. Bill Jeffrey – Commented on the increasing regulations implemented by the Conservation Authorities and the burden and additional costs to apply for permits from multiple agencies.
- n. Gwen Roney – Posed a question regarding set-backs from woodlots. Dave Hanly stated various setbacks noted in the Perth County Tree by-law.
- o. Terry Ann DeWetering – Requested that the Official Plan be amended to permit the severance of surplus farm houses and requested that the County consider “Small Farm Holdings” as a property designation.

5. NEXT STEPS

Dave Hanly previously stated the next steps in the 5-Year Official Plan Review process. He stated that the slide presentation made by Planning Department staff will be posted on the Perth County website.

6. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Warden Vince Judge thanked attendees for participating in the 5-Year Official Plan Review process.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Warden Judge adjourned the meeting at 8:46PM.

Walter McKenzie, Acting Warden

Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Clerk