



The Corporation of The County of Perth

Minutes of the October 3, 2013 Council Meeting

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

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

Others Present: Kristen Sainsbury, Economic Development Coordinator, Tricia Wilhelm, Human Resources Administrative Clerk

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

2013-199

Moved By: Councillor Schneider

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT the Council agenda for October 4, 2013 be approved;

Carried

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest stated.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

2013-200

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT the Consent Agenda Items 5.1 to 5.8 excluding item 5.4 be received for information and the minutes of the September 12, 2013 Council Meeting be adopted;

Carried

2013-201

Moved By: Councillor French

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Consent Item 5.4 being a request from the City of Kenora for a provincial ban on flying lantern devices be received; and

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth support Kenora's request;

Carried

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 DELEGATION

6.1.1 Agriculture Business Community (Perth East, Perth South, Wilmot West) - Highway 7/8 Corridor Study

Sharon Weitzel, representing Agriculture Business Community (Perth East, Perth South and Wilmot West) presented five requests to Perth County Council with regards to the Highway 7/8 Corridor Study:

1. Councils should automatically reject any plan with a build out time line of 30 years or more and refuse to participate in large scale projects that impact the community for which the Province of Ontario has not allocated funding;
2. Councils should reject the designation of agricultural land for highway purposes when there is more than a five year time horizon to construction;
3. Councils should require that all consultant studies revise draft documents and prepare final reports with corrected information e.g. land/drainage maps etc. before proceeding to any subsequent steps in all planning processes;
4. Councils should demand an overhaul of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act;
5. Councils reject the Plan outlined in the PIC 6 AECOM/MTO reports presented to the community in the summer of 2013 and support the protection of this class 1 agricultural land for future generations.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Planning and Development - No Report

7.2 Chief Administrative Officer

7.2.1 Highway 7/8 Corridor Study – PIC#6 Submission

2013-202

Moved Councillor

by: McMillan

Seconded Councillor

By: Forrest

THAT the report dated October 6, 2013, prepared by the CAO regarding the PIC#6 submission to the Ministry of Transportation for the Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor and Class EA Study, be received for information; and

THAT the CAO be directed to prepare a draft joint submission to the Ministry of Transportation for consideration at the October 17, 2013 Regular Meeting;

Carried

7.2.2 Meeting Investigator Appointment 2014-2016 - Gregory F. Stewart

2013-203

MovedBy: Councillor Behrns

SecondedBy: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT the report prepared by the County Clerk dated October 3, 2013 regarding the appointment of a Meeting Investigator, be received for information; and

THAT Council proceed to adopt By-law 3377-2013 being a By-law to appoint Gregory F. Stewart as a Meeting Investigator under Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act, 2001 for a term of three years starting January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2016;

Carried

7.2.3 Rural Economic Development (RED) Application

2014-204

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council direct staff to serve as the lead applicant to submit a joint application to the Rural Economic Development Program (RED) through OMAF in partnership with the four lower tiers and the Perth County Visitors Association for the purpose of developing a series of promotional videos, marketing and advertising of these videos and development of solutions to link business directories.

AND FURTHER THAT Perth County Council direct staff to provide County Funds within the 2014 Economic Development Budget through the Special Projects Account for the purpose of this project not to exceed \$13,000;

Carried

2013-205

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

That the Council of County of Perth adjourns the meeting temporarily to permit the holding of a Human Resources Committee Meeting.

Carried

Council reconvened at 10:17AM.

7.2.4 Human Resources Committee Recommendation - Harmonization of Benefits – Contract Changes

2013-206

Moved By:

Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By:

Councillor Forrest

THAT Perth County Council endorses the recommendation of the HR Committee relating to Harmonization of Benefits as follows:

a) THAT County Council endorses the Harmonized Plan, for non-unionized staff.

Carried

7.3 Corporate Services - No Report

7.4 Emergency Services - No Report

7.5 Public Works – No Report

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Southwest Economic Alliance - September 16, 2013 - Request for Support - Regional Passenger Transportation Initiative in Southwestern Ontario

2013-207

Moved By:

Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By:

Councillor Schneider

WHEREAS the communities of Southwestern Ontario are alarmed at the declining level of passenger transportation options available in the region.

WHEREAS the Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) Regional Transportation Advocacy Initiative Committee held a meeting on Thursday, August 8th, 2013 at which it developed an Action Plan for the initiative and its key objectives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL

ENDORSES THE FOLLOWING:

1. Cutbacks to VIA Rail passenger service in Southwestern Ontario are a central and critical issue and SWEA, on behalf of the communities of the region, should:

c. Demand re-investments and service enhancements in the short term.

d. Advocate, for a renewed commitment to passenger rail service across Canada.

2. Lack of inter-city transportation options within the region is an equally critical issue. The following are the key requests that SWEA shall make to the provincial government on behalf of the communities of the region:

d. That the provincial government support demands to improve VIA Rail services along both main lines.

e. That the provincial government immediately address regional passenger transportation issues beyond the current Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area focus

f. That the provincial government support the establishment of an all-party committee of the Ontario legislature to immediately study regional transportation needs in Southwestern Ontario.

THAT resolution be forwarded to Ontario Ministry of Transportation; Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ontario Economic Development, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Transport Canada, Gary Schellenberger, MP Perth Wellington, Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington;

Carried

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Warden Meeting Log & Report - September, 2013

2013-208

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT the September, 2013 Warden's Activity Report dated October 3, 2013 be received for information;

Carried

9.2 Council Member Reports

Councillor Ian Forrest attended Echo Boom Bust presentation on September 19, 2013 at Arden Park. Presentation is available electronically.

Councillor Bob Wilhelm attended Southwestern Economic Alliance (SWEA) at Fanshawe College in London Ontario and provided a brief update.

Councillor Wilhelm attended Huron Perth Drug Task Force meeting and provided a brief update.

10. BY-LAWS

**10.1 3377-2013 By-law to Appoint Meeting Investigator - Gregory F. Stewart
(See Item 7.2.1)**

2013-209

Moved By: Councillor French

Seconded By: Councillor Forrest

THAT By-law 3377-2013 Being a By-law to authorize the Execution of an Agreement to appoint a Municipal Investigator between the Corporation of the County of Perth, and Gregory Steward of the firm Donnelly & Murphy

BE read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 4th day of October, 2013;

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

12. OTHER BUSINESS

2013-210

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT the staff be directed to prepare a report outlining the staffing costs (and details of method of compensation) and other expenses relating to the IPM 2013, including a review of how Council remuneration has been handle in 2013 and in the past with the intent that the information can be used to develop corporate policy for future IPM events;

Carried

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. CLOSED SESSION MEETING AND REPORTING OUT

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2013-211

Moved By: Councillor Schneider

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT By-law 3378-2013, 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 October 4, 2013 be read a first, second and third time;

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

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2013-212

Moved By: Councillor McMillan

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:41 AM

Carried

Warden Vince Judge

Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Clerk