



The Corporation of The County of Perth

Minutes of the February 6, 2014 Council Meeting

February 6, 2014

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

Absent: Warden Robert Wilhelm

Staff Present: Bill Arthur, CAO
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: Corey Bridge, Deputy Treasurer and Ann McKnight Duralia, Human Resources Manager

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

2014-33

Moved By:

Councillor Forrest

Seconded By:

Councillor Aitcheson

THAT the following items be changed to the agenda:

7.3.1 2014 Budget Recommendation to after Item 13 -
Correspondence;

Carried

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest stated.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Perth County Council - January 23, 2014 - Draft Regular Minutes**
- 5.2 Perth County Joint Emergency Management - November 22, 2013 - Draft Annual Meeting Minutes**
- 5.3 Perth District Health Unit Board - November 20, 2013 - Regular Minutes**
- 5.4 Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington - January 15, 2014 - Request for Meeting with Minister of Finance Regarding OMPF**
- 5.5 Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington - January 15, 2014 - Letter to Minister of Energy - Perth Federation of Agriculture for Perth County Resolution Regarding Not Willing Host for Wind Turbines**
- 5.6 Land Division - December 16, 2013 - Draft Regular Minutes**
- 5.7 Human Resources Committee - January 23, 2014 - Draft Regular Minutes**
- 5.8 Perth County Accessibility Committee - October 22, 2013, November 26, 2013 and December 18, 2013 - Regular Minutes**
- 5.9 Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario (MEPCO) - January 2014 - OMERS Update**
- 5.10 City of Stratford - January 9, 2014 - Municipal Liaison Representative on Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board**

2014-34

Moved By:

Councillor McMillan

Seconded By:

Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT the Consent Agenda Items 5.1 to 5.10 be received for information and the minutes of the January 23, 2014 Council Meeting be adopted;

Carried

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Planning and Development

7.1.1 Agreement for Prosecution Services - Forest Conservation By-law - Darrell Hawreliak

2014-35

Moved By:

Councillor Forrest

Seconded By:

Councillor Schneider

THAT the County of Perth enter into an Agreement for Prosecutorial Services with Darrell N. Hawreliak, Barrister, Solicitor and Notary Public of Darrell N. Hawreliak Professional Corporation;

Carried

7.1 Planning and Development

7.1.2 Forestry By-law Deposit

2014-36

Moved By:

Councillor Schneider

Seconded By:

Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT the County of Perth allocate the \$9,064.64 in the Tree Fund to the local municipalities for their tree planting programs;

Carried

7.2 Chief Administrative Officer

7.2.1 Accessible Employment Standards Policy - Recommendation from Human Resources Committee

2014-37

Moved By: Councillor Judge

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT in accordance with Resolution Number HR-8-2014, from the HR Committee minutes of January 23, 2014, Perth County Council approve the AODA Employment Standards Policy;

Carried

7.3 Corporate Services

7.3.2 2013 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses

2014-38

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

THAT pursuant to S. 284 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, the 2013 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Perth County Council, designated committees and outside Boards, be hereby received;

Carried

7.3.3 Tax Policy Recommendations

2014-39

Moved By: Councillor Forrest

Seconded By: Councillor French

THAT Perth County adopt the following property tax capping options for the 2014 year:

- Increase capping limit to 10% over previous year's annualized capped tax; and
- Increase capping limit to 5% of previous year's annualized CVA tax; and
- Impose a threshold adjustment for increasers for capped properties within \$250 of their CVA tax; and

THAT Perth County not use a claw back % for the recovery of capping costs; and

THAT the County implement the allowable 100% minimum tax levy for 2014 for all new construction that becomes eligible during the year in their respective class, as within the meaning of subsection 331(20) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25; and

THAT Perth County adopt both 'Stay at CVA Tax' and 'Cross CVA Tax' options; and

THAT Perth County adopt the same tax ratios for 2014 as those of 2013 for all respective classes; and

THAT the respective by-laws be hereby approved;

Carried

7.3.4 POA Prosecutorial Services Agreement - Rodrigo M.F. Pires

2014-40

Moved By: Councillor McMillan

Seconded By: Councillor Forrest

THAT Perth County Council adopt the by-law to enter into an agreement for Prosecutorial Services with Rod M. Pires;

Carried

7.4 Emergency Services - No Report

7.5 Public Works

7.5.1 Pickup Truck Tenders

2014-41

Moved By: Councillor Schneider

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT the contract for the supply of a ¾ Ton Pickup be awarded to Expressway Motors Ltd. in the amount of \$41,300 plus HST, and that the contract for the supply of a ½ Ton Pickup be awarded to Larry Hudson GMC in the amount of \$20,033 plus HST;

Carried

7.5.2 Heavy Truck Tenders

2014-42

Moved By: Councillor Forrest

Seconded By: Councillor Judge

THAT the contract for the supply of two tri-axle chassis cabs be awarded to Team Truck Centres in the amount of \$254,938 plus HST;

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Randy Pettapiece MPP Perth Wellington - January 15, 2014 - Request for Support - Joint Several Insurance Liability

2014-43

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Schneider

THAT the correspondence from Randy Pettapiece, MPP for Perth Wellington dated January 15, 2014 requesting support for resolution on Joint Several Insurance Liability be received; and

THAT a resolution supporting the private member's resolution in the Ontario Legislature be forwarded to Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington;

"That, in the opinion of this House, the government should protect taxpayers from higher property taxes by implementing a comprehensive, long-term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance for municipalities by no later than June 2014, addressing the alarming rise in insurance premiums due to rising litigation and claim costs;

Carried

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Warden Meeting Log & Report

9.1.1 Warden Activity Report – January 2014 – Warden Wilhelm

2014-44

Moved By: Councillor French

Seconded By: Councillor Judge

THAT the January, 2014 Warden's Activity Report dated February 6, 2014 be received for information;

Carried

9.2 Council Member Reports - No Report

10. BY-LAWS

2014-45

Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz

Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

THAT Bylaw 3394-2014 By-law to Execute an Agreement with Darrell Hawreliak to Provide Prosecution Services for the Weed and Tree By-laws, and

Bylaw 3395-2014 To set Tax Ratios for Prescribed Property Classes for the Year 2014, and

Bylaw 3396-2014 To Set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for the Year 2014, and

Bylaw 3397-2014 To Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes, and

By-law 3398-2014 To Authorize the Entering into and Execution of an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County of Perth and Rodrigo M. F. Pires; be read a first, second and third time and finally passed;and

THAT the Warden and Clerk be hereby authorized to affix their signatures and the corporate seal thereto;

Carried

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS – NONE

12. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

7.3.1 2014 Budget Recommendation

2014-46

Movedby: Councillor Forrest

SecondedBy: Councillor McMillan

THAT Perth County Council approve the 2014 Capital budget of \$10,134,006 with a capital levy of \$3,280,868 and the 2014 Operating budget of \$31,014,997 with an Operating levy of \$8,562,715, representing a combined overall levy increase of 9.40% or a residential tax rate increase of 3.4%;

Carried

Recess taken on 9:33 AM

Resumed meeting from recess on 10:00 AM

Matt Ash, Director of Public Works is absent.

6. PUBLIC MEETINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Delegation

6.1.1 Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology, County of Grey - Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus - SWIFT (South West Integrated Fibre Technology) Project Information

Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer and Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology, Grey County representing Western Ontario Wardens Caucus on the SWIFT (South West Integrated Fibre Technology) project provided Council with presentation. The presentation provided the background; overview and project update. Each of the Western Ontario Warden Caucus (WOWC) municipalities have been asked to contributed \$25,000 for creating a formal business plan, corporate structure, secure federal and provincial funding and define future capital funding.

Clerk was directed to research how the original motion declining support for the SWIFT project contribution for reconsideration could return possibly as a motion to reconsider. Treasurer advised that this funding would be taken from County Reserves. Bill Arthur, Chief Administrative Officer was requested to prepare a report on the project.

15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2014-47

Moved By: Councillor Judge

Seconded By: Councillor French

THAT By-law 3399-2014, 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 6, 2014 be read a first, second and third time;

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

2014-48

Moved By: Councillor Schneider

Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:54 AM

Carried

Acting Warden Walter McKenzie

Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Clerk