



**The Corporation of The County of Perth
Council - Regular Meeting
Minutes**

March 19, 2015

Council Present: Councillor Behrns
Councillor Aitcheson
Acting Warden Schneider
Councillor Ehgoetz
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Eidt
Councillor Kellum
Councillor Dowd

Absent: Warden Wilhelm
Councillor McMillan

Staff Present: Bill Arthur, CAO
Director of Emergency Services Linda Rockwood
Allan Rothwell, Director of Planning & Development
Renato Pullia, Director of Corporate Services, Treasurer
Pauline Walkom, Administrative Support Clerk/Recording
Secretary
Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, Clerk

1. Call to Order

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

2. Moment of Reflection

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

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest - None

4. Confirmation of the Agenda

2015-78

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT the Council Agenda for the March 19, 2015 meeting be adopted;

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Perth County Council - March 5, 2015 - Regular Minutes

**5.2 Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC) - January 16, 2015 -
Current State of the Interest Arbitration Process**

**5.3 Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) - January 23, 2015 -
General Membership - Election of Officers**

**5.4 Economic Development Committee - February 5, 2015 - Draft Regular
Minutes**

**5.5 Spruce Lodge Board of Management - January 21, 2015 - Regular
Minutes**

**5.6 Municipality of North Perth - March 10, 2015 - Community Emergency
Management Coordinator (CEMC)**

**5.7 Township of Perth East - March 3, 2015 - Township of Perth East
Resolution regarding Community Emergency Management
Coordinator position**

5.8 SWIFT Project Questions and Answers

2015-79

Moved By: Councillor Dowd

Seconded By: Councillor Eidt

THAT the Consent Agenda Items 5.1 to 5.8 are received for information and the minutes of the March 5, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be adopted;

Carried

2015-80

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Behrns

Motion that Item 5.8 (SWIFT Project Questions and Answers) be taken separately;

Carried

2015-81

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Behrns

THAT staff are directed to prepare communications in response to the WOWC;

Carried

6. Public Meetings, Public Hearings and Delegations - None

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Planning and Development - None

7.2 Chief Administrative Officer

7.2.1 CAO's Report to Council Regarding Corporate Activities

2015-82

Moved By: Councillor Kellum

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT Perth County Council receive the CAO's Report on Corporate Activities – March 19, 2015 for information;

Carried

7.3 Corporate Services

7.3.1 Tax Policy Recommendations and By-laws

2015-83

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Eidt

THAT Perth County adopt the following property tax capping options for the 2015 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 2015 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 and discount factors for 2015 as those of 2014 for all respective classes; and

THAT the respective by-laws be hereby approved.

Carried

7.3.2 Archives Update for MLC to Feb 2015

2015-84

Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz

Seconded By: Councillor Dowd

THAT the Stratford-Perth Archives report dated March 19, 2015 be received and approved for the April 2, 2015 MLC agenda package;

Carried

7.3.3 Provincial Offences Administration Update for MLC to Feb 2015

2015-85

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT the Provincial Offences Administration report dated March 19, 2015 be received and approved for the April 2, 2015 MLC agenda package;

Carried

7.3.4 Budget Amendment and Requisition By-law Report

Renato Pullia distributed additional information to Councillors regarding a proposed Budget Amendment due to an additional amount required from Spruce Lodge as well as a change in the City of Stratford Ontario Works requirement.

As a result of an arbitrated wage settlement Spruce Lodge had a budget shortfall for 2014, and the settlement will have ongoing operating impacts.

Moved By: Councillor Eidt

Seconded By: Councillor Behrns

THAT the revised 2015 Roads capital plan with a capital levy of \$1.8M and the revised 2015 Bridges capital plan with a capital levy of \$800K, as revised on Feb. 19, 2015, be approved; and

THAT an amount of \$200,000 be transferred from the Levy Stabilization Reserve to the Bridges Reserve; and

THAT Perth County Council approve the 2015 Capital budget of \$15,336,017 with a capital levy of \$2,761,600 and the 2015 Operating budget of \$34,123,750 with an Operating levy of \$10,519,921, representing a combined overall levy increase of \$1,437,938 or 12.14% or a tax rate increase of 5.87%;

AND FURTHER THAT Perth County Council adopt the 2015 Requisition By-law and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to affix their signatures and the corporate seal thereto;

Tabled to later in the meeting

Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT an amount of \$100,000 from the tax stabilization as an amendment to the original motion related to agenda items 7.3.4 Budget amendment and requisition bylaw report;
The motion was not taken.

7.4 Emergency Services

7.4.1 EMS 2015 First Quarter MLC Report

2015-86

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Perth County Council approve the report titled EMS 2015 First Quarter MLC Report for submission to the Municipal Liaison Committee;

Carried

8. Correspondence

8.1 Western Ontario Wardens Caucus - March 5, 2015 - Request for Action and Support Regarding TransCanada Energy East Project

2015-87

Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT County Council receive the correspondence from Western Ontario Wardens Caucus dated March 5, 2015 regarding a Request for Action and Support for the TransCanada Energy East Project for information;

Carried

9. Council Reports

1. Stratford Perth Museum – Councillor Doug Kellum advised that tickets are selling well for Ann Frank Exhibit. Upcoming: Innkeepers Dinner – April 18, 2015 at Knox Church, Stratford at 7 PM. Tickets \$120.00. July 25, 2015 – Dutch choir will be performing at the Museum. A booth for the museum will be at the Stratford Home Show.
2. Councillor Rhonda Ehgoetz advised that there will not be a Community In Motion Fair held this year. A Stratford Home Show booth will be manned by Accessibility Committee members.
3. Councillor Helen Dowd advised that the County of Huron Health Unit and Perth District Health Unit have agreed to discuss a potential merger of the two Health Units.

11. Notice of Motions

11.1 Vendor Performance Report

2015-88

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Eidt

That Council consider and discuss options to ensure vendors are fulfilling their deliverables to the County of Perth, and recommend that Council implement a vendor performance report process similar to the attached document from North Perth;

Carried

County Council recessed at 10:28 AM.

County Council reconvened at 10:40 AM and took a guided tour of the Court House Facilities.

Council reconvened in the Council Chambers at 11:54 AM.

The tabled motion was then voted upon. (see section 7.3.4)

2015-86

Moved By: Councillor Eidt

Seconded By: Councillor Behrns

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THAT an amount of \$200,000 be transferred from the Levy Stabilization Reserve to the Bridges Reserve; and

THAT Perth County Council approve the 2015 Capital budget of \$15,336,017 with a capital levy of \$2,761,600 and the 2015 Operating budget of \$34,123,750 with an Operating levy of \$10,519,921, representing a combined overall levy increase of \$1,437,938 or 12.14% or a tax rate increase of 5.87%.

AND FURTHER THAT Perth County Council adopt the 2015 Requisition By-law and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to affix their signatures and the corporate seal thereto;

Defeated

2015-89

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT Perth County Council amend the third paragraph of resolution 2015-59 so that the resolution reads as follows:

THAT the revised 2015 Roads capital plan with a capital levy of \$1.8M and the revised 2015 Bridges capital plan with a capital levy of \$800K, as revised on Feb. 19, 2015, be approved; and

THAT an amount of \$300,000 be transferred from the Levy Stabilization Reserve, with \$200,000 to the Bridges Reserve and \$100,000 to general revenue; and

THAT Perth County Council approve the 2015 Capital budget of \$15,336,017 with a capital levy of \$2,761,600 and the 2015 Operating budget of \$34,123,750 with an Operating levy of \$10,419,924, representing a combined overall levy increase of \$1,337,942 or 11.30% or a tax rate increase of 5.08%; and further

THAT Perth County Council adopts the 2015 Requisition By-law and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to affix their signatures and the corporate seal thereto.

Carried

2015-90

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Behrns

THAT the City of Stratford provide the County of Perth with the reconciliation of the Social Services upload benefits vis-à-vis the County's OMPF reductions;

Carried

7. Staff Reports

7.3 Corporate Services

7.3.5 Borrowing By-law Report

2015-91

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Dowd

THAT Perth County Council adopt the 2015 Borrowing By-law and that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to affix their signatures and the corporate seal thereto;

Carried

10. By-Laws

2015-92

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

- 3456-2015 - A By-law To Establish Tax Ratios For Prescribed Property Classes For the Year 2015
- 3457-2015 A By-law To Set Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for the Year 2015

- 3458-2015 A By-Law to Adopt Optional Tools for the Purposes of Administering Limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes
- 3459-2015 A By-Law to Establish the Property Class Tax Rates and the County Requisition for the Year 2015
- 3460-2015 A By-Law to provide for the Temporary Borrowing of Funds in 2015 by the County of Perth

THAT the By-laws listed above be read a first, second and third time and finally passed;

Carried

14. Closed Session Meeting and Reporting Out

2015-93

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Perth County Council move into Closed Session at 12:14 AM in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c. 25 (as amended) to consider:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employee;
- Employee negotiations or labour relations;

Carried

Council reconvened at 12:56 PM

Reporting Out:

2015-94

THAT Perth County Council received a report of the CAO regarding Potential Joint Initiatives with Huron County and;

THAT Perth County Council directs the CAO to explore joint initiatives with Huron County for both CEMC and EMS services;

Carried

15. Confirmatory By-Law

2015-95

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Dowd

THAT By-law 3461-2015, 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 March 19, 2015 be read a first, second and third time;

Carried

16. Adjournment

2015-96

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Eidt

THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:10 PM;

Carried

Meredith Schneider, Acting Warden

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, Clerk