



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

November 3, 2016
9:00 am

Council Present:

Warden Schneider
Councillor Wilhelm
Councillor McMillan
Councillor Behrns
Councillor Aitcheson
Councillor Ehgoetz
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Eidt
Councillor Dowd

Absent:

Councillor Kellum

Staff Present:

Renato Pullia, Chief Administrative Officer
Linda Rockwood, Director of Emergency Services
Allan Rothwell, Director of Planning & Development
John McClelland, Director of Public Works
Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, Clerk
Pauline Walkom, Administrative Support Clerk/Recording Secretary
Corey Bridges, Interim Director of Corporate Services
Meredith Forget, Economic Development Coordinator
Linda Becker, Provincial Offences Coordinator
Betty Jo Belton, Archivist

Others Present:

Perth County Visitors Association - Cathy Bieman, General Manager; Laurie Diemand, President
Town of St. Marys - Mayor Al Strathdee and Brent Kittmer, CAO
Len Magyar, Director SOMA Southwestern Ontario Marketing

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

2016-371

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT the Council Agenda for the November 3, 2016 meeting be approved with the following change;

THAT 7.4.2, Acute Stroke Bypass and Medical Redirect for Southwest Ontario Regional Stroke Centre Memorandum of Understanding (Phase 1 Implementation), be deferred to the November 17, 2016 Council meeting;

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

2016-372

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Dowd

THAT the Consent Agenda Items 5.1 to 5.5 are received for information and the minutes of the October 20th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting and October 25 Special Council meeting be adopted;

Carried

5.1 Perth County Council - October 20, 2016 - Regular Minutes

5.2 Perth County Council - October 25, 2016 - Special Meeting Minutes

5.3 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority - 2016 - Board of Directors Minutes

5.4 Spruce Lodge Board of Management - June 15, 2016 and September 21, 2016 - Board Minutes

5.5 Stratford Perth Museum - October 19, 2016 - Regular Minutes

6. Public Meetings, Public Hearings and Delegations

6.1 Public Meeting - Application for Official Plan Amendment by St. Marys Cement Inc.

Warden Schneider stated that the purpose of the public meeting is to provide an opportunity to advise the public of the purpose and intent of the amendment and to receive input prior to considering approval of an Official Plan Amendment Number 155 submitted by St Marys Cement Inc. (Canada).

Those present wanting to receive written notice of the decision were asked to provide their name, address and telephone number to the Clerk. Allan Rothwell, Director of Planning & Development noted that the purpose of the meeting was to consider an Official Plan Amendment for St. Marys Cement Inc. (Canada) (Harrington McAvan Ltd.) The subject property has an area of approximately 65 hectares (161 acres), and has approximately 466 metres (1,530 feet) of lot frontage on Line 5 approx. 648 metres of flankage along Perth Road 139. The application is to amend the agriculture policies of the County Official Plan to allow a portion along the easterly boundary to be used as a “haul road” for trucks accessing the aggregate extraction facility to the south. The new road is intended to reduce the number of trucks to and from the aggregate extraction operation travelling through St. Marys and is not expected to increase truck traffic on Perth Road 139.

Comments were then made in respect to the Notice of the Public Meeting details.

Written Correspondence received prior to the preparation of the planning report was referred to with copies being attached to the planning report.

The following comments were received after the preparation of the report:

1. Resolutions from Township of Perth South – November 2, 2016
 - a) Moved by Councillor Aitcheson
Seconded by Councillor Corriveau

“That Perth South council recommends to Perth County Council to approve the official plan amendment application for the property described

as Part of Lots 18 & 19, Concession 14 (Blanshard Ward) and to consider the addition of a second gate access on the proposed haul road and to consider replanting 3 to 4 trees for every tree removed due to the construction of the haul road.” Carried

- b) Moved by Councillor Zurbrigg
Seconded by Councillor Arkett

“That Perth South Council recommends to Perth County Council approval of the proposed changes to the County Tree Conservation by-law.” Carried

2. Harrington McAvan Ltd. – Landscape Architects – October 31, 2016 provided correspondence in support of the application.

Warden Schneider offered those in attendance the opportunity to speak in support of the Application.

1. David Vermeire; Frank Vermeire and Martha Vermeire spoke in support of the application.
2. Pat Donnolly, 284 Thames St. St. Marys spoke in support of the application.
3. Brent Kittmer, CAO, Town of St Marys had provided a written submission dated November 3, 2016 to Council. Mayor Strathdee was also present. Brent Kittmer reviewed the submission and spoke in support of the application.

Warden Schneider offered those in attendance the opportunity to speak in opposition to the Application. No one spoke in opposition.

Warden Schneider offered the Applicant/Applicant’s Agent to speak to the application.

1. Colin Evans, Environmental Manager, St Marys Cement, applicant spoke in support of the project and was available for questions. Colin Evans advised that additional tree planting will be completed in the area involved with the application.

2016-373

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT County Council receive the “Application for Official Plan Amendment by St. Marys Cement Inc. (Canada)” (Report PL-2016)” for information; and

THAT County Council APPROVE the Application for an Official Plan Amendment by St. Marys Cement Inc. (Canada) for property described as Part of Lots 18 & 19, Concession 14, Blanshard Ward (1865 Perth Road 139), Township of Perth South;

THAT County Council approve and adopt By-law 3565-2016 A By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 155 to the County of Perth Official Plan; and further

THAT By-law 3565-2016 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

6.2 Delegation - Cathy Bieman, Perth County Visitors' Association (PCVA)

Laurie Diemand, President of Perth County Visitor's Association (PCVA) provided an update to Council on the current financial situation and was available for questions. The PCVA requested additional financial assistance from the county. The PCVA Financial Statements for the year ending 2015 information were distributed to Council.

2016-374

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

To receive the delegation from the Perth County Visitors Association and refer discussion to Item 14 for Closed Session;

Carried

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Planning and Development

7.1.1 County Initiated OPA re Surplus Farmhouse Severances

Allan Rothwell, Director of Planning & Development presented a report on surplus farmhouse severances for council’s consideration.

2016-375

Moved By: Councillor Dowd

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Council refer Item 7.1.1 for discussion after Item 7.4.1;

Carried

7.1 Planning and Development

7.1.2 Proposed Amendments to the County's Forest Conservation By-law

2016-376

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council receives the "Follow up from the October 6, 2016 Planning Department report re: Proposed Amendments to the County's Forest Conservation By-law (Report PL-11/2016); and

THAT By-law 3557-2016 be passed and circulated to foresters and loggers who are actively engaged in cutting trees within the County of Perth.

Carried

County Council recessed at 10:26 am

County Council reconvened at 10:42 am

Allan Rothwell, Director of Planning and Development is now absent from the council meeting. Linda Becker, Provincial Offences Coordinator is present.

7.2 Chief Administrative Officer

7.2.1 CAO Report June-October

2016-377

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Perth County Council receives the "CAO Report June-October (CAO - 2016)" report;

Carried

7.2.2 Southern Ontario Marketing Alliance Update - 2016

Meredith Forger, Economic Development Coordinator provided an update on economic development initiatives undertaken by the county, including its partnership with the Southwestern Ontario Marketing Alliance (SOMA). The Director of SOMA, Len Magyar, presented information to council on the achievements of SOMA and benefits of the partnership it provides to the county, including exposure to potential new foreign investment.

2016-378

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

THAT Perth County Council receives the “Southern Ontario Marketing Alliance Update – 2016” report.

Carried

7.2.3 Municipal Support of Perth County Climate Change Action Plan Resolution

2016-379

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Eidt

THAT Perth County Council receives the “Municipal Support of Perth County Climate Change Action Plan Resolution” (CAO-2016) report; and

THAT the Warden be directed to send the draft correspondence to the Ontario Premier, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Energy, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and copied to the MPP for Perth-Wellington, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and the Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus on behalf of Council;

Carried

7.2.4 Follow-up Report on Request for Proposals for the Services of an Integrity Commissioner

2016-380

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor McKenzie

THAT Perth County Council receives the "Follow-up Report on the Request for Proposals for the Services of an Integrity Commissioner" (CAO-2016); and

THAT Council accept the proposal from Aird & Berlis LLP as its preferred respondent that meets council's requirements for the services of an Integrity Commissioner as stipulated in the county's RFP dated July 27, 2016; and

THAT staff be directed to negotiate the final agreement with Aird & Berlis LLP consistent with the requirements of the request for proposal and the response received;

Defeated

2016-381

Moved By: Councillor McMillan

Seconded By: Councillor Eidt

THAT Perth County Council receives the "Follow-up Report on the Request For Proposals" for the services of an Integrity Commissioner; and

THAT Council accept the proposal from Guy Giorno, as its preferred respondent that meets the needs of the County for an Integrity Commissioner as stipulated in the County's RFP; and

THAT Staff be directed to negotiate a final with Guy Giorno consistent with the requirements of the RFP and the response required;

Defeated

2016-382

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT Perth County Council receives the report "Follow-up Report on Request for Proposals" for the services of an Integrity Commissioner and;

THAT Perth County Council review its adopted code of conduct;
and;

THAT a training session be organized for council and the member municipalities in 2017;

Carried

7.3 Corporate Services

7.3.1 Archives 2017-2019 Budget Report for Municipal Liaison Committee

Corey Bridges reviewed the Budget report for the Archives Division and was available for questions.

2016-383

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Dowd

THAT Perth County Council receives the “MLC 2017-2019 Budget Report for Stratford-Perth Archives - CS- 2016” report; and

THAT Council approve the report for submission to the MLC budget meeting of November 17, 2016;

Carried

7.3.2 Provincial Offences Administration 2017-2019 Budget Report for Municipal Liaison Committee

Linda Becker, Provincial Offences Coordinator reviewed the Budget report for the Provincial Offences Administration Division and was available for questions.

2016-384

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council receives the “Provincial Offences Administration 2017-2019 Budget Report for Municipal Liaison Committee” – (CS-2016) report; and

THAT County Council approves the report for submission to the Municipal Liaison Committee budget meeting of November 17, 2016.

Carried

7.4 Emergency Services

7.4.1 Emergency Services 2017-2019 Budget Report for Municipal Liaison Committee

2016-385

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Perth County Council receives the “MLC 2017 Perth County Paramedic Services Budget Submission – (ES/PS – 2016)” report; and

THAT Council authorize the submission of the MLC 2017 Paramedic Services Budget Report to Municipal Liaison Committee for the November 17, 2016 meeting;

Carried

Allan Rothwell, Director of Planning and Development is now present at 11:25 am.

7.4.2 Acute Stroke Bypass and Medical Redirect for Southwest Ontario Regional Stroke Centre Memorandum of Understanding (Phase 1 Implementation)

Referred to November 17, 2016 Council meeting – See Item 4.1

7.5 Public Works - No Reports

County Council recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch and council photos.

County Council reconvened at 12:45 PM with Item 7.1.1. - County Initiated OPA re Surplus Farmhouse Severances.

7.1 County Initiated OPA re Surplus Farmhouse Severances

2016-386

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT County Council receives the "November 3, 2016 report re: the County Initiated Official Plan Amendment regarding Surplus Farmhouses Severance Policies (Report PL-11/2016)"; and

THAT Council make the following amendments to the proposed Official Plan amendment regarding surplus farmhouse severances:

h) the proposed lot for the surplus farm dwelling shall only be used for residential purposes including: a dwelling and accessory uses, buildings and structures (i.e. driveway, detached garage, swimming pool); a home occupation; and a bed and breakfast establishment. Farm-related uses including: the raising of livestock; a secondary farm occupation; a farm vacation establishment; and farm-related commercial and industrial activities shall not be permitted on the proposed lot for the surplus farm dwelling. As a condition of approval, the County of Perth Land Division Committee shall require a Zoning By-law amendment be adopted by the local municipality to regulate the permitted uses on the lot for the surplus farm dwelling as outlined above; and

THAT Council adopts the proposed by-law, as amended, to enact the amendment to the Official Plan;

Carried

8. Correspondence

2016-387

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Correspondence Items 8.1 and 8.4 be received for information;

Carried

8.1 Township of Perth East – October 20, 106 – Support For Resolution – Frontenac Renewable Energy Contracts

2016-388

Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz

Seconded By: Councillor Behrns

THAT Perth County Council support the resolution from the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac regarding the Independent Electrical system operator related to the RFP process to award renewable energy contracts, and that the resolution in support be forwarded to the Township of North Frontenac;

Carried

8.3 Municipality of West Perth - 2016 - Support For Resolutions For Establishment of Community Safety Zone

2016-389

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor McKenzie

THAT staff be directed to provide a report to Council and a Corresponding Amendment to County's bylaw to provide for a Community Safety Zone in Brodhagen on Line 44;

Carried

9. Council Reports

9.1 Warden's Activity Report for September 2016 – (CAO – 2016)

2016-390

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Eidt

THAT Perth County Council receives the "Warden's Activity Report" for September 2016, dated November 3, 2016 for information;

Carried

10. By-Laws

3523-2016 A By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 153 to the County of Perth Official Plan (see item 7.1.1)

3557-2016 By-law to Regulate the Destruction or Injuring of Trees (see item 7.1.2)

2016-391

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor McKenzie

- 3523-2016 A By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 153 to the County of Perth Official Plan as amended
 - 3557-2016 By-law to Regulate the Destruction or Injuring of Trees
- THAT the By-laws listed above be read a first, second and third time and finally passed;

Carried

11. Notice of Motions – None

12. Other Business – None

13. Announcements

1. Councillor Helen Dowd advised that she would be providing a Random Act of Kindness by making a presentation to Perth County Community Care Fund.
2. County Councillors were given the opportunity to declare their interest in the Warden's position for 2017. Warden Mert Schneider advised that he would be putting his name forward for 2017. County Councillors congratulated Warden Schneider for his efforts during the year.

14. Closed Session Meeting and Reporting Out

2016-392

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council move into Closed Session at 1:04 PM 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;

Specifically, the Closed Session business relates to negotiations related to the position of Chief Administrative Officer; and

14.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2016

14.2 The Request from the Delegation from the Perth County Visitor's Association;

Carried

Following the closed session council came back to open session and passed the following motions:

2016-393

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

That By-Law 3567-2016 to authorize entering into an agreement and to appoint Renato Pullia as Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Perth be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed, and that the corporate seal be affixed thereto and the by-law be signed by the Warden and the Clerk;

Carried

2016-394

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council direct the CAO and the Economic Development Coordinator to communicate with the General Manager of the PCVA with respect to Council's direction given in closed session;

Carried

15. Confirmatory By-Law

2016-395

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT By-law 3568-2016, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth at its regular meeting held on November 3, 2016 be read a first, second and third time;

Carried

16. Adjournment

2016-396

Moved By: Councillor Eidt

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:34 PM;

Carried

Meredith Schneider, Warden

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier