



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

December 22, 2016
9:00 am

(Regular December 15, 2016 meeting re-scheduled to December 22, 2016 due to inclement weather)

Council Present:

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

Staff Present:

Renato Pullia, CAO, Director of Corporate Services, Treasurer
Corey Bridges, Deputy Treasurer
Allan Rothwell, Director of Planning & Development
John McClelland, Director of Public Works
Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, Clerk
Pauline Walkom, Administration Support Clerk/Recording Secretary
Amy Thomson, Human Resources Manager
Meredith Forget, Economic Development Coordinator

Staff Absent: Director of Emergency Services Linda Rockwood

Others Present: Andrew Williams, Campaign Chair, Perth-Huron United Way
Ryan Erb, Executive, Perth-Huron United Way
Ron Shaw, Perth-Huron United Way

Ken Naylor, Mornington Communications
Rick Banks, Mornington Communications

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 declared.

4. Confirmation of the Agenda

Doug Kellum present at 9:03 a.m.

2016-423

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Behrns

THAT the Council Agenda for the December 22, 2016 meeting be approved;

Carried

5. Consent Agenda

2016-424

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Dowd

THAT the Consent Agenda Items 5.1 to 5.4 are received for information and the minutes of the December 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting be adopted;

Carried

5.1 County Council - December 1, 2016 - Warden's Election and Regular Minutes

5.2 Perth District Health Unit Board - October 19, 2016 - Regular Minutes

5.3 Accessibility Advisory Committee - October 25, 2016 - Regular Minutes

5.4 Age Friendly Communities Steering Committee - November 29 and July 13, 2016 - Regular Meetings

6. Public Meetings, Public Hearings and Delegations

6.1 Delegation - Perth-Huron United Way

Andrew Williams, Campaign Chair for the Perth-Huron United Way presented information to council on the impact of community organizations funded throughout Huron and Perth Counties and an update on the 2016 fund raising campaign.

Ryan Erb, Executive, for the Perth-Huron United Way presented information on the impact of the Centre for Employment and Learning within Perth County and the link to the identified labour force needs.

Amy Thomson, Human Resources Mgr is present at 9:12 am.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Planning and Development

7.1.1 Monthly Tree Inspection Report

2016-425

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT County Council receives the "Monthly Tree Inspection Report" (PL-12-2016) for information.

Carried

7.1.2 Annual Report of Director of Planning and Development's Approvals of Subdivisions and Part Lot Control By-laws as Delegated by Council

2016-426

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

THAT Perth County Council receives the "Annual Report of Director of Planning and Development's Approvals of Subdivisions and Part Lot Control By-laws as Delegated by Council – (Report PL-12/2016)" report.

Carried

7.2 Chief Administrative Officer

7.2.1 Appointment of Acting Warden for 2017 Term

Warden Schneider invited nominations from the floor and asked if there were any members interested in serving as Acting Warden, Councillor McKenzie was the only member to express interest the 2017 term of council.

2016-427

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT Perth County Council receive the "Appointment of Acting Warden for the 2017 Term – (CAO-2016)" report; and

THAT Council appoints Walter McKenzie as Acting Warden for the 2017 Term of Council;

Carried

7.2.2 Committee and Board Appointments for 2017

2016-428

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Behrns

THAT Perth County Council receives the "Committee and Board Appointments for 2017 (CAO-2016)" report; and

THAT council pass a by-law to appoint officials as members of committees and local boards as required for the year 2017;

Carried

7.2.3 Re-Appointment of Closed Meeting Investigator

2016-429

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor McKenzie

THAT Perth County Council receives the “Re-Appointment of Closed Meeting Investigator (CAO-2016)” report; and

THAT Council approves the renewal of the agreement with Gregory Stewart to serve as Perth County’s closed meeting investigator; and

THAT By-law 3572-2016 be passed to enter into an agreement with Gregory Stewart;

Carried

7.2.4 Age-Friendly Needs Assessment & Action Plan

Renato Pullia, CAO, Director of Corporate Services, Treasurer, spoke to the report and noted that after consultation with staff from the member municipalities, staff are recommending that the report be referred back to county staff for further research.

2016-430

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council receives the Age-Friendly Needs Assessment & Action Plan – CAO/HR - 2016 report; and

THAT the report be referred back to staff, to undertake further consultation with member municipalities, City of Stratford, Town of St. Marys, and undertake research as to industry best practices;

Carried

7.2.5 Canadian Dairy XPO Partnership Request

2016-431

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council receives the “Canadian Dairy XPO Partnership Request (CAO – 2016)” report; and

THAT Council support the partnership outlined in the Canadian Dairy XPO Agreement; and

THAT Council approve a pre-budget expense of \$5,000 from the Economic Development & Tourism 2017 budget to support the Canadian Dairy XPO; and

THAT the CAO be authorized to enter into an agreement with CDX;

Carried

7.2.6 SWIFT Update

Renato Pullia, CAO, Director of Corporate Services, Treasurer, spoke to the reported and noted that two representatives from Mornington Communication were available for questions. It was noted that there was a recent announcement from the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) regarding broadband being established as an essential service.

2016-432

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council receives the “SWIFT Update – CAO-2016” report; and

THAT Council endorse a research project by Mornington Communications and Quadro Communications to identify specific gaps in local broadband infrastructure; and further

THAT staff be directed to report back on the research project prior to final 2017 budget approval;

Carried

Representatives from Mornington Communication are now absent from the meeting.

7.2.8 2016 Job Evaluation Results

2016-433

Moved By: Councillor Eidt

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Perth County Council receives the “Job Evaluation Results – (CAO-2016)” report;

Carried

7. Staff Reports

7.3 Corporate Services

It was noted that the January 5, 2017 meeting is being scheduled for budget presentation only.

7.3.1 Approval of 2016 Asset Management Plan

2016-434

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Dowd

THAT Perth County Council approves the 2016 Asset Management Plan for the County of Perth as prepared by Public Sector Digest Inc.

Carried

7.3 Corporate Services

Meredith Forget, Economic Development Coordinator is present at 10:06 a.m.

7.3.2 General Insurance RFP Results

2016-435

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Dowd

THAT Perth County Council receives the “General Insurance RFP Results and Excess Indemnity & Occupational Accident Insurance Renewal (CAO – 2016)” report; and

THAT the General Insurance and Risk Management Services contract for 2017 be awarded to AON Reed Stenhouse Inc. in the amount of \$238,290, + RST; and

THAT the Excess Indemnity & Occupational Accident Insurance renewal proposals in the combined amount of \$56,012 + RST, be approved; and

THAT the CAO be authorized to sign all necessary documents to effect the renewals;

Carried

7.2.7 Tourism Specialist Position

2016-436

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Perth County Council receives the “Tourism Specialist Position – CAO-2016” report; and

THAT Council approves the Tourism Specialist position as a permanent, full-time position to be added to the 2017 salary grid at Band F;

Carried

7.4 Emergency Services

No Reports

Council recessed at 10:18 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

7.5 Public Works

John McClelland, Director, Public Works, provided a verbal update to council regarding recent winter events.

Councillor Behrns recommended that Perth County public works staff be commended for doing such a great job during the recent storm. Warden

Schneider requested that Mr. McClelland pass on council's comments to his department's staff.

8. Correspondence

2016-437

Moved By: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

THAT Correspondence Items 8.1 to 8.7 be received;

Carried

9. Council Reports

9.1 Warden's November 2016 Activity Report

2016-438

Moved By: Councillor Behrns

Seconded By: Councillor McMillan

THAT Perth County Council receives the "Warden's November 2016 Activity Report" dated December 15, 2016 for information;

Carried

10. By-Laws

2016-439

Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm

- **3572-2016 - 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 F. Stewart of the Law Firm Donnelly & Murphy**
- **3573-2016 - Being a By-law to Appoint Officials as Members of Committees and Local Boards, as Required for the Year 2017**

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

Councillor Ehgoetz requested that there be consideration to having dedicated meeting dates for budget deliberations separate from the regular meeting schedule. Renato Pullia noted that a report would be presented to council in the near future with such a recommendation for council's consideration.

13. Announcements

Councillor Dowd noted that the Mayor's Gala is set for January 28, 2017 and tickets are available.

Councillor McKenzie noted that all were invited to the West Perth Levee on January 8, 2017 at the Community Centre in Mitchell.

14. 2017 Group Benefits Renewal Report and Presentation

Dennis Donnelly of Donnelly Management Services Inc. is now present.

14.1 2017 Group Benefits Renewal – (CAO – 2016)

2016-440

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT Perth County Council receives the "2017 Benefits Renewal" report;
and

THAT Council approves the 2017 group benefits and employee assistance plan renewals, and authorizes the CAO to sign the necessary documents to effect the renewals;

Carried

15. Closed Session Meeting and Reporting Out

2016-441

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor McKenzie

THAT Perth County Council move into Closed Session at 11:01 a.m. in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c. 25 (as amended) to consider:

- Employee negotiations or labour relations;
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

Specifically, the Closed Session business relates to two matters: the Huron Perth Benefits Consortium, and litigation;

Carried

Council returned to open session at 11:55 a.m.

Renato Pullia, CAO, Director of Corporate Services, Treasurer, provided a verbal update to council on the negotiations with the Perth County Visitors' Association related to the purchase of the visitperth.ca website, content and databases.

2016-442

Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT the CAO be directed to negotiate with representatives from the Perth County Visitors' Association for the purchase of the domain name of visitperth.ca, website content and contact databases up to a limit of \$1000; and further

THAT staff be directed to pay 2016 invoices for work done on the county's behalf related to Perth County Tourism Services in the amount of \$2732.34;

Carried

16. Confirmatory By-Law

2016-443

Moved By: Councillor Kellum

Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz

THAT By-law 3574-2016, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth at its regular meeting held on December 22, 2016 be read a first, second and third time;

Carried

17. Adjournment

2016-444

Moved By: Councillor McMillan

Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:16 p.m.;

Carried

Meredith Schneider, Warden

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, Clerk