



Corporate Development Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, March 10, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Brant County Council Chambers, 7 Broadway Street West, Paris

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Simons, Cardy, Powell, Atfield, Miller and Gatward

Regrets: Councillors Coleman and Chambers

Staff: Emerson, Bradley, Compeau, Pomponi, Reichheld, Mifflin, A. Davidson, Dale, M. Davidson and Boyd

Councillor Cardy in the Chair.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by – Councillor Miller

Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Corporate Development Committee agenda and addendum for March 10, 2014 be approved.

.Carried

Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

Laura Fox, Resident – Request to Adopt By-law Related to the Keeping of Pigeons and Chickens in Urban Areas

Ms. Fox reviewed a request that Brant County Council adopt a by-law similar to the City of Brantford's by-law, which permits the keeping of pigeons and chickens, provided the owner is a registered member of a recognized group. She requested that the list of recognized groups be expanded to include 4-H Clubs. Ms. Fox outlined the positive aspects of involvement in 4-H, which fosters a "learn to do by doing" attitude, but noted that the County's by-law limits the type of clubs that urban youth can be involved in.

In response to questions, Ms. Fox indicated that she would not object to restrictions on the number of animals kept or to requirements regarding lot size, separations, etc.

Lindsay Savory, Brant Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association – Request to Adopt By-law Related to the Keeping of Pigeons and Chickens in Urban Areas

Ms. Savory outlined her involvement in the Brant Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, which promotes the breeding and showing of purebred stock and encourages excellent standards of husbandry. She requested that the County of Brant consider a by-law which would permit the keeping of poultry in areas not zoned agricultural, provided the birds are purebred, intended for exhibition and the keepers of the birds are members of the Association. Ms. Savory outlined that poultry husbandry allows for greater participation in agricultural fairs, increased knowledge / respect for where food comes from and promotes the continuation of purebred / heritage breeds. She commented on the Brant Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association's recent membership in the American Poultry Association which will provide greater opportunities for accreditation, youth programs and judging.

Henry Stolp, Pinevest Homes – County-Owned Property Being Offered for Sale (between Hampton Road and Balmoral Street, Paris)

Mr. Stolp reported that through meetings with staff and Mr. Stevenson, an agreement has been reached where the parcel identified as Part 7 would be split approximately 2/3 for Mr. Stevenson and 1/3 for Pinevest Homes, with a small additional parcel to be sold to Mr. Stevenson through a lot line adjustment that would allow the shed and fence to be retained in Mr. Stevenson's ownership. He supported the balance of the staff recommendation, noting that in discussion with the residents, most are anticipating that the laneway will be split and have built fences / sheds to that limit.

Bryan Krauss – County-Owned Property Being Offered for Sale (between Hampton Road and Balmoral Street, Paris)

Mr. Krauss, owner of 135 Willow Street, advised that when he purchased his home from Pinevest Homes, he was advised that approximately 5 – 6 houses would be built behind his property, which as of the subdivision plans presented in September, 2013, had increased to a total of 51 units. When the initial correspondence from the County offering the sale of the entire 12 foot wide laneway was received, this was viewed as an opportunity to increase the buffer from the new development. He expressed concern about the change in direction to split the laneway between the two adjacent owners and asked that he be offered an opportunity to purchase the entire 12 foot laneway.

Barbara Day – County-Owned Property Being Offered for Sale (between Hampton Road and Balmoral Street, Paris)

Ms. Day, owner of 137 Willow Street, advised that when she purchased her home from Pinevest Homes, she was advised that the County would be offering 6 feet of the 12 foot laneway and that approximately five homes would be built on the land behind her property. She noted that with the increase to 51 units and the letter sent by the County offering the purchase of the full 12 feet, she is of the opinion that all of the Willow Street property owners should have the opportunity to purchase the 12 foot laneway.

David Stevenson and Lisa Fraser – County-Owned Property Being Offered for Sale (between Hampton Road and Balmoral Street, Paris)

Mr. Stevenson advised that he concurs with the agreement presented by Pinevest Homes.

Penny Lipcsik – CD-14-24 – Termination of Lease – Burford Parking Lot

Ms. Lipcsik reviewed that the lot in question is owned partially by themselves and partially by the Farkas' estate. Since 1995, the Farkas' had a lease with the Township and were receiving funds from the Township (now the County). She questioned the staff report comment that "this parking lot is primarily used by patrons of the businesses located at 125 and 127 King Street", expressing the opinion that this has always been viewed as a community parking lot and serves many downtown businesses, even at times when the bakery is closed.

Ms. Lipcsik reviewed that previously they had sought some improvements / maintenance to the lot from the Township, but were advised that the Township could not undertake the improvements, nor could the owners.

In response to a question, Ms. Lipcsik indicated that there is a holding tank, not a septic system, installed on this property.

Disposition of Delegations

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Miller

That delegations pertaining to the County Owned Property being Offered for Sale (between Hampton Road and Balmoral Street, Paris) and the Termination of Lease – Burford Parking Lot be received as information and referred for discussion during the respective staff reports, to be moved up in the agenda.

.Carried

Requests to Adopt By-law Related to the Keeping of Pigeons and Chickens in Urban Areas

Moved by – Councillor Miller
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the requests to adopt a by-law related to the keeping of pigeons and chickens in urban areas be referred to staff for a report.

.Carried

Approval of Minutes

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the Corporate Development Committee minutes of February 10, 2014 be approved.

.Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

CD-14-14 – Lane Closing and Sale to Adjoining Land Owners

In discussion, the Committee generally concurred with the revision put forward by Pinevest Homes and as agreed to by Mr. Stevenson with respect to Parcel 7.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That with respect to the Lane on Plan 346 running between Hampton Street and Balmoral Street, Paris, identified as PIN 32050-0011, staff be authorized to offer by direct sale the following parts as identified on the amended sketch provided by Pinevest Homes at the March 10, 2014 Corporate Development Committee meeting:

- The portion of Part 7 east of Lots 6 and 7 to the abutting property owner to the west of the land,
- The portion of Part 7 east of Lot 8 as follows:
 - A ten (10) foot width to the abutting property owner to the east of the land;
 - A two (2) foot width to the abutting property owner to the west of the land;

And that the sale of lands be subject to the following terms:

1. That the land be consolidated with the Purchaser's existing property;
2. That the selling price be \$14.50 per square metre, plus applicable H.S.T.;
3. That upon receipt of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, in accordance with this recommendation, by-laws be prepared to direct and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to execute the Agreements and any other documents as required to complete the transactions;
4. That the Purchasers be required to appoint solicitors to represent their interests as the Purchasers;
5. That the Purchasers be responsible for legal costs and surveying costs, together with all costs directly related to the purchase of the subject part of the lane; and
6. That public notice that the lands have been deemed surplus and have been offered for sale to the adjacent property owners be given by the approval of the resolution and by-law of Council, in open session.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Miller

That the Lane on Plan 346 running between Hampton Street and Balmoral Street, Paris, identified as PIN 32050-0011, be stopped up and closed and deemed surplus to the needs to the County;

That staff be authorized to offer by direct sale the parts as identified on the sketch attached to CD-14-14 as follows:

1. Parts 1-5 to the abutting property owners to the west of the land;
2. Part 6 to the abutting property owner to the east of the land;
3. Part 8 to the abutting property owner to the east of the land;

(recommendation continued on Page 5)

And that the sale of lands be subject to the following terms:

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4. That the Purchasers be required to appoint solicitors to represent their interests as the Purchasers;
5. That the Purchasers be responsible for legal costs and surveying costs, together with all costs directly related to the purchase of the subject part of the lane; and
6. That public notice that the lands have been deemed surplus and have been offered for sale to the adjacent property owners be given by the approval of the resolution and by-law of Council, in open session.

.Motion Defeated

In discussion, Committee members supported offering the homeowners along Willow Street the entire laneway parcels adjacent to their lots.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

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That staff be authorized to offer by direct sale the parts as identified on the sketch attached to CD-14-14 as follows:

1. Parts 1-5 to the abutting property owners to the west of the land;
2. Part 6 to be split and sold to the abutting property owners to the west of the land;
3. Part 8 to the abutting property owner to the west of the land;

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3. That upon receipt of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, in accordance with this recommendation, by-laws be prepared to direct and authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to execute the Agreements and any other documents as required to complete the transactions;
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6. That public notice that the lands have been deemed surplus and have been offered for sale to the adjacent property owners be given by the approval of the resolution and by-law of Council, in open session.

.Carried

CD-14-24 – Termination of Lease – Burford Parking Lot

In discussion, questions were raised regarding whether there is a septic system or holding tank, usage by the lot by the community in general compared to usage for the two owners, and background regarding requests for repairs / maintenance at the lot.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That staff report CD-14-24 “Termination of Lease – Burford Parking Lot” be referred back to staff for additional information.

.Carried

Consent Items to be Approved

Moved by – Councillor Simons
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That the following Consent Items be approved:

1. Whereas Ontario Regulation 170/03 – Drinking Water Systems requires the owners of large and small municipal residential drinking water systems to provide members of municipal Council with a Drinking Water System Summary Report for the previous year no later than March 31;

That CD-14-23 “2013 Summary Report on the County of Brant’s Municipal Drinking Water Systems” be received and forwarded to Brant County Municipal Council as required per O. Reg. 170/03.

2. That the County of Brant send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and our local M.P.P. requesting that Bill 69, The Prompt Payment Act, 2013 be amended to:
 - Reflect more realistic timelines for payments in infrastructure projects;
 - Allow time for due diligence before accepting work and certifying payments; and
 - Allow payments to continue to be tied to project milestones.
3. That staff be directed to send the letter of response to the South Dumfries Historical Society, as attached to report CD-14-27.
4. Whereas the County of Brant Special Event Advisory Team (S.E.A.T.) has received a request from the Race Director of the Paris to Ancaster Bicycle Race to use County roads along with the Green Lane Sports Complex for their annual race on Sunday, April 27, 2014;

And Whereas the County of Brant Special Event Advisory Team has reviewed and does not object to the use of the following County roads for use during the race: Green Lane, McLean School Road, Howell Road, Harrisburg Road, Burlington Street, Arena Road, Ronald Road, East River Road, McPherson School Road, County Highway 5, German School Road, Beverly Street, Misener Road and Ranch Road;

And Whereas the County of Brant Special Event Advisory Team has reviewed and does not object to the use of Green Lane Sports Complex and grounds for event use;

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant approve a temporary road closure of Green Lane, Paris for the race on April 27, 2014 between 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., subject to the event complying with all requirements of this report and of the Brant County O.P.P.

5. Whereas the County of Brant Special Event Advisory Team (S.E.A.T.) has received a request from the Chair of the Paris Lions Maple Syrup Festival for use of Grand River Street North for their annual event to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014;

And Whereas the County of Brant Special Event Advisory Team has reviewed and does not object to the temporary closure of Grand River Street North between Mechanic Street and William Street between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.;

And Whereas the County of Brant Special Event Advisory Team has reviewed the event details and has provided requirements for use, including:

- Use of reduced pressure style backflow preventer or vacuum breaker on outside water bib required if accessing water supply from County building;
- Tents over 30m² must be flame retardant as per NFPA 701, CAN/ULC S109 Extinguishers;
- Non-Cooking tents shall have a 2A10BC extinguisher within 50 ft;
- Cooking vendors shall have a 40BC or a Type K extinguisher on site as well as a 2A10BC within 50ft;
- A detailed site map indicating emergency services routes;

That the County of Brant approve a temporary road closure of Grand River Street North (between Mechanic Street and William Street) for the Maple Syrup Festival on April 12, 2014, subject to the event complying with all requirements of this report, including those of the Brant County O.P.P.

.Carried

Consent Items to be Received

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Miller

That the following consent items be received as information:

1. CD-14-22 – Annual Permit to Take Water Groundwater Monitoring Reports.
2. Gilbert Creek Fisheries Assessment and Recommended Monitoring Program.
3. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Annual Review of Municipal Emergency Management Program.
4. Municipal Support of Resolutions Re: Proposed O.P.P. Billing Model (Township of Greater Madawaska, Town of Kearney, Town of Atikokan, and Town of Hawkesbury.
5. United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria – Request for Support of Resolution Re: Mandatory On-Site Septic System Inspections.
6. Town of Arnprior – Request for Support of Resolution Re: Increased Electricity Rates.
7. Town of Aurora – Request for Support of Resolution Re: Introduction of Municipal Recall Election Legislation.
8. Lupus Foundation of Ontario – Request for Proclamation of May 10 as “World Lupus Day” and October as “October is Lupus Awareness Month”.
9. Invitation to Participate in the 2014 Ontario Edition of Communities in Bloom.
10. Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes of February 20, 2014.

.Carried

Mayor Eddy questioned if the recommendations outlined in CD-14-22 need to be approved. Cynthia Compeau, General Manager of Public Works, confirmed that the consultant's recommendations are appropriate for approval.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That CD-14-22 “Annual Permit to Take Water Groundwater Monitoring Reports” be received as information and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Miller
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

Whereas lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death;

And Whereas more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age;

And Whereas medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity;

And Whereas many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment;

And Whereas there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus;

And Whereas there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;

Now therefore be it resolved that May 10, 2014 is hereby designated as World Lupus Day on which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue;

And that October, 2014 is hereby designated as “October is Lupus Awareness Month” during which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

.Carried

In response to questions regarding participation in the Communities in Bloom program, Kelly Reichheld, General Manager of Community Services, noted that this correspondence was forwarded to various garden clubs in the County and the Glen Morris group that has participated in the past. There has been no response from these groups. In discussion, it was generally agreed that the County would be supportive of involvement by these groups, if an interest comes forward.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That if a County groups comes forward with an interest in participating in the 2014 Communities in Bloom Program, the County of Brant agree to participate in the 2014 Edition of Communities in Bloom Ontario.

.Carried

CD-14-26 – Proposed Amendments to Business Licensing By-law Number 50-06, as Amended

Moved by – Councillor Simons
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the following amendments to Business Licensing By-law Number 50-06, as amended, be approved:

LICENSE REQUIRED

2. (1) *No person, without a license issued pursuant to this by-law, shall:*
 - (d) *peddle goods or services, except where:*
 - (ix) *the sale, for profit, is conducted by vendors as part of a craft or trade show, and the craft, trade show or event organizer has been issued a specific location sale license for the premises;*
 - (x) *the sale is conducted as part of an event approved by Council and a Special Event Application has been filed by the event organizer in accordance with the Special Event Request Procedure.*

SCHEDULE 1 – MOBILE REFRESHMENT SALES

- 2.1 3. *A Mobile Refreshment Sales License is not required if the sale is conducted as part of an event approved by Council and a Special Event Application has been filed by the event organizer in accordance with the Special Event Request Procedure;*

And that the appropriate amending by-law be presented to Council on March 25, 2014.

.Carried

CD-14-32 – John Noble Home Additional Capital Project

In discussion, the Committee expressed frustration with this matter coming forward after the budget has been finalized. It was suggested that for future budgets, agencies be given an opportunity to present to Council.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the 2014 approved budget be amended to include the John Noble Home Facility Upgrades Capital Project for \$98,675 to be funded from the Capital Reserve;

And that the revised 2014 approved budget resolution with expenses of \$75,974,802, revenues of \$32,556,147 and a tax levy of \$43,418,655 be approved.

.Carried

General Manager of Corporate Services Update

Michael Bradley, General Manager of Corporate Services, updated Committee on the following:

- Treasury staff is closing out the 2013 books, facilitating the audit and working on the County-wide Development Charges background study. An education session is being scheduled for prior to the next Corporate Development Committee meeting.
- Legal Services staff is finalizing the transfer of the Onondaga Hall, which will hopefully be brought forward for the April agenda.
- Human Resources is completing 2014 summer student hires and finalizing the paramedics' collective agreement.
- Information Services and GIS are working on improvements to the back-up system to create redundancies.
- Clerk's Division is moving forward with elections plans as per timelines outlined in the Municipal Elections Act.
- Brant Municipal Enterprises is proceeding with plans for the four approved solar projects.
- The General Manager is primarily engaged in boundaries discussions, analysis of bids for the potential sale of Brant County Power and working to establish the five-year business plan for Brant Municipal Enterprises.

CD-14-31 – OMB Hearing (Ackland)

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That with respect to the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing for application PS2/12 (Ackland, Misnener Road, geographic Town of Paris), Brant County Council not send representation to support their position based on the Brant County Council decision of August 27, 2013.

.Carried

CD-14-30 – Ontario ParaSport Games Deficit Guarantor Letter

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That staff report CD-13-30, dated March 6, 2014 regarding the Ontario ParaSport Games 2015 Bid Opportunity be received;

And that Brant County Council endorse that should Brantford/Brant be selected to host the 2015 ParaSport Games, the County of Brant will be a deficit guarantor for one-third of any deficit for the 2015 ParaSport Games.

.Carried

General Manager of Community Services Update

Kelly Reichheld, General Manager of Community Services, updated Committee on the following:

- The Paris Mounties' are currently leading in the Ontario Hockey Association's Mid-West Championships. A win would take them to the OHA finals.
- The Special Events Brochure was distributed in Councilors' Friday Files.
- The inaugural meeting of the Tourism Advisory Committee will be called shortly.
- A media launch for the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Malcolm's Mills Celebration is scheduled for March 11, 2014, 11:00 at the Oakland Community Centre.
- The hiring of over 50 summer students for 2014 is in progress.
- One staff member from the Cemeteries Division has left. As a result, Keith Cockburn has been hired as Lead Hand Cemetery Operator.
- The Pool main building construction site is very busy. Minutes from the Pool Committee meeting will be presented at the next Council meeting.
- At the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting this afternoon, Doug Hall, Driving Miss Daisy, reported on a significant increase in kilometers driven each month over what was estimated in the Request for Proposal and a nearly \$8,000 per month shortfall for him to continue the contract. It was noted that staff is investigating this matter.

Chief Administrative Officer's Update

Paul Emerson, Chief Administrative Officer, updated Committee on the following:

- Discussions between the Mayor, CAO, General Manager of Corporate Services and individual Councillors regarding boundaries are ongoing. The resulting discussion paper will then be presented back for Council's consideration.
- Annual staff reviews are in process.
- An Emergency Management Group meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014 in anticipation of potential flooding this year.
- The adidas facility tour is scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2014. As a number of Councillors were unable to attend, it was asked if a second tour could be arranged. Mr. Emerson will follow-up on this suggestion.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to meet again on Monday, April 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the Brant County Council Chambers, noting that a Development Charges Education Session would be scheduled to precede the meeting.

Secretary