

Planning and Community Development Committee June 16, 2015 – 10:00 AM

The Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Arlene Wright; Councillors Scott Mackey, Alan Barfoot, Paul McQueen, Sue Paterson, Barb Clumpus, Norm Jack and Gail Ardiel; and Warden Kevin Eccles

Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Sarah Morrison, Intermediate Planner; Petal Furness, Manager, Museum and Archives; Philly Markowitz, Economic Development Officer and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Arlene Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

PCD86-15 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT the Planning and Community Development Committee agenda dated June 16, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Minutes of Meetings

Tourism Advisory Committee minutes dated May 4, 2015 (Referred back to Committee from County Council)

The minutes were reviewed.

PCD87-15 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee dated May 4, 2015 be adopted as amended.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Planning and Community Development Committee minutes dated May 19, 2015

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on June 2, 2015.

Reports – Clerk’s

CCR-PCD-18-15 Five Year Capital Forecast Planning and Community Development Committee 2016-2020

Kevin Weppler provided an outline of the capital forecasting process and highlighted the purpose of the project forms.

Randy Scherzer and Sharon Vokes provided information on upcoming projects and outlined the rationale and need for each. Staff addressed questions and comments regarding the natural heritage study, approval of the Sourcewater Protection Plan, the proposal for construction of an Orange Lodge building at Grey Roots, and proposals for the 150th birthday celebrations for Canada in 2017.

PCD88-15 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

THAT Report CCR-PCD-18-15 regarding the 2016 – 2020 Five Year Capital Forecast be received;

AND THAT the Capital Forecast as presented be forwarded for inclusion in the corporate Five Year Capital & Extra-Ordinary Expenditures Forecast 2016 – 2020 for consideration by County Council.

Carried

CCR-PCD-21-15 Bruce Grey Food Charter

Philly Markowitz addressed the above noted report, recommending that the Bruce Grey

Food Charter be endorsed. Ms. Markowitz outlined each pillar of the Charter.

PCD89-15 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

WHEREAS a diverse, sustainable, and just food system is integral to the overall health of any community;

AND WHEREAS leaders representing all aspects of food across our community engaged in an extensive consultative process to develop a guiding document;

AND WHEREAS that document recognizes the impacts of food on health, social justice, culture, education, economic development and the environment;

AND WHEREAS agriculture and food have been identified in both the County and Economic Development strategic plans as vital to the county's economic viability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report CCR-PCD-21-15 be received;

AND THAT the Bruce Grey Food Charter be endorsed by the County of Grey.

Carried

Reports – Planning

PDR-PCD-27-15 Fracking Information Report

Randy Scherzer addressed the above noted report as a follow up to a deputation in April on the subject. Mr. Scherzer highlighted the process for permits and approvals, the Province's position on fracking operations and outlined the potential impacts from fracking. It was noted that the Province has stated it will not approve any fracking operations unless the regulations are strengthened.

It was further noted that the Province is the approval authority for these operations and no municipal approvals are involved. If the County wishes to ban fracking operations, it would have to request the Province to ban the practice in Grey County.

PCD90-15 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

WHEREAS the Planning and Community Development Committee directed staff to prepare a report on fracking and the potential

impacts from fracking following a deputation that was made before Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Province has indicated that it needs to strengthen regulations around fracking before considering applications within the Province;

AND WHEREAS there are known shale resources within the County of Grey which could attract potential fracking operations in the future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Report PDR-PCD-27-15 be received;

AND THAT the Province shall do further research on the potential impacts caused by fracking operations and either consider banning these operations or strengthening the regulations to ensure there are no negative impacts to the environment caused by these operations and ensure that the process includes consultation with the local municipalities, Aboriginal communities, stakeholders, and the public prior to approving such operations;

AND THAT the Province consider allowing municipalities to determine whether to allow these operations within their jurisdictions;

AND THAT the resolution be circulated to the lower tier municipalities in Grey County, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Members of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe – Grey and Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound.

Carried

PDR-PCD-28-15 Accessible Trails Funding

Sarah Morrison addressed the Committee on the above report. It was noted that the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program was launched, giving \$150 million over two years to assist in renovating and expanding community infrastructure. Ms. Morrison noted that an expression of interest was submitted to assist with upgrading one of the County's trails to an accessible standard in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) Act. The subject trail is located within the St. Vincent Tract.

PCD91-15 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

WHEREAS the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev) has announced the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program whereby municipalities can apply for grant funding to cover a portion of the costs for eligible projects;

AND WHEREAS successful applicants would receive funding for costs incurred between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2018 with the application guidelines indicating that priority may be given for projects applying for 1/3rd funding;

AND WHEREAS applications of interest for the funding were due on June 9th;

AND WHEREAS given the time constraints, an application of interest was submitted to apply for 1/3 funding to improve the trail and lookout at the St. Vincent Tract located in the Municipality of Meaford making them accessible as per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005);

AND WHEREAS the total estimated cost for the project is \$30,000 with \$10,000 being funded by the Canada 150 grant if successful, \$5,000 proposed to be funded from federal gas tax funding in 2016, and the remaining \$15,000 being funded from the Trails Reserve;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Report PDR-PCD-28-15 be received;

AND THAT the Application submitted to the FedDev for the St. Vincent Tract Accessible Trail and Lookout improvements be supported;

AND THAT funding for this project be included in the 2016 budget if the project receives funding from the Canada 150 Grant Program.

Carried

Committee Review of Land Use Planning Appeals / Potential Appeals

Grey County Active Ontario Municipal Board Appeal File List

The Committee reviewed the list.

Correspondence

Pre-Submission Consultation – Lora Bay Phase 2 – Request to Reduce Planning Application Fees

Randy Scherzer noted that the draft approval of the development has lapsed. To proceed, the developer is required to resubmit the application and would be subject to applicable fees. The County has received a request to reduce the application fees.

It was noted that it is the responsibility of the developer to request an extension prior to approval lapsing. The infrastructure is constructed, and is essentially ready to proceed.

Staff can investigate planning application fees for applications that are resubmitted during the comprehensive review of planning fees if this is the wish of the Committee.

PCD92-15 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

THAT the correspondence regarding Lora Bay Phase 2 request to reduce planning application fees be received;

AND THAT the request to reduce application fees be denied.

Carried

Other Business

Verbal Update – Completion of the Food Safety Regulations Course

Philly Markowitz updated the Committee on the Food Safety Regulations Course offered by Georgian College as a partnership between Grey, Bruce and Simcoe Counties and Georgian College.

Rural Economic Development funding was received to help fund the program. Ms. Markowitz elaborated on the success of the program and the benefits it provided to participants.

Delegation Requests for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference

The Committee requested that the following delegation requests be submitted for the AMO Conference:

- Bill 73, Smart Growth for Our Communities Act – Request changes to the Province's proposals regarding amendments to the Planning Act and Development Charges Act
- Request to the Province to undertake further research on impacts caused by fracking and consider banning or strengthening regulations on fracking

Roundabout at Grey Road 19 and 21 and at Grey Road 119

Discussion occurred on the maintenance at the roundabout at Grey Road 119, as well as the need for a roundabout at the intersection of Grey Road 19 and 21.

Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Warden Eccles, the meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM.

Arlene Wright, Chair