



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes April 17, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Present: Chair Arlene Wright; Councillors Alan Barfoot, Kevin Eccles, Harley Greenfield, Norman Jack, Kathi Maskell, Terry McKay and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, CAO; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk/Records Manager; Scott Taylor, Senior Planner; Sarah Morrison, Intermediate Planner; Bryan Plumstead, Tourism Manager and Economic Development Coordinator and Kathie Nunno, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes dated March 20, 2012

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on April 3, 2012.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was none.

Human Resources Update

There was none.

Reports – Planning

PDR-PCD-13-12 Official Plan Amendment Merit Report Re-Designation from “Agricultural” and “Hazard Lands” to “Mineral Resource Extraction” and Hazard Lands”, Township of Southgate,

Part of Lot 1, Concession 16 (Geographic Township of Egremont) Applicant: H. Bye Construction, County File No.: 42-07-06-OPA-115

Sarah Morrison presented the above-noted report regarding an application to amend the County Official Plan to allow for the expansion of an existing pit operation. Staff recommended that the proposal proceed to a public meeting. Questions and comments ensued.

PCD65-12 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

THAT Report PDR-PCD-13-12 is accepted as presented;

AND THAT this proposal proceed to a Public Meeting to consider the Amendment to the County of Grey Official Plan to re-designate the subject lands from “Agricultural” and “Hazard Lands” to “Mineral Resource Extraction” and “Hazard Lands” for the lands described as Part of Lot 1, Concession 16, (Geographic Township of Egremont) Township of Southgate, provided the Township of Southgate is prepared to hold a joint public meeting in consideration of the local amendment requirements.

Carried

PDR-PCD-14-12 Three Year Draft Approval Extension Request, Township of Southgate Lot 18, Part of Lots 17 and 21, Block 6 RP 480 (geographic Village of Dundalk), and Part of Lot 233, Concession 2 SWTSR (geographic Township of Proton) Applicant: Penmar Holdings Inc., County File No.: 42T2006-10 (Victoria Square)

Scott Taylor presented the above report requesting a three-year extension to clear the draft conditions based on additional time constraints due to the complexities of the site.

PCD66-12 Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS draft plan approval was granted for subdivision file no. 42T-2006-10 by the County of Grey on June 16, 2009 for a three year period;

AND WHEREAS the Director of Planning has delegated authority to grant extensions to draft approval for one year intervals only;

AND WHEREAS a request has been received from the applicant’s agent requesting a three year extension to draft approval;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Southgate Council passed a resolution on March 28, 2012 supporting the request for a three year extension to draft approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that under the authority delegated to it by Grey County Council, the Planning and Community Development Committee hereby grants an extension of draft approval for subdivision file no. 42T-2006-10 to June 16, 2015 under Section 51(33) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.

Carried

Quarterly update on Active Planning Applications

Mr. Taylor presented the above report updating the committee as to the status of the current active planning applications. The committee received this for information only.

PCD67-12 Moved by: Councillor Jack

Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

THAT the quarterly update on active planning applications be received for information.

Carried

Councillor Barfoot entered the meeting.

Reports – Clerk’s

CCR-PCD-27-12 Economic Development Implementation Plan

Bryan Plumstead presented the above-noted report which briefly summarized the study process utilized by Matthew Fisher & Associates, presented the recommendations in the consultant’s report and suggested an implementation plan. Following deliberation between model A and model B by the steering committee, the consultant conducted a secondary analysis of the quantitative and qualitative components and subsequently supported model B. The importance of the differentiation between community development and economic development was recognized.

An amendment to the below resolution was proposed by Councillor Eccles to remove the reference to Bruce County. No seconder was obtained at the time.

PCD68-12 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot

Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

WHEREAS The final report: “Grey & Bruce Counties – County Roles in Economic Service Delivery” has been completed and accepted by the Grey Bruce Economic Development Steering Committee on March 2, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the Steering Committee has forwarded the report and its recommendations to Grey County for endorsement and asked staff to recommend an implementation plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-PCD-27-12 providing recommendations for an Economic Development Implementation Plan be received;

AND THAT the recommendation in the Report for Grey and Bruce counties to develop independent county departments is hereby endorsed;

AND FURTHER THAT staff proceed to implement the recommendations related to establishing a Grey Bruce Economic Development Working Group and a Working Group Protocol as recommended in the Report;

AND FURTHER THAT the recommendation to proceed to a second level of consulting to develop a regional strategy that outlines target sectors and key activities for economic development service be delayed and a recommendation be brought forward for consideration at a future date;

AND FURTHER THAT in the event that Bruce County delays the recommendation of separate county economic development departments that the County of Grey shall proceed on its own with the recommendations.

Carried

PCD69-12 Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS the Report “Grey & Bruce Counties – County Roles in Economic Service Delivery” has recommended the structure of independent economic development departments and the establishment of a Working Group in Grey and Bruce counties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grey Bruce Economic Development Partnership be disbanded and that the County of Bruce be given notice as required under the Memorandum of Understanding;

AND THAT consideration be given in the 2013 budget to direct the funds (\$45,000) which have historically been allocated to the Partnership towards Grey Bruce regional economic development initiatives subject to approval by the Planning and Community Development committee.

Carried

PCD70-12 Moved by: Councillor Maskell

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

WHEREAS the Report “Grey & Bruce Counties – County Roles in Economic Service Delivery” has recommended the structure of independent economic

development departments and the establishment of a Working Group in Grey and Bruce counties;

AND WHEREAS the terms of reference for the Grey Bruce Economic Development Steering Committee have been completed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grey Bruce Economic Development Steering Committee be disbanded upon completion of the development of a Protocol for the Grey Bruce Economic Development Working Group;

AND THAT governance for economic development revert to the appropriate standing committee of each council.

Carried

CCR-PCD-28-12 A Request from the Bluewater District School Board to hold the Bluewater Athletic Association Mountain Bike Race in the Derby Tract

Heather Morrison presented the above-noted report requesting approval for the Bluewater District School Board to hold a mountain bike competition in the County's Derby forest tract. Recent upgrades to the Derby tract have enhanced this tract to be more conducive to mountain biking.

PCD71-12 Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

WHEREAS a request has been received from the Bluewater District School Board through West Hill Secondary School to host the Bluewater Athletic Association (BAA) Mountain Bike Race May 1, 2012 in the County's Derby Forest Tract;

AND WHEREAS the Grey County Recreational Trails Strategy permits mountain biking in the Derby Forest Tract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request from the Bluewater District School Board to host the Bluewater Athletic Association (BAA) Mountain Bike Race May 1, 2012 in the Derby Tract be approved subject to the completion of the appropriate land use agreement;

AND THAT approval be given to host the event prior to May 1, 2012 County Council in order to accommodate the event date of May 1, 2012.

Carried

By-law Enforcement Officer Report

This report was received for information only. Mrs. Morrison touched on the recent Forest Stewardship Council audit outcomes, noting that the first audit went exceptionally well. The

Warden's office thanked Heather Morrison and Carl Sadler for their knowledgeable follow up on forest harvesting and other forest-related inquiries with the public.

Correspondence

Letter and Newsletter from the Bluewater Wood Alliance dated January 27, 2012

The Bluewater Wood Alliance requested a second year of funding in the amount of \$2,381.33 and offered to present an update as a delegation to the committee. A newsletter updating the year's accomplishments was also included. Mr. Plumstead noted that these funds were already included in the budget for 2012. It was noted that this is a highly effective economic development endeavour and that a delegation of the alliance would be an appropriate opportunity to celebrate. Staff were directed to invite the Bluewater Wood Alliance to present as a delegation at an upcoming session of County Council.

PCD72-12 Moved by: Councillor Eccles

Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

THAT Council receive the correspondence of the Bluewater Wood Alliance and confirm the budgeted funding of \$2,381.33 for the second year (2012) of the three-year funding program.

Carried

Globe & Mail Article Wood Firms Cluster for Survival and Growth dated March 31, 2012

The focus of the article is the collaboration between business owners to maximize economic development and stability.

Letter from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport regarding the future funding model for tourism dated April 3, 2012

The letter acknowledged that each of the tourism regions are very different and supported the industry's initiative to voluntarily collect marketing fees where desired. Tourism Minister Michael Chan also confirmed the government's commitment to providing \$40 million in annual funding to the regional tourism organizations as well as its support of the regional approach.

Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen resolution regarding Ontario wildlife damage compensation program

The Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen requested the support of Ontario municipalities as well as the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in their resolution requesting that the eligibility requirement of a valid farm business registration number be removed from the application for wildlife damage compensation.

PCD73-12 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT the above correspondence be noted and filed.

Carried

Other Business

Mr. Taylor provided an update on Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 80, the five-year official plan review for Grey County. Signed minutes of settlement have been received by two appellants, Cuesta Planning Consultants Inc. and Insicon Inc. These minutes of settlement will need to be approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), and staff are still waiting on a pre-hearing date to be scheduled.

A meeting was held including the County of Grey, Town of Hanover and Municipality of West Grey wherein some ideas for the resolution of the Hanover appeal were identified. Wording is being drafted and will be presented to the parties relating to this.

Committee inquired about which official plan policies are in force and effect: the existing policies or the OPA 80 policies. Mr. Taylor noted that section 17 (38) of the Planning Act indicates that those sections not under appeal are in force and effect. Mr. Taylor further noted that when OPA 80 was first appealed, staff worked with the appellants to try to scope the appeals, to determine what was under appeal, but were unsuccessful in this regard. Based on the appeals submitted, it is somewhat unclear as to exactly what is under appeal and, therefore, it is unclear what remaining policies could be considered in force and effect.

A future OMB pre-hearing should assist in clarifying the matters in this regard. The matter is further complicated by the Board's ability to retroactively approve those policies not considered to be under appeal back to the day after the last date of the original appeal deadline. Staff are continuing to work to resolve this matter.

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Councillor Barfoot, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Arlene Wright, Chair