

## Planning and Community Development Committee

March 18, 2014 – 10:00 AM

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, Paul McQueen, Kathi Maskell, Francis Richardson, Norman Jack, Duncan McKinlay and Kevin Eccles; and Warden Brian Milne. Councillor Bob Pringle was in attendance for Councillor Terry McKay

Regrets: Councillor Terry McKay

### Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, County Clerk / Director of Council Services; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology; Scott Taylor, Senior Planner, Sarah Morrison, Intermediate Planner; Bryan Plumstead, Tourism Manager; Philly Markowitz, Economic Development Officer; Meredith Bowers, Economic Development Officer and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

### Call to Order

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

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

### Business Arising from the Minutes

*Planning and Community Development Committee minutes dated  
February 18, 2014*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted as presented by Grey County Council on March 4, 2014.

## Deputations

*Denise Baker, Partner – WeirFoulds LLP*

Denise Baker attended the meeting to address the Committee on the proposed redesignation of the lands noted in Addendum to Report PDR-PCD-19-13 regarding Official Plan Amendment 122, being the West Grey Hanover Secondary Plan.

Ms. Baker began by stating the need for collaboration and outlined the reasons that the Official Plan Amendment should not be adopted as is. Ms. Baker further stated that the objectives can be achieved without redesignating the lands and that the current proposal does not avoid leapfrogging. Ms. Baker noted that her clients wish to continue farming and have no desire to develop.

Ms. Baker noted the impacts of extending 2<sup>nd</sup> Street easterly and then northerly to connect with Grey Road 4, as well as the impacts to the farming operations of the Magwoods, who are property owners in the secondary plan area.

Ms. Baker concluded that OPA 122 should either be amended to exclude her clients lands, or it should be refused.

*Ron Davidson, Planner – Land Use Planning Consultant Inc.*

Ron Davidson appeared before the Committee to speak on the subject matter surrounding Addendum to Report PDR-PCD-19-13, being the West Grey Hanover Secondary Plan.

Mr. Davidson provided the Committee with a background of the matter. Mr. Davidson noted that he believes that the parties have collaborated during the process. Mr. Davidson explained the planning rationale behind the secondary plan lands, including the forecasted need for additional growth lands. The need for a bypass to 10<sup>th</sup> Street / Grey Road 4 was cited.

## Reports – Planning

*Addendum to Report PDR-PCD-19-13 OPA 122 West Grey Hanover  
Secondary Plan*

Scott Taylor presented the above report, recommending that certain lands in the Municipality of West Grey adjacent to the Town of Hanover be redesignated as Highway Commercial and Open Space.

Mr. Taylor noted that Official Plan Amendment 80 identified the subject lands as a Future Secondary Plan Area in order to accommodate future growth around the Town of Hanover. Mr. Taylor further noted that the Magwood's have consistently indicated that they do not wish their lands to be included in any growth designation and wish to continue farming.

The land subject to the proposed redesignation will remain in the Municipality of West Grey, however it is proposed that servicing be extended from the Town of Hanover.

The extension of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street easterly and northerly to connect with Grey Road 4 was discussed and staff noted that attempts have been made to mitigate the impact of the road on the Magwood lands. Staff have also developed a proposal which they feel is a compromise between the desires of the Magwoods and the need for future growth. Mr. Taylor noted that the Magwood lands could not be completely bypassed in the redesignation based on Provincial Policy and the County Official Plan.

*PCD34-14* Moved by: Councillor McKinlay      Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

**THAT the proposed County Official Plan Amendment to re-designate a portion of the lands described as Part Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Concession 1 SDR, (Geographic Township of Bentinck) Municipality of West Grey, to the "Highway Commercial" and "Open Space" designations be supported;**

**AND THAT the Addendum to Report PDR-PCD-19-13 be hereby received;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the appropriate by-law be prepared for consideration by County Council.**

Carried

*By-law Enforcement Officer Report March 2014*

The Committee considered the above report.

*PCD35-14* Moved by: Councillor McQueen      Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

**THAT the By-law Enforcement Officer Report for March 2014 be received for information.**

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed, then reconvened.

## Reports – Information Technology

### *ITR-PCD-01-14 Intelligent Community Initiative*

Geoff Hogan and Meredith Bowers addressed the Committee on the subject report regarding the Intelligent Community Initiative. Mr. Hogan began by explaining what an Intelligent Community is, the benefits and importance of embracing the opportunity to become an Intelligent Community, and the success factors for such a community.

Mr. Hogan stated the importance of embracing advanced broadband technology. Continual upgrades in the medical, government and commerce fields are demanding advancements in broadband. Such advancements contribute significantly to the economic and social success of communities and are necessary to compete on a global scale.

The Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) announced the Intelligent Region project in 2013 and hired Cisco to undertake an assessment of the member communities to measure preparedness for broadband application. Meredith Bowers noted that the Cisco team accompanied her on a tour of Grey County and undertook numerous interviews with business owners. Ms. Bowers noted that this was a great opportunity to connect with business owners in the region.

Mr. Hogan then outlined the next steps and recommendations for Grey County, including the County hiring someone to assist in moving the project forward. A draft timeline for the remainder of 2014 was also presented.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

*PCD36-14* Moved by: Councillor Barfoot                      Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

**WHEREAS encouraging diversification of local and regional economies through the increased use of broadband and information and communications technologies (ICT) is an essential component of developing a knowledge-based economy;**

**AND WHEREAS leveraging high speed, high capacity communications technologies (broadband) across a wide range of**

**sectors achieves above average rates of economic growth, job creation, social diversification and environmental innovation;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County is participating in the Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) Intelligent Region Project;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reports ITR-PCD-02-14 be received;**

**AND THAT Grey County participate in the SWEA Job Creation Partnership (JCP) program to access community engagement specialists to staff the project;**

**AND THAT if suitable JCP placements cannot be found that a contract staff be hired to help manage the project;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Grey County single source Intelligent Community Forum to provide its Accelerator program to fast track local community engagement;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the project be funded from the approved 2014 Intelligent Community budget.**

Carried

## Reports – Clerk

### *CCR-PCD-10-14 Recommendations on Replacing County Owned Road Signage*

Sharon Vokes addressed the above report. Mrs. Vokes noted that both the Planning and Community Development Committee and the Transportation and Public Safety Committee have an interest in the road signage and the report will be presented to both Committees. It was noted that directional, tourism and heritage community signage are not addressed in the report.

Mrs. Vokes outlined the proposed criteria developed for entrance way signage, municipal identification signage and community identification signage and the proposed sizes and design of each.

PCD37-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Jack

**WHEREAS County Council at its February 4, 2014 session directed staff to develop a signage plan and recommended funding model of county owned road signage and entry way signage along county boundaries;**

**AND WHEREAS it is desirous to refresh county owned road signage by replacing signs that have the old logo;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning and Community Development Committee hereby receives Report CCR-PCD-10-14 and endorses the criteria contained within Report CCR-TAPS-11-14 for the replacement of County owned road signage and recommends its adoption to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee;**

**AND THAT a report be brought forward regarding historical signage in September 2014.**

Carried

The Committee recessed at 12:25 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

*CCR-PCD-13-14 Economic Development Action Plan – Proposed Study Process and Rural Economic Development Program Funding Agreement*

Bryan Plumstead addressed the above report. Mr. Plumstead noted that an Economic Development Action Plan Steering Committee is proposed to be struck to provide direction to the consultant being hired to conduct the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Staff noted that it is desirable for members of the steering committee to broadly represent the County and staff wish to recommend certain members for appointment.

It was suggested that one member be from the Agricultural industry, in addition to the business, industrial, health care and education sectors.

Further, staff are requesting authorization to execute an agreement with the Ministry of Rural Affairs for receipt of the Rural Economic Development (RED) funding, to be used for the development of the Grey County Economic Development Action Plan.

*PCD38-14* Moved by: Councillor Eccles                      Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

**WHEREAS Grey County's 2014 budget includes funding to contract consulting services to undertake an Economic Development Action Plan;**

**AND WHEREAS it is beneficial to have input from stakeholders representing different economic sectors in the development of the Economic Development Action Plan;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-PCD-13-14 be received;**

**AND THAT the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Action Plan Steering Committee, including membership from sector stakeholders, is hereby endorsed as amended in Report CCR-PCD-13-14 by requiring that one member be from the agricultural industry;**

**AND THAT staff are hereby directed to incorporate the deliverables proposed in Report CCR-PCD-13-14 in the Request for Proposal.**

Carried

*PCD39-14* Moved by: Councillor McKinlay      Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

**WHEREAS the Ministry of Rural Affairs has approved \$37,500 funding for the Grey County Economic Development Action Plan;**

**AND WHEREAS this funding is contingent on the County and the Ministry entering into the Rural Economic Development (RED) Funding Agreement;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Warden and Clerk execute the Rural Economic Development (RED) Agreement.**

Carried

*CCR-PCD-14-14 Rural Economic Development Program Funding – Food Safety Curriculum Development Project*

Philly Markowitz presented the above report, noting that Grey County was informed that it was approved for \$24,900 in funding from the Ministry of Rural Affairs to be utilized for the Food Safety Regulatory Training for new and existing food businesses project in 2014. Staff are requesting authorization to enter into the Rural Economic Development (RED) agreement with the Ministry when it is received.

*PCD40-14* Moved by: Councillor McKinlay      Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

**WHEREAS Grey County has entered into an agreement with Georgian College to develop the Food Safety Regulatory Training for**

**New and Existing Food Businesses and has budgeted for this project in 2014;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County is the project lead in partnership with Georgian College and manages financial contributions from Simcoe and Bruce County;**

**AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Rural Affairs has approved \$24,900 funding for the Food Safety Regulatory Training for New and Existing Food Businesses course development project in 2014;**

**AND WHEREAS the Ministry has indicated that this funding is contingent on the County and its co-applicants, Georgian College and Simcoe County, entering into the Rural Economic Development (RED) Funding Agreement with the Ministry;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-PCD-14-14 be received;**

**AND THAT the Warden and Clerk execute the Rural Economic Development (RED) Agreement, once a final agreement has been received and vetted through Grey County's agreement process.**

Carried

## Correspondence

*Jerry Oullette – Ministry of Natural Resources Bear Hunt; 2014 Provincial Policy Statement Released at OGRA/ROMA; 2014 Provincial Policy Statement; New Regulations Coming Into Effect for the Management of the Emerald Ash Borer; Letter from Bill Walker – Ontario Government Support for Marine Emergency Duties Training Facility*

PCD41-14 Moved by: Councillor Pringle                      Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

**THAT the following correspondence be received for information:**

- **Jerry Oullette – Ministry of Natural Resources Bear Hunt**
- **2014 Provincial Policy Statement Released at OGRA/ROMA**
- **2014 Provincial Policy Statement**



- **New Regulations Coming Into Effect for the Management of the Emerald Ash Borer**
- **Letter from Bill Walker – Ontario Government Support for Marine Emergency Duties Training Facility**

Carried

## Committee Review of Land Use Planning Appeals / Potential Appeals

### *Grey County Active Ontario Municipal Board Appeals File List*

Scott Taylor addressed the above item, noting that the hearing for the Harold Sutherland Construction Keppel Quarry expansion is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A report on the road use agreement will be proceeding to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

## Other Business

Scott Taylor noted that the County has received notification that the Culvert 21 project will be receiving an award from the Grey County Historical Society.

## Next Meeting Dates

**Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Jack, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM

Arlene Wright, Chair