



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Corporate Services Committee Minutes July 24, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Present: Chair Kevin Eccles; Councillors Dwight Burley, Norman Jack, Paul McQueen, Bob Pringle, Bob White, Arlene Wright; and Warden Duncan McKinlay.

Regrets: Councillor Francis Richardson.

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Sharon Vokes, Director of Corporate Services/County Clerk; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Grant McLevy, Director of Human Resources; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Mike Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk/Records Manager; Wendy Henderson, Manager of Ontario Works; and Merrylynn Henry, Administrative Assistant.

Call to Order

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

Space Needs Review Task Force Committee minutes dated June 26, 2012

CS88-12 Moved by: Councillor White Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the minutes of the Space Needs Review Task Force Committee dated June 26, 2012 be approved as presented.

Carried

Corporate Services Committee Minutes dated June 26, 2012

The Corporate Services Committee minutes dated June 26, 2012 were reviewed.

CS89-12 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Jack

THAT the Corporate Services Committee Minutes of June 26, 2012, be approved, as presented.

Carried

Councillor Pringle joined the meeting.

Reports - Property

County-Owned former Owen Sound Jail

Mr. Wyatt provided an update on the status of the County-owned former Owen Sound Jail.

CS90-12 Moved by: Councillor White Seconded by: Councillor Wright

THAT legal counsel be instructed to execute the full terms and conditions of the original agreement dated March 11, 1960 between the Corporations of the County of Grey and the City of Owen Sound regarding the transfer of ownership of the former Owen Sound Jail to the City.

Carried

Reports – Finance Department

FR-CS-24-12 – Allowing Municipalities to Opt Out of Business Tax Capping

The Corporate Services Committee at its meeting on June 26, 2012 in its resolution of CS87-12, referred to staff for further information the matter addressed in the resolution of the Township of Chatsworth of June 6, 2012, “.....requesting the Minister of Finance and the Province of Ontario to amend the contents of the Municipal Act, 2011 to allow upper and single-tier municipalities to opt out of the business tax capping program set out in part IX of the Municipal Act of the 2013 taxation year and further tax cycles...”.

In this regard, Mr. Wepler presented Report FR-CS-24-12 regarding Allowing Municipalities to Opt Out of Business Tax Capping and advised that the report had been forwarded to the local municipalities. One local municipality commented that if the Province and County take the direction of opting out then it would be recommended that an appropriate exit strategy be examined to mitigate the transition.

CS91-12 Moved by: Councillor White Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

THAT the Director of Finance’s Report FR-CS-24-12 regarding allowing Municipalities to Opt Out of Business Tax Capping be received;

AND THAT the County of Grey respectfully requests that the Minister of Finance

and the Province of Ontario amend the contents of the Municipal Act, 2001 to allow upper and single-tier municipalities to opt out of the business tax capping program set out in Part IX of that Act for the 2013 taxation year and future tax cycles.

Carried

The Committee requested staff to put forward a request for a delegation before the Minister of Finance at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in regard to allowing municipalities to opt out of the Business Tax Capping Program.

FR-CS-25-12 – Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund

Mr. Wepler presented Report FR-CS-25-12 and outlined the parameters and eligibility requirements of the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, possible eligible projects put forward by senior management staff for consideration and the recommendation to submit an application for the Rehabilitation of Culvert #21 on the CP Rail Trail Project.

Mrs. Morrison addressed the potential heritage designation of the bridge and considerations that are required.

Discussion was held on the funding program as well as the projects put forward by Senior Management, contained in the report, and following deliberations the projects for the *Renovation/Expansion to Alpha Street Housing Storage Garage for use as a Family Resource Centre Project* and *Paving of Road Shoulders Project* were recommended, in addition to the Rehabilitation of Culvert #21 on the CP Rail Trail project, to be put forward for submission.

CS92-12 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, through Canada's Economic Action Plan 2012, is implementing the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF);

AND WHEREAS the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev), delivering this program announced the launch of the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund in Ontario and is responsible for delivering \$49.6 million dollars over two years in its respective region;

AND WHEREAS the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund is to support the rehabilitation and improvement of existing community infrastructure that is non-commercial and accessible for use by the public;

AND WHEREAS the application process for funding requires that project application(s) must be accompanied by a resolution of Council endorsing the

application(s) and multiple applications, if submitted, must be prioritized and applications/supporting documentation must be submitted by August 24, 2012;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report FR-CS-25-12 regarding the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund be received;

AND THAT Council approve the submission of the following applications/projects identified as follows in priority sequence for funding under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund:

- 1) Rehabilitation of Culvert #21 on the CP Rail Trail.**
- 2) Renovate and Expand Alpha Street Housing Storage Garage for use as a Family Resource Centre Project;**
- 3) Paving of Road Shoulders Project to provide active transportation enhancement to the road network.**

AND THAT Senior Management bring forward a report to County Council regarding the costing of the above projects and proposed funding.

Carried

The Committee recessed 11:30 a.m. and returned at 11:40 a.m.

Correspondence

Federal Government's Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP)

CS93-12 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

THAT the following correspondence regarding the Federal Government's Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) be received:

- i. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to Prime Minister of Canada regarding Emergency Preparedness dated June 29, 2012 requesting the Government to keep the JEPP Program so communities are equipped to respond to local emergencies and disasters; and**
- ii. County of Grey's Office of the Warden to the Prime Minister of Canada dated July 9, 2012 requesting the Government of Canada reconsider its decision and keep the JEPP program.**

Carried

Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces By-law/Rescinding of By-law 3942-02

Mrs. Vokes reported on responses received to-date from the lower tier municipalities. The responses are further to circulation of Council's resolution of May 1, 2012, for the purpose of determining "... if the majority of the lower tier municipalities that represent the majority of

electors support the County's proposal to enact a by-law restricting smoking and to support rescinding By-law 3942-02."

CS94-12 Moved by: Warden McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the following correspondence regarding Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces By-law be received and brought forward as background when Council considers the possibility of enacting a Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces By-law:

- i. **Town of Hanover dated June 22, 2012 regarding Smoke Free Outdoor Spaces By-law recommendation approved July 16, 2012**
- ii. **The Canadian Cancer Society dated June 21, 2012 regarding the Smoke-free Outdoor Spaces By-law.**

Carried

Opting Out of Business Tax Capping

CS95-12 Moved by: Councillor Wright Seconded by: Councillor Jack

THAT the correspondence dated June 28, 2012 from the Town of Tillsonburg be received and the resolution of its Council dated June 25, 2012 regarding Business Tax Capping Reform be supported.

Carried

Provincial Government's Collective Bargaining Expectations in 2012 Budget

Mr. McLevy addressed the correspondence received from the Provincial Government and discussion followed.

CS96-12 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the following correspondence regarding the Provincial Government's Collective Bargaining Expectations in 2012 Budget be received:

- i. **To the Head of Council from Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated July 19, 2012**
- ii. **To the Broader Public Sector (BPS) Employers from the Dwight Duncan, Deputy Premier, Minister of Finance (undated) regarding Provincial Compensation Framework**

AND THAT staff request a delegation with the Minister of Labour regarding the Ontario Arbitration Process and Awards;

AND THAT the Warden follow-up with a letter to Dwight Duncan, Deputy

Premier and Minister of Finance, and Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ,expressing disappointment at the Provincial Government's Expectations regarding its Provincial Compensation Framework.

Carried

Other Business

Request(s) for Ministerial Delegation at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference

The Committee had previously in the meeting asked staff to request the following Ministerial Delegations at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference as follows:

- i) Minister of Finance in regard to allowing municipalities to opt out of the Business Tax Capping Program, and
- ii) Minister of Labour in regard to the Ontario Arbitration Process and Awards.

Next Meeting Dates

- **Tuesday, August 14, 2012**

On motion by Warden McKinlay the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Kevin Eccles, Chair