

## Planning and Community Development Committee

October 16, 2014 – 10:00 AM

The Planning and Community Development Committee met on the above date at Grey Roots Museum and Archives with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Arlene Wright; Councillors Terry McKay, Alan Barfoot, Kathi Maskell, Francis Richardson, Norman Jack and Duncan McKinlay; and Warden Brian Milne

Regrets: Councillors Paul McQueen and Kevin Eccles

### Staff

Present: Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk / Records Manager; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager 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.

## Minutes of Meetings

*Tourism Advisory Committee minutes dated September 18, 2014*

The Tourism Advisory Committee minutes were reviewed.

PCD107-14 Moved by: Councillor Jack

Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

**THAT the minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee dated September 18, 2014 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## Business Arising from the Minutes

*Planning and Community Development Committee minutes dated September 16, 2014*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on October 7, 2014.

## Reports – Information Technology

*ITR-PCD-05-14 Intelligent County and Broadband Initiative*

Geoff Hogan presented the above report and provided the Committee with a history of the broadband initiative. Staff are hoping to begin undertaking plans for implementing broadband initiatives locally.

The Committee noted the importance of moving forward with the project and the benefits associated with it.

Staff spoke to the barriers that can exist with this project in terms of varying regulations between municipalities and what is needed to overcome those barriers.

Mr. Hogan noted that the County is proposing to hire an individual to develop options on how to deliver broadband within the region. Grey County needs to be a facilitator in the process and there is a large need for public engagement within the community.

The Committee noted the need for political involvement as well.

*PCD108-14* Moved by: Councillor Richardson      Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

**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 the lack of affordable high quality broadband is impeding Grey County residents and businesses ability to fully take advantage of the new economy;**

**AND WHEREAS initial results of the County's Economic Development Action Plan indicate that the implementation of high quality broadband needs to be a priority of Grey County;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report ITR-PCD-05-14 be received;**

**AND THAT the community engagement facilitating an Intelligent Community in Grey County be continued;**

**AND FURTHER THAT a plan be drafted and brought forward for the incoming Council's consideration to have the County facilitate broadband construction in Grey County;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the plans be included in the 2015 budget deliberations.**

Carried

## Reports – Planning

### *PDR-PCD-34-14 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 3 of 2014*

Randy Scherzer and Heather Morrison presented the above quarterly purchasing report as required by the purchasing policy.

The two items noted in the report include trail stone dusting, as well as insulation and foundation work for the historical equipment building at Grey Roots.

*PCD109-14* Moved by: Councillor McKay                      Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

**THAT Report PDR-PCD-34-14, being a quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 3 of 2014 for the Clerk's and Planning Departments, be received for information.**

Carried

The remaining Planning Department reports were considered later in the meeting.

*Grey County Planning Active Development File List*

Randy Scherzer updated the Committee on the Active Development File List.

Mr. Scherzer noted that the prehearing for the West Grey – Hanover Secondary Plan Official Plan Amendment 122 is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Grey County Council Chambers.

Councillor McKinlay stated that the Blue Mountains Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with MacPherson Builders for the conveyance of land to maintain the Plater-Martin archeological site.

*PCD110-14* Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

**THAT the Grey County Planning Active Development File List be received for information.**

Carried

Reports – Clerk

*CCR-PCD-27-14 Historical Community Signage Recommendation*

Heather Morrison presented the above report. Staff have developed criteria to determine which communities will have historic signage. Staff are recommending that Transportation Services staff include the historic community signage criteria in its development of a comprehensive road signage policy, and that the historic community signs be purchased in 2014 and installed in 2015.

County staff have offered to research whether other communities qualify as historic communities on behalf of the lower tier municipalities if they wish.

Discussion occurred on the need to circulate the report to the lower tiers before decisions are made on names for certain communities. Further discussion occurred on whether previous historic names should also be included on signage.

The possibility for partnering with the Women's Institute was suggested to discuss what name will be assigned to the intersection of Grey Road 18 and Grey Road 5, as this intersection has been called both Mennonite Corners and Squires Corners.

*PCD111-14* Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

**WHEREAS at the March 18, 2014 meeting of the Planning and Community Development Committee staff was directed to develop**

**recommendations for the implementation of historic community signage on county owned roads;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-PCD-27-14 regarding recommendations for historic community signage be received and the recommendations contained within the report be endorsed;**

**AND THAT the Transportation Services' staff include the historic community signage criteria in its development of a comprehensive road signage policy;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the historic community signs identified in Report CCR-PCD-27-14 be purchased in 2014 and funded from the One Time Reserve;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the 2015 Transportation Services budget include funding to erect the signs in 2015;**

**AND FURTHER THAT county staff circulate the research information to municipalities seeking any additional relevant information prior to finalizing the sign script and bring back a report with the recommended historic sign names;**

**AND FURTHER THAT County Council encourages its member municipalities to consider implementing the same criteria for historic community signage on local roads.**

Carried

Reports – Planning (continued)

*PDR-PCD-32-14 Georgian Gate Windfall Draft Approval Extension*

*Request*

Randy Scherzer presented the above report and outlined the location of the subject lands. The developer has requested a three year extension, which the Town has supported. County staff are recommending that the extension be approved.

*PCD112-14* Moved by: Councillor McKinlay      Seconded by: Councillor Jack

**WHEREAS draft plan approval was granted for Plan of Subdivision File 42T-2010-03 by the County of Grey on November 15, 2011 with**

**revisions to the plan approved on May 10, 2012 and September 16, 2014;**

**AND WHEREAS a request has been received from the owner's agent requesting a three year draft approval extension;**

**AND WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the request for an additional three year extension as noted in a letter from the Town dated September 10, 2014;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning and Community Development Committee receives Planning Report PDR-PCD-32-14;**

**AND THAT the Planning and Community Development Committee hereby grants an extension of draft approval for Plan of Subdivision File 42T-2010-03 to November 15, 2017 under Section 51(33) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended.**

Carried

*PDR-PCD-33-14 Draft Transportation Master Plan and Implementation  
Action Plan*

Randy Scherzer updated the Committee on the status of the Transportation Master Plan and provided a history of the initiative to date.

The consultant has provided a draft Plan to the County and staff are recommending that the draft be circulated to the lower tier municipalities and community stakeholders for review and comment, and that the final Plan be brought forward to the new council for consideration.

Mr. Scherzer noted that the recommendations are dependent on funding, and highlighted the action items, including those related to transit, active transportation, connecting links, and bridge and road rationalization.

The Committee stated that the New Year is the preferred time for the commenting period because of the upcoming municipal election.

The need for a formal process and meeting for the public's involvement and input was cited. The Committee requested that a public open house / public meeting be scheduled in 2015 where the Plan could be presented and discussed.

It was noted that there is a need for an engagement strategy. Staff will prepare a draft

engagement strategy and bring it to the Committee at the November meeting.

*PCD113-14* Moved by: Councillor McKinlay      Seconded by: Warden Milne

**WHEREAS the County is in receipt of a draft Transportation Master Plan prepared by Cole Engineering as requested by Council;**

**AND WHEREAS the draft Transportation Master Plan includes a draft Action Plan which identifies proposed action items and timelines for implementing the recommendations contained in the draft Transportation Master Plan;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning and Community Development Committee receives Planning Report PDR-PCD-33-14;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to circulate the draft Transportation Master Plan to local municipalities and community stakeholders that have been involved throughout the process of the Transportation Master Plan for final review and comment;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the comments received be summarized in a report and that a final Transportation Master Plan be brought forward to the new Council for their consideration.**

Carried

*Addendum No. 2 to PDR-PCD-13-09 Endangered Species Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment*

Randy Scherzer presented the above report on the harmonization of the Endangered Species Act and the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

The proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan has been circulated to the lower tier municipalities and no comments have been received to date.

Mr. Scherzer outlined the staff's comments and recommendations on the proposed amendment. Staff are recommending that the report be forwarded to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) for consideration during the review process.

The Committee requested that the Niagara Escarpment Commission representative provide regular updates to the Committee on the activities of the NEC.

*PCD114-14* Moved by: Councillor Jack      Seconded by: Warden Milne

**WHEREAS the County of Grey and member municipalities have been circulated on proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment Number PC 201 13 regarding harmonization with the *Endangered Species Act*;**

**AND WHEREAS the Niagara Escarpment Commission has requested comments on Amendment Number PC 201 13;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Addendum No. 2 to Report PDR-PCD-13-09 be received;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to forward Addendum No. 2 to Report PDR-PCD-13-09 on to the Niagara Escarpment Commission for their consideration in the review of the proposed Amendment Number PC 201 13.**

Carried

*By-law Enforcement Officer Report October 2014*

The Committee considered the above report.

*PCD115-14* Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

**THAT the By-law Enforcement Officer report for October 2014 be received for information.**

Carried

Committee Review of Land Use Planning Appeals / Potential Appeals

*Grey County Active Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Appeals File List*

The Committee considered the above noted list.

Correspondence

*Town of Halton Hills Resolution – Buy American Resolution*

*PCD116-14* Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

**THAT the County of Grey support the Town of Halton Hills' resolution No. 2014-0164 regarding support for free, fair and reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada , and abstaining from the use of "Buy American provisions.**

Carried

## Other Business

### *Grey Roots' Update*

Susan Martin updated the Committee on the current exhibits at Grey Roots. "Bountiful Grey County" is the new agricultural exhibit on display and covers the time frame from pre settlement to 1920. The exhibit will be open until the end of May.

Ms. Martin further noted that the Mrs. Eaton's War exhibit will open on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. As part of the opening, Nick Wells will be present to do a dramatization.

### *Verbal Update on the Growth Management Study*

Randy Scherzer updated the Committee on the Growth Management Study, noting that the consultant has presented preliminary comments and a summary of municipal feedback from a development and growth perspective. Mr. Scherzer provided highlights of the summary, noting that the projected population growth is slower than originally anticipated, however employment growth will be consistent. The recession and loss of industry have had an impact on the region. Although it doesn't appear that a significant number of new jobs will be created, the retirement of baby boomers will assist in job availability.

It was noted that Grey County has fared better than many rural communities in recovering from the recession.

Mr. Scherzer outlined the next steps in the project, including continuing with staff and industry stakeholder consultation, finalizing a land supply inventory, and preparing a seasonal unit forecast.

Updates will be provided as the strategy develops.

### *Planning Department Update*

There were no further updates from the Planning Department.

The Committee thanked Brian Manser for his service to the County, and wished him the best during his retirement.

## Next Meeting Dates

**Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Richardson, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM

Arlene Wright, Chair