



# Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

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## **Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes August 16, 2012 – 10:20 a.m.**

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 Harley Greenfield, Alan Barfoot, Kevin Eccles, Kathi Maskell, Terry McKay, Norman Jack, Wayne Fitzgerald and Warden Duncan McKinlay

### Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Bryan Plumstead, Tourism Manager/Economic Development Coordinator; Scott Taylor, Senior Planner; and Barb Heerschap, Recording Secretary

Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager and Sharon Melville, Buyer, entered the meeting for the presentation of Report CCR-PCD-47-12.

The Committee viewed the video “Wish you were Here”.

Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There was none.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

*Planning and Community Development Committee minutes dated July 17, 2012*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on August 7, 2012.

### **Reports – Planning**

*PDR-PCD-24-12 County Official Plan Amendment Merit Report, Lots 9 and 10, Concessions 1 and 2, Municipality of Meaford (Geographic Township of St. Vincent) Applicant: Meaford Highlands Resort, County file no.: 42-10-48-OPA-117*

Scott Taylor presented the above-noted report on a proposed county official plan amendment to permit a resort style development with a focus on active living and wellness.

Mr. Taylor advised that County staff have implemented a trial “Development Review Committee” to assist in ensuring that the applications are processed in a streamlined fashion. He indicated that the Committee will be comprised of municipal staff, agencies, multiple county staff and representatives from the First Nations and the Metis.

It was noted that this will be a positive move with all parties working together. Mr. Taylor advised that if the Development Review Committee is successful on this trial period, the County would implement the process for future larger development applications and pre-submission consultations.

Mr. Taylor advised that sufficient documentation has been submitted to date to deem the application complete and recommended that the proposal proceed to a public meeting.

A brief discussion then followed.

**PCD132-12** Moved by: Councillor Greenfield                      Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT Report PDR-PCD-24-12 is accepted as presented;**

**AND THAT this proposal proceed to a Public Meeting to consider the Amendment to the County Official Plan to re-designate the subject lands from ‘Rural’ and ‘Hazard Lands’ to ‘Recreational Resort Area’ and ‘Hazard Lands’ for lands described as Part Lots 9 and 10, Concessions 1 and 2 (geographic Township of St. Vincent), Municipality of Meaford, provided the Municipality of Meaford is prepared to hold a joint public meeting in consideration of the local amendment requirements.**

Carried

*PDR-PCD-25-12 Approval of the Municipality of West Grey Official Plan*

Scott Taylor presented the above-noted report with regard to the approval of the Municipality of West Grey Official Plan. As the West Grey Official Plan was adopted in February, County staff was unable to provide a final recommendation on the Plan until such time as County Official Plan No. 80 was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board. Both municipal and County staff have agreed on the proposed modifications with the exception of the proposed modification relating to landfills as these modifications are subject to conformity to the County Official Plan.

A brief discussion took place with regard to the “dots” representing the landfill sites which have not been fully verified. Discussion with the Ministry of Environment staff to remove the dots have taken place but Ministry staff cautioned staff there may be liability issues involved.



**AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary to proceed with the stabilization of Culvert 21 to prevent any further environmental concerns involving the Spey River;**

**AND WHEREAS construction to provide stabilization must begin immediately due to the seasonal constraints of in-water work permitted by Grey Sauble Conservation Authority;**

**AND WHEREAS the culvert stabilization will be tendered as per Grey County's Purchasing Policy;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning and Community Development committee authorize staff to proceed immediately to tender for the stabilization of Culvert 21 and for work to begin immediately following tender close prior to the September 4, 2012 Council session due to environmental and seasonal time constraints;**

**AND THAT the funds necessary for this project be funded from the Trails Reserve.**

Carried

### **Reports - Planning (cont.)**

#### *PDR-PCD-27-12 Niagara Escarpment Commission Strategic Plan*

Randy Scherzer presented the above-noted report and reviewed the ten strategic goal categories identified in the draft strategic plan. Staff noted that it is important for the Niagara Escarpment Plan review to recognize and incorporate the policies and designations approved in municipal official plans and secondary plans within the Niagara Escarpment Plan area as well as any subsequent amendments that have occurred to these documents.

County staff will work with local municipalities that are located within the Niagara Escarpment Plan area in an effort to coordinate comments on the Niagara Escarpment Plan review.

**PCD136-12** Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

**THAT Report PDR-PCD-27-12 which provides an overview of the Niagara Escarpment Commission Draft Strategic Plan be received;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to send a copy of this Report indicating that the County is interested in participating in the Niagara Escarpment Plan review which is identified as an action item in the draft Strategic Plan.**

Carried

## Correspondence

*Correspondence from Irvine Hollis dated July 4, 2012*

The Committee reviewed a letter and subsequent invoices from Mr. Hollis with regard to expenses he incurred while investigating a potential landfill site on his property.

The Committee directed staff to forward a letter to Mr. Hollis advising him expenses of this nature can be part of the planning process.

**PCD137-12** Moved by: Councillor Eccles                      Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT the Planning and Community Development Committee discussed the correspondence with regard to the applicant's cost re-imburement;**

**AND THAT re-imburement not be granted.**

Carried

Councillors Jack and Eccles left the meeting.

Bryan Plumstead presented a power point presentation on an overview of the Tourism Advisory Committee and an update on its progress to date.

Chair Wright thanked Mr. Plumstead for his presentation.

## Reports – Financial Matters

*CCR-PCD-42-12 Planning and Community Development Committee Analysis of Financial Statements to June 30, 2012*

Sharon Vokes and Randy Scherzer presented the above-noted report analyzing the financial statements to June 30, 2012 for both the Planning and Clerk's departments.

**PCD138-12** Moved by: Councillor Barfoot                      Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**THAT Report CCR-PCD-42-12 regarding the analysis of the financial statements to June 30, 2012 under the responsibility of the Planning and Community Development Committee be received as presented.**

Carried

*CCR-PCD-44-12 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Q2 2012*

Further to the purchasing policy, a summary of purchases between \$25,000 and \$100,000 for the Clerk's and Planning departments was presented to the Committee for information.

Mrs. Vokes advised that there was one contract awarding for the County's branding initiative.



## **Correspondence**

*Email Petition to Support Bill 11 and MPP Response to Norfolk County Resolution No. 18 (SWODF)  
South West Ontario Development Fund*

**PCD142-12 Moved by: Councillor McKay**

**Seconded by: Councillor Maskell**

**That correspondence with regard to Bill 11 and MPP Response to Norfolk County  
Resolution be noted and filed.**

Carried

## **Other Business**

There was none.

## **Next Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2012**

On motion by Councillor Barfoot, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Arlene Wright, Chair