



# Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

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## Planning and Community Development Committee Minutes September 13, 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, Harley Greenfield, Norman Jack, Kathi Maskell, Terry McKay and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillors Wayne Fitzgerald and Kevin Eccles

### Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, CAO; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk/Records Manager; Bryan Plumstead, Tourism Manager/Economic Development Coordinator; Meredith Bowers, Economic Development Liaison and Kathie Nunno, Recording Secretary

### Call to Order

Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m.

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

### Minutes of Meetings

*Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee minutes dated August 13, 2012*

The Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee minutes were reviewed.

**PCD143-12** Moved by: Councillor Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**THAT the minutes of the Transportation Master Plan Steering Committee meeting dated August 13, 2012 be approved as presented.**

Carried

### Business Arising from Minutes

*Planning and Community Development Committee minutes dated August 16, 2012*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted as presented by Grey County Council on September 4, 2012.

### **Closed Meeting Matters**

There were none.

### **Delegations**

#### *GreyDocs How To*

Sharon Vokes presented a “How To” for quickly finding reports in GreyDocs.

#### *Intelligent Community Initiative and Emerging Economic Development Strategy*

Lance Thurston presented Report CAOR-PCD-17-12 regarding the Intelligent Community initiative and emerging economic development strategy for information and discussion purposes. Areas of potential change or development were addressed with a view to 2013 budget planning. Opportunities for community collaboration as well as current endeavours were mentioned. Mr. Thurston reported that the objective of the Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) in initiating this approach is to leverage broadband connectivity to maximize the opportunity for global competition. Mr. Thurston distributed a model for creating intelligent communities for the committee to review.

Discussion and questions ensued including timing, opportunity for provincial and federal funding, engagement of private sector business development, development of a regional plan, the economic development website status, communication with economic development officers at the local level and fostering a prosperous county.

**PCD144-12** Moved by: Councillor Jack

Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

**THAT report CAOR-PCD-17-12 be received.**

Carried

### **Reports – Planning**

There were none.

### **Reports – Clerk’s**

#### *CCR-PCD-48-12 Organizational Structural Change to support economic development of local food initiatives*

Sharon Vokes presented the above-noted report outlining the importance of local food initiatives with the local food movement, economic development, agriculture and tourism. Discussion ensued regarding economic development and tourism synergies, the proposed change in approach and the potential benefits of enabling local food initiatives, the impact of

barriers that may restrict progress and the opportunities to work together to overcome these obstacles.

**PCD145-12** Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

**WHEREAS economic development has been identified as a key pillar in Grey County's corporate strategic plan;**

**AND WHEREAS support for agriculture and local food are important components of economic development in Grey County;**

**AND WHEREAS the Grey Bruce Local Food Project has provided support to the local food industry;**

**AND WHEREAS the recent staff changes related to support of the Grey Bruce Local Food Project has created the potential to deliver more seamless support to the economic development activities of agriculture, the local food movement and tourism;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Grey advise the County of Bruce of its intention to formally end its partnership in the Grey Bruce Local Food Project effective December 31, 2012;**

**AND THAT Grey County's funding to the Local Food Project beginning in 2013 be targeted to the hiring of a staff position responsible for the support of local food, including culinary tourism;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Grey County continue to work with Bruce County on delivery of some of the regional projects such as the website, farmers market network and others as mutually agreed upon.**

Carried

*By-Law Enforcement Officer Report*

Heather Morrison presented the above-noted report for information only.

**PCD146-12** Moved by: Warden McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

**THAT the By-Law Enforcement Officer Report be received as presented.**

Carried

The chair called a short recess following which the committee meeting resumed.

*ITR-PCD-11-12 Use of CP Rail Trail for Fibre Build*

Geoff Hogan, Director of Information Technology presented the above-noted report regarding a request to utilize the CP Rail Trail as a utility corridor for fibre optic cables from Dundalk to Ceylon. The importance of confirming the placement of the cabling as well as ensuring the review of the intricacies of an agreement was stressed by the committee.

**PCD147-12** Moved by: Councillor Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

**WHEREAS Grey County owns the CP Rail Trail from Dundalk to Owen Sound;**

**AND WHEREAS motion PCD198-04 indicates that the County Council supports the CP Rail Trail be used as a utility corridor;**

**AND WHEREAS Markdale Cable TV has approached Grey County to use the section of trail from Dundalk to Ceylon as a utility corridor for buried fibre optic cable;**

**AND WHEREAS fibre optic cable is the main building block for high speed network development and should be encouraged to be built in rural Grey County;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report ITR-PCD-11-12 Use of CP Rail Trail for Fibre Build Report be received.**

**AND THAT Markdale Cable TV be authorized to use the section of trail from Dundalk to Ceylon to bury fibre optic cable;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Markdale Cable TV will ensure there is minimal disruption to the trail and trail users;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the trail will be returned to its current condition or better at the completion of the project by Markdale Cable TV;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Staff be authorized to negotiate reasonable terms with Markdale Cable TV for the use of the trail;**

**AND FURTHER THAT a by-law be prepared for Council consideration.**

Carried

## **Correspondence**

*Email from Serge Lavoie, President, Southwest Economic Alliance regarding Bill 11 passed into by-law*

*Correspondence from the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation regarding Bill 11  
Attracting Investment and Creating Jobs Act*

**PCD148-12** Moved by: Councillor Maskell

Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

**THAT the Planning and Community Development Committee correspondence be received.**

Carried

### **Other Business**

Mr. Scherzer provided a brief update on Official Plan Amendment No. 80, noting that it is largely in force and effect save and except for a small piece in West Grey and Hanover. Signed minutes of settlement are anticipated to be presented to the Ontario Municipal Board at the October hearing.

### **Next Meeting Dates**

**Tuesday, October 16, 2012**

On motion by Councillor Jack, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Arlene Wright, Chair