



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Present were: Robert Sweet, Chair
 Debbie Robinson, Warden

and Committee Members: Peter Emon, Brian Hunt, Sheldon Keller, Daniel Lynch,
 John Reinwald

Regrets: Janice Visneskie Moore

Staff Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
 Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property
 Jeffrey Foss, Director of Finance/Treasurer
 Laura LePine, Director of Social Services
 Lee Perkins, Director of Development and Property
 Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care
 Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development
 Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services
 Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS
 Kevin Valiquette, Manager of Real Property Assets
 Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
 Evelyn VanStarckenburg, Administrative Assistant

Chair Sweet called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

Committee was advised that the Planning Division Report and the Closed meeting would be addressed first in the meeting rather than at the end of the meeting as stated on the Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-08-49

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

THAT the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Warden Robinson entered the virtual meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Planning

Mr. Cheesman overviewed the Planning Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-08-50

Moved by: Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that a By-law be passed to repeal By-law 27-20 being a By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 30 to the Official Plan of the County of Renfrew at the next session of County Council. CARRIED.

Committee requested that staff follow-up with the Province on whether there has been any permanent decisions made with regards to streamlining approvals as a result of COVID-19; in specific, delegated authority for routine or housekeeping-related decision making and to provide this information at a future meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-08-51

Moved by: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Warden Robinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Development and Property Committee move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended for litigation or potential litigation (Official Plan). Time: 1:13 p.m. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-08-53

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time: 1:33 p.m. CARRIED.

Development and Property

Mr. Kelley overviewed the Development and Property Department Report which is attached as Appendix A.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that staff has reviewed the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program which is open to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). This program would provide up to 25% of the funding and would guarantee 50/10Mbps to all homes in Renfrew County, which is a Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) national standard.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that if the County of Renfrew wished to submit a letter of intent for the ICON program, the County would be required to partner with a TSP and select communities that are underserved. He noted that this would be difficult to do as there are many municipalities within the County that are underserved with regards to connectivity. Staff are currently reaching out to active TSPs who are offering fibre to home or wireless and are looking to apply to the fund in the future. Mr. Kelley noted there are currently at least six active providers that are interested in applying and that he will share this information with Committee when confirmed.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that Bell has requested a letter of support from the Warden. He noted that with providing a letter of support there is no obligation for the County of Renfrew to provide financial/in-kind support.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that staff has been in contact with County of Renfrew municipal staff requesting a list of areas of concern for poor connectivity within their municipalities. Mr. Kelley noted there is a National Broadband Internet Service Availability Map available to the public that is fairly updated which breaks down by municipalities the type of signals available. Mr. Kelley advised that there are alternate solutions, such as mobile internet and satellite which the mapping does not capture; however this does not come without higher costs.

Discussion occurred with regards to the level of cooperation HydroOne has provided to communities with respect to TSPs having access to their poles. Mr. Moreau advised Committee that both the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) have raised this issue with the Provincial government. He noted that HydroOne is now releasing 5,000 km of fibre line that was already installed on their poles and was considered dark. HydroOne is currently going through a process to permit TSPs to have access to the fibre line which runs along the Highway 401 corridor and through sections of Eastern Ontario.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that staff has been in preliminary conversations with HydroOne Telecom (HOT), a TSP that is looking to extend fibre from North Bay/Mattawa to the County of Renfrew and provide commercial internet to customers.

Councillor Emon vacated the virtual meeting at 1:59 p.m. due to loss of internet connectivity.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-08-54

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Development and Property Committee direct staff to send a general letter of support to the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program for the expansion of broadband internet in Renfrew County and any unknown applications that are being made; AND FURTHER THAT letters of individual support be provided to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) who are seeking to apply to the ICON program on a per request basis, provided no financial/in-kind support is promised as part of the County's level of support in the absence of a formal agreement endorsed by County Council. CARRIED.

Committee directed staff to provide a letter of support with a provision that Bell come as a delegation to County Council to speak on how they can assist the County of Renfrew with getting high speed connectivity to the County.

Committee directed staff to contact Mr. Norm Lemke, Ontario's Municipal Liaison to provide an update to County Council on the status of the negotiations of the Algonquin Land Claim.

Discussion occurred with regards to correspondence received from the Renfrew Agriculture Society and their concerns of remaining sustainable due to the impact COVID-19 has had. It was noted that the Provincial government has announced a new funding stream that focuses on not-for-profit organizations and is available to the Renfrew Agriculture Society.

Economic Development

Mr. Baird overviewed the Economic Development Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Mr. Kelley provided Committee with an update on the Renfrew County Economic Task Force Committee, which is attached as Appendix B.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that 94 businesses, 64 from within the County of Renfrew and 25 within the City of Pembroke, will be in receipt of up to a maximum of \$5,000 based on their project need from the Business Recovery Fund. Mr. Kelley noted that the County of Renfrew has provided \$200,000 towards this program and the City of Pembroke has provided \$50,000. Mr. Kelley advised that he is unable to share the names of the recipients of the funding as staff are in the midst of finalizing contracts. Mr. Kelley will send a map to Committee members that depicts the locations of the businesses that will be receiving funding.

Discussion occurred with regards to the various funding programs that have been announced by both the Federal and Provincial governments and the lack of funding provided to the County of Renfrew and lower tier municipalities. Mr. Kelley advised Committee that the Development and Property Department is surveying the lower tier municipalities and is preparing a report that lists what funding opportunities have been applied to by the various municipalities within the County of Renfrew and how much funding has been received. He noted that staff is working jointly with the Township of Bonnechere Valley on compiling this information. Mr. Kelley advised Committee that a delegation has been granted at the Association of Municipalities Ontario Conference on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministry of Infrastructure, MPP Stephen Crawford, to discuss this concern.

Councillor Emon reentered the virtual meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

Mr. Baird overviewed the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC)

Mr. Baird overviewed the Enterprise Renfrew County Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Forestry and GIS

Mr. Davis overviewed the Forestry and GIS Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Real Property

Mr. Valiquette overviewed the Real Property Assets Division Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Mr. Valiquette advised Committee that the closing date for the Request for Proposal for Furniture Procurement has been revised and is now scheduled for August 14, 2020.

Mr. Valiquette advised Committee that staff is pleased with the work completed by Jumeq, the General Contractor, for the County Administration Building reconstruction project. He noted that the project is within the proposed budget and on schedule.

Mr. Moreau advised Committee that staff has received a request from a community group to fly a flag on County of Renfrew property. He noted that the County of Renfrew currently does not have a Flag Policy and that staff is drafting one which will be brought forward to the Finance and Administration Committee in September. The proposed policy will be provided to the Development and Property Committee as an information item.

Committee directed staff to contact the Board of Health and request a delegation at the August County Council meeting in order to receive an update on the status of their move and a summary of the proposed costs for the renovations at 141

Lake Street. Committee would like reassurance that their move is on target to occur by October 31, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-08-55

Moved by: Warden Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Development and Property Department Report attached as Appendix A be approved. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-08-56

Moved by: Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on September 8, 2020. Time: 2:54 p.m. CARRIED.