



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, September 8, 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, Janice Visneskie Moore

Staff Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
 Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property
 Bruce Beakley, Director of Human Resources
 Jeffrey Foss, Director of Finance/Treasurer
 Laura LePine, Director of Social Services
 Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services
 Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS
 Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
 Evelyn VanStarkenbug, Administrative Assistant

Chair Sweet called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was called and Councillor Reinwald disclosed conflict of interests on Item 3 of the Economic Development Division Report—Socio/Economic/Environmental Impact Study of Chalk River Laboratories – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Contract Award and Item 9 in the Addendum to the Development and Property Report—Canada’s Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Action Plan due to litigation or potential litigation.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-09-57

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

THAT the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Development and Property

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

Discussion occurred with regards to the funds being received from the Federal government's Safe Restart Program and whether the renovation of the Council Chambers can be considered as part of the operating costs and pressures. Mr. Foss advised that specific details have not been received for the funding yet. He noted that Phase I of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) for Ontario Works and Social Services was very specific and was to be used for operating costs. Phase II of the SSRF does allow for a capital component.

Committee was advised that the County of Renfrew also received dedicated modernization funding in the amounts of \$725,000 for the County Administration Building Service Delivery Improvement Project (SDIP) and \$250,000 for the Service Delivery Review in which the consultants are currently engaged.

Mr. Kelley noted that Parliamentary Assistant Stephen Crawford, at the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Conference, advised the delegation from the County of Renfrew that there is a new resilience fund forthcoming, the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), and the Council Chambers renovation may be eligible as it is a shovel ready and shovel worthy project.

Mr. Foss noted the \$2.7 million funding received for operating costs and other pressures is for 2020 expenditures and any unspent funds would need to be set aside in a segregated reserve account for future fiscal periods. He noted that significant funds have already been spent as part of this years' operating pressures due to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that it is anticipated that the Council Chambers would be available at the earliest mid-spring of 2021 as the architects are required to provide a design, modular furniture solution, and audio/visual design for the renovations. The County does have provisions imbedded into the

contracts for carry-on work for the furniture contract and the contractor Jumec Construction Inc.

Mr. Moreau advised Committee that a recommendation is being brought forward in the Finance and Administration Committee Report for virtual meetings to continue for the time being with possibly a face-to-face inaugural session which is scheduled for December 15, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-09-58

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee that County Council amend the resolution from May 27, 2020 to reallocate the funds reserved for the Renfrew County Economic Task Force to the Service Delivery Improvement Project (SDIP); AND FURTHER THAT \$250,000 from the COVID-19 Emergency Funding Assistance Program be reallocated to the funds required for pandemic economic development response as identified by the Renfrew County Economic Task Force; AND FURTHER THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee that County Council provide the SDIP with up to \$300,000 from the Provision for Unallocated Funds for necessary upgrades to the County Council Chambers to react to the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, including social distancing and audio/visual requirements, that were not part of the SDIP project contract; AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to engage +VG Architects to create designs and Class B estimates to upgrades to the Council Chambers and bring back to Committee and Council at a future meeting for direction and approval. CARRIED.

Economic Development

Mr. Kelley overviewed the Economic Development Division Report with the exception of Item 3, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that a request has been made to the Ontario East Economic Development Commission (OEEDC) for an amendment to the Strategic Plan for the Ontario East Talent Identification Support Project to include a local regional context from Renfrew County which will include Algonquin College, the

influence of Garrison Petawawa and the forestry industry, which contributes over \$1 billion within the County of Renfrew and Algonquin Park.

Mr. Kelley overviewed an Addendum to the Development and Property Committee Report with the exception of Item 9, which is attached as Appendix B.

Councillor Reinwald vacated the virtual meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Mr. Kelley overviewed Item 3 of the Economic Development Division Report and Item 9 of the Addendum to the Development and Property Department Report.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-09-59

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Committee direct staff to respond with an endorsement of the Statement of Principles, in keeping with the County of Renfrew's support of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) in the past, and other pertinent economic development information as requested. CARRIED.

Committee was advised that the comprehensive analysis report of the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) will be provided to Committee at a future meeting.

Councillor Reinwald reentered the virtual meeting at 1:33 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-09-60

Moved by: Warden Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee direct staff to provide a letter of support to the United Counties of Prescott and Russell for the Eastern Ontario Food Hub project. CARRIED.

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

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

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC)

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

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that the Starter Company Plus Business Pitch for \$5,000 in funding will be completed virtually this year.

Forestry and GIS

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

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-09-61

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council approve that the 950 metres of the historic K and P Line in the Town of Renfrew be managed by the K and P Management Advisory Committee at the next session of Council. CARRIED.

Discussion occurred with regards to the percentage of wood harvested in Algonquin Park. Sixty-five percent of Algonquin Park is available for harvest, and when areas of concern and other values are taken into consideration this is reduced to 51%. It was noted that 783,000 cubic metres of wood is permissible to be harvested annually in Algonquin Park; however only 400,000 to 450,000 cubic metres a year of wood is harvested. This is due to the limited number of contractors and the low value wood. The updated Forest Management Plan for Algonquin Park has scaled this down to 680,000 cubic metres yearly.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-09-62

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Keller

That the Development and Property Committee direct staff to address the Sustainable Growth for Renfrew County and Algonquin Park to determine how the County can maximize the product that is harvested to the fullest extent. CARRIED.

Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee

Mr. Davis overviewed the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee Report, which is part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Mr. Davis advised Committee that Mr. Kevin Paul, who has worked with Canadian Pacific (CP) for over 35 years and was instrumental in helping with the purchase of the Algonquin Trail, is retiring at the end of September. Mr. Davis noted that Mr. Paul was also involved with the purchase of the K and P Recreational Trail.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that Snow Country is still in negotiations with Canadian National (CN) with regards to leasing the CN line for the upcoming year. He noted that the current lease expires at the end of November. It was noted that if this lease does not materialize, the County of Renfrew may see a significant reduction in tourism over the winter season.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-09-63

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Warden Robinson

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that staff develop a continuing economic development impact study for the Algonquin Trail. CARRIED.

Staff was directed to provide Committee with a copy of the responses to the concerns from the City of Pembroke that were discussed at the meeting on September 1, 2020.

Real Property

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

Planning

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

Committee expressed appreciation for the support that has been received from Minister Yakabuski and Minister Clark who have advocated strongly on the County's behalf regarding the County of Renfrew Official Plan to ensure that it

meets the needs of the County. Committee is appreciative for the opportunity to put together an Official Plan Amendment No. 31 that will reflect the needs and the unique geography of the Renfrew County.

Committee also expressed appreciation to the Chair, Warden Robinson, Past-Warden Murphy and Senior Staff for all their work in getting the Official Plan to where it is.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-09-64

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Hunt

THAT the Development and Property Department Report and the Addendum to the Development and Property Report attached as Appendices A and B be approved. CARRIED.

New Business

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that the Eastern Ontario Municipal Conference is scheduled to be held virtually on October 21 and 22, 2020 and if anyone wishes to register to contact the Economic Development Division.

Councillor Emon advised Committee that Councillor Doncaster is on the voters list for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Standing Committee and the deadline to register to vote and attend the Annual General Meeting is September 11, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-09-65

Moved by: Warden Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Hunt

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on October 13, 2020. Time: 2:53 p.m. CARRIED.