



## **DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

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An electronic meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Present were:

- Chair Robert Sweet
- Warden Debbie Robinson
- Vice-Chair Brian Hunt
- Councillor Peter Emon
- Councillor Sheldon Keller
- Councillor Daniel Lynch
- Councillor John Reinwald
- Councillor Janice Tiedje

Staff Present:

- Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
- Craig Kelley, 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
- Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
- Evelyn VanStarkenbug, Administrative Assistant

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Chair Sweet called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### **RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-11-70**

Moved by: Councillor Tiedje

Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Ms. Chéla Breckon and Ms. Marja Huis provided an update on the Renfrew County Local Immigration Partnership (LIP). LIP is an Ontario-wide initiative originated in early 2008 and funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) in cooperation with the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI) through the Canada-Ontario Immigration Agreement (COIA).

Ms. Breckon advised that she is now involved with a spin-off program from the LIP, the Community Settlement Initiative (CSI) which is located in The Mews in the City of Pembroke. The CSI works with the people of Renfrew and Lanark Counties to build welcoming communities for newcomers to Canada. Ms. Huis has taken over the role of Project Manager with LIP for Renfrew and Lanark Counties.

The LIP's primary purpose is to act as a community advisory body, execute a Strategic Plan developed in 2012 that builds on strengths and opportunities for Renfrew and Lanark Counties that will serve to employ collaboration, research, and provide positive strength-based leadership in order to foster a welcoming and healthy community. This Strategic Plan outlines five focus areas: Employment Opportunities, Language Training, Awareness, Newcomer Information Guide and Service Provider Readiness. The Service Provider Readiness model looks at the accessibility of effective services for newcomers and how to best address these needs.

Both the CSI and LIP are available to assist municipalities and elected officials to recognize themselves in a leadership position in order to contribute to retention and attraction and to show that the County is diverse and welcoming. Elected officials can also demonstrate that the County is a collective voice representing many voices within the community, which is important in the application for grants, etc. One of the mandates of the Development and Property Committee is retention and retraction which requires an equal response to retention with housing, development, service acquisition and training programs and the LIP works closely with the Economic Development Division on this.

The Federal government has granted the LIP in Renfrew and Lanark Counties five years of federal funding to promote immigration in rural and small communities. It was noted that local economies are changing due to youth-out-migration, an aging workforce and a shortage of skilled labour. The federal grant funding will assist the LIP to find ways to attract skilled labourers and adapt to this environment by promoting successful integration of newcomers. The LIP has several working committees of which one is the Municipal Engagement Working Group. This Working Group is looking for support from Committee and Council to

ensure that communities can be heard and identify needs within the community to receive newcomers and to speak for employers within the region to find funding for a secondary migration strategy.

Committee thanked the delegation for their informative presentation and requested that a copy of the Terms of Reference and Strategic Plan be provided to the Committee for review.

The Local Immigration Partnership delegation vacated the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Mr. Marc Bru, Vice-President of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) Board of Directors provided an update on the OVTA 2020-2023 Strategic Plan. Both the OVTA Strategic Plan and the presentation are attached as Appendices A and B.

Committee was advised that the preparation of the OVTA Strategic Plan involved three initiatives. One initiative was the Destination Assessment Survey of key stakeholders in tourism, business, education and government impacted by the Ottawa Valley's ability to attract visitors. A second initiative was one-on-one stakeholder interviews. Twenty-four stakeholder interviews were held with tourism operators, community leaders and economic development officers. The third initiative was hosting two visioning workshops to validate the results of the survey and develop a new vision, mission and value statements and to establish strategic priorities.

Mr. Baird advised that the OVTA wishes to continue to ensure sustainable funding in the future and maintain a strong relationship between the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke. The OVTA will also pursue other sources of funding, sponsorship and opportunities to grow and market the Ottawa Valley.

Committee expressed appreciation for the work from OVTA on promoting the County of Renfrew.

Mr. Bru vacated the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

### **Development and Property**

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

Mr. Kelley provided a summary on the Universal Broadband Fund from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which is attached as Appendix D.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-11-71**

Moved by: Warden Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that staff be directed to work with the Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) Municipal Engagement Working Group to determine if there is a future role for a member of Council. CARRIED.

Mr. Kelley overviewed the Addendum to the Development and Property Report, which is attached as Appendix E and becomes part of the Development and Property Department Report.

Committee was advised that the deadline to apply for the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Fund is December 21, 2020 and staff is proposing that an application be made for renovations to the Council Chambers. Staff noted that the guidelines for this funding have not been released yet and if it becomes apparent that the Council Chambers does not meet the criteria, there are many other shovel ready options that can be proposed for this funding opportunity.

Committee noted that the announced allocation of \$255,699 to the County of Renfrew falls short of the initial \$2.78 million that was discussed at the Association of Municipalities Ontario Conference. Committee directed the Warden to discuss with the Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry if there will be any future funding opportunities under the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Fund stream.

Councillor Tiedje vacated the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-11-72**

Moved by: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Warden Robinson

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that the County of Renfrew apply to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for renovation of the Council Chambers for required physical and technical infrastructure to ensure compliance with COVID-19 health advice that would allow County Council to continue to operate in Council Chambers. CARRIED.

**Economic Development**

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

Mr. Baird advised that there are challenges with getting notice of funding opportunities out to businesses and not-for-profit organizations. He noted that the Economic Development Division has started to catalogue funding opportunities that are available for businesses and are developing a workshop that will highlight these opportunities. As part of the workshop, the Economic Development Division is looking to have funding representatives attend the meetings to overview various funding opportunities.

**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**

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.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-11-73**

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that the K&P Recreational Trail logo be accepted for the County of Renfrew owned portion of the K&P Recreational Trail. 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 that an additional request for quotation has been issued for a section within the City of Pembroke for the supply and delivery of quarry

limestone crusher dust which closes on November 13, 2020. Committee directed staff to notify the City of Pembroke once the commence work date is established.

### **Real Property**

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

Mr. Kelley advised that a full report on the progress of the renovations would be presented at the inaugural meeting of County Council.

### **Planning**

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

Mr. Cheesman presented a summary of changes, attached as Appendix E, proposed in the County Official Plan Amendment No. 31 (OPA 31). Committee expressed appreciation to staff on articulating the uniqueness of Renfrew County in the proposed OPA 31.

### **RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-11-74**

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Hunt

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council receive the attached November 10, 2020 draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 31; AND FURTHER THAT the draft OPA 31 be circulated in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act to local municipalities, prescribed agencies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and that a designated period of time for comments be set out; AND FURTHER THAT upon completion of this circulation and subsequent review by this Committee and County Council, an electronic statutory public meeting be held on a future date yet to be determined. CARRIED.

Committee discussed the request received from the Township of Whitewater Region in regards to delegating authority for giving consent to their Council. It was noted that other local municipalities are completing a modernization review.

Councillor Reinwald vacated the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Mr. Moreau advised that staff has concerns that moving the delegation of authority to the municipality may be contrary to their efforts to find efficiencies in their business. He also noted that consistency across the County may be lost in terms of decisions and have the potential for more hearings with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT).

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-11-75**

Moved by: Councillor Hunt

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Department prepare an outline as to what a planning services survey to the local municipalities would look like and what questions would be asked; AND FURTHER THAT staff bring the outline to the Development and Property Committee for approval with a recommendation on how to move forward. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-11-76**

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Warden Robinson

THAT Development and Property Committee postpone definitely until August 2021 the recommendation that pursuant to Section 54 of the Planning Act, County Council pass a By-law to delegate the authority for the giving of consents to the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region; AND FURTHER THAT staff bring this resolution back to Committee once the Service Delivery Reviews are completed throughout the County of Renfrew and a comprehensive decision can be made. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-11-77**

Moved by: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

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

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-20-11-78**

Moved by: Councillor Hunt

Seconded by: Warden Robinson

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held at the call of the Chair. Time: 3:50 p.m. CARRIED.