



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

An electronic meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Present were: Chair Robert Sweet
 Warden Debbie Robinson
 Vice-Chair Cathy Regier
 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
 Jeffrey Foss, Director of Corporate Services
 Laura LePine, Director of Community Services
 Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works and Engineering
 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 VanStarkenburg, Administrative Assistant

Chair Sweet called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-01

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Keller

THAT the minutes of the November 10 and 24, 2020 and December 8, 2020 meetings be adopted. CARRIED.

Councillor Lynch entered the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Development and Property

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

Warden Robinson entered the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Mr. Kelley overviewed a presentation by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) that was presented to the MP's and MPP's invited to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) Inaugural meeting on Friday, January 8, 2021, which is attached as Appendix B. Mr. Kelley advised that a copy of the presentation will be provided to County Council.

Warden Robinson vacated the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-02

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT staff forward the letter of January 4, 2021 received from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC), Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) and Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) to the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) with a strongly worded letter on the economic health and safety concerns of communities should the government not pursue this; AND FURTHER THAT this correspondence be provided to County Council. CARRIED.

Staff were directed to send a copy of the letter to both EORN and SWIFT.

Warden Robinson re-entered the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-03

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that the Warden prepare a letter to the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries for justification and rationalization of the closure of ski hills given the impact it has had on the local economy and that some consideration be given to support the skiing industry if plans are to continue to keep ski hills closed and that it be implemented at a municipal level rather than a provincial level. 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 two further businesses that have opened in addition to the list of new businesses in the Economic Development Division Report: the Pho Saigon Express in Arnprior and the Paper Boat Artisanal Gin, which is associated with the Whitewater Distilling Company in Cobden.

Mr. Kelley overviewed the 2022 Ontario Winter Games Committee update. He noted that Mr. Ryan Albright, Provincial Liaison was also in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Kelley noted that upon execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement for the Winter Games, the Province will be providing \$1 million towards the games of which \$900,000 would be for game expenditures and a further \$100,000 would be provided for a legacy program.

Staff are suggesting that an active budget be established by the County of Renfrew for the Ontario Winter Games (OWG) in order to fund items, such as securing hotel rooms and staffing resources, until the Provincial funds are received.

Mr. Foss advised that the funding for the OWG would be added as a line item to the Economic Development section of the Budget under the 2021 Budget Pressure column moving it forward to the County Council Budget Workshop for consideration. He noted that there is a financial commitment along with the human resources commitment to host the Games.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-04

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT the County of Renfrew amend the recommendation that the County of Renfrew commit \$200,000 in support of the delivery of the Ontario Winter Games with these funds coming from the Provision for Unallocated Funds to come from the Economic Development section of the 2021 Budget under the Pressure Column for an undetermined reserve amount. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-05

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that a By-law be passed to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries and the County of Renfrew to host the 2022 Ontario Winter Games;

AND FURTHER THAT County Council approve the creation of a reserve for the purpose of the 2022 Ontario Winter Games;

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Renfrew commit \$200,000 in support of the delivery of the Ontario Winter Games with these funds coming from Economic Development section of the 2021 Budget under the Pressure Column for an undetermined reserve amount;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2021 financial records of the County of Renfrew reflect an expenditure of \$200,000 as a Provision for a 2022 Ontario Winter Games Reserve and forwarded to the 2021 Budget Workshop for approval;

AND FURTHER THAT County Council approve that the 2022 Ontario Winter Games Committee be allowed to utilize the \$200,000 within the 2022 Ontario Winter Games Reserve to cover expenditures over the years 2021 and 2022.

AND FURTHER THAT the Ontario Winter Games Committee be granted the authority to make expenditures within the approved budget by County Council as amended. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-06

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Warden be directed to send a letter to all the local partners and municipalities participating in the Ontario Winter Games introducing the kick-off of the Games and asking for their support whether it will be in-kind or financial to proceed with the organization. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-07

Moved by: Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by: Councillor Regier

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that a By-law be passed to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) Funding Agreement between Rideshark Corporation and the County of Renfrew and Ontario Centres of Excellence, to deliver a project entitled: Winter On-Demand Community Transit Network. CARRIED.

Councillor Tiedje vacated the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Mr. Baird overviewed the Addendum to the Economic Development Division Report, which is attached as Appendix C and becomes part of the Development and Property Committee Report.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-08

Moved by Councillor Keller

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council amend By-law 81-20 to execute an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – Rural Economic Development (RED) Program to extend the Agreement until March 31, 2021. CARRIED.

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

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

Mr. Baird overviewed the Addendum to the OVTA Report, which is attached as Appendix D and becomes part of the Development and Property Committee 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-21-01-09

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that staff continue to work with the Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association (BORCA) to amend the current Land Use Permit to include the building, maintenance and liability of a pavilion at the Beachburg Tract; AND FURTHER THAT red pine tree-length material be donated for the construction of the pavilion, if BORCA is willing to wait until the next harvest at Beachburg Tract which is scheduled for 2022 or 2025. CARRIED.

Staff was directed to invite Ms. Lacey Rose, County Forester to a meeting of County Council in the Fall of 2021 to provide an update on her activities.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-10

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council approve the appointment of the County Forester to the Inaugural Board of the Global Network for Young Professionals in Forestry if selected; AND FURTHER THAT a letter of support be sent. CARRIED.

Mr. Davis overviewed the Addendum to the Forestry and GIS Division Report, which is attached as Appendix E and becomes part of the Development and Property Committee Report.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-11

Moved by Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT the Development and Property Committee approve the 2021 Work Plan as presented for the Algonquin Trail. CARRIED.

Real Property

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

Discussion occurred with regards to the most recent announcement from Premier Ford declaring a second Provincial Emergency to address the COVID-19 crisis and save lives and the impact this may have on the construction work at the County of Renfrew Administration Building. Mr. Kelley advised that staff will clarify whether the County construction project is considered essential. He noted that residential construction is considered essential and staff are hopeful the work at the County is also classified as essential.

Mr. Moreau advised that staff will consult with legal counsel in regards to penalty clauses for lease agreements as well as for any construction delays that may be implemented due to potential lockdown rulings.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-12

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Committee table the recommendation that County Council to execute an Agreement with Local Authority Services (LAS) to participate in a Natural Gas Procurement Program. CARRIED.

Councillor Reinwald vacated the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Planning

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

Mr. Cheesman noted that the changes implemented by Tribunals Ontario should not affect the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal as it is not part of Tribunals Ontario.

Mr. Cheesman advised Committee that a Land Division Committee hearing is scheduled for Friday January 22, 2021.

Mr. Kelley advised that there is a requirement for the County of Renfrew to submit their Service Delivery Proposal to the Province by March 1, 2021. It is anticipated that there will be a special meeting of the Development and Property Committee in February once the consultant, StrategyCorp., provides their report.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that StrategyCorp. has scheduled a meeting with the Task Force, consisting of the Warden, Chair Sweet, Vice-Chair Regier and past Vice-Chair Hunt for Monday January 18, 2021. As Budget Workshop is also scheduled for this date, he will contact the consultant to reschedule.

Committee recessed at 3:16 p.m. and reconvened at 3:24 p.m. with the same persons present.

Mr. Foss overviewed the Draft 2021 Budget. He noted that the budget includes a 2021 Budget Pressure column, which are items that are not included in the proposed 2021 Budget. These pressure items cannot be accommodated within Council direction of maintaining a 2.5% increase in the levy dollars. Mr. Foss noted that historical information from 2015 to 2019 is included with the 2021 Budget.

It was noted that under Real Property there is only six months budgeted for lease payments for this building and if the County of Renfrew is unable to bring the Community Services Department into the County Administration Building due to delays, this will have an impact on the revenue.

Committee was advised that the amount of \$25,000 under Special Projects in the Property Budget for Pembroke is from a direction from County Council to have a Climate Action Plan completed. There is funding from Natural Resources Canada to assist with developing the Action Plan. The County of Renfrew would provide 50% of the costing up to a maximum of \$25,000. It was noted that these funds would not be spent if a grant is not received.

Under the Trails section of the Budget, there is a 2021 Budget Pressure item of \$4 million which is the anticipated cost to complete the entire County of Renfrew portion of the Algonquin Trail from Arnprior to the boundary of the Township of Head, Clara and Maria and the Township of Papineau-Cameron, a total of 210 kilometres.

Mr. Foss noted that in 2018 a significantly higher budget expenditure occurred for the Algonquin Trail due to the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC) funding that was received. This funding grant originally was to be a multi-year grant expanding over four years. The OMCC program was cancelled after one year. Traditionally \$240,000 has been used as a budget amount and this will take a significant amount of time to complete stone dusting on the trail. Mr. Foss advised that there are three options that can be looked at: a tax levy, using County of Renfrew reserves, or a loan agreement over a long-term payback. Staff is proposing a phased approach and suggesting that the option to use existing County of Renfrew reserves to a maximum of \$4 million to complete the project in conjunction with the long-term Asset Management Plan. Council will need to decide how to proceed either one year, scale over multiple years, or move ahead slowly with improvements to the Trail and continue with approximately \$250,000 a year.

Mr. Kelley advised that following discussions with the Warden and the Chief Administrative Officer it was noted that an item that is not included under the Budget Pressure item that should be considered is a COVID-19 Part 2 fund to be included in the Economic Development section of the budget which would flow through to the Enterprise Renfrew County. He noted that in 2020, the County of Renfrew provided assistance to the community in the amount of \$250,000. Of that \$250,000, \$50,000 went towards advertising and marketing and \$200,000 went to help support local businesses and tourism.

Mr. Foss advised that sufficient funds are available from the additional Federal Safe Start funds that were received in the amount of \$557,000 that the Provincial government provided and that a decision on this is not required for the Budget Workshop. Staff can provide a report to Committee in February with recommendations for a program similar to the Business Development Fund in 2020.

Mr. Kelley advised that an additional Budget Pressure item in the Economic Development Division budget is the Ontario Winter Games in the amount of \$200,000.

Warden Robinson vacated the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-13

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to re-engage the Renfrew County Economic Task Force and use the same or modified criteria with an upper limit of \$300,000. CARRIED.

Mr. Moreau advised that there will be a special meeting of the Development and Property Committee prior to the County Council meeting on January 27, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-14

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that the Draft 2021 Development and Property Department Budget as amended, be approved by this Committee and forwarded to the January 18, 2021 County Council Budget Workshop for approval. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-15

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Keller

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

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-16

Moved by Councillor Keller

Seconded by Councillor Emon

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 to discuss items of a sensitive nature and business propriety (Ontario Centres of Excellence): Time: 4:27 p.m. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-18

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Emon

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time: 4:32 p.m. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-01-19

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor Keller

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on February 11, 2021. Time: 4:33 p.m. CARRIED.

COUNTY OF RENFREW**DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

TO: Development and Property Committee
FROM: Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property
DATE: January 12, 2021
SUBJECT: Department Report

INFORMATION**1. Shaw Woods Update**

Tabled is an update on the ongoing activities at Shaw Wood.

2. Residential and Condo Sale Statistics

Tabled are the statistics for the residential and condo sales for all the municipalities within the County of Renfrew.

3. Algonquin Land Claim

Tabled is a response that was issued to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Land Claims and Treaties Section Strategic and Indigenous Policy Branch by the Lake Clear Property Owners Association (LCPOA) regarding the proposed settlement lands in eastern Ontario – Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report of October 2020. The primary concern of the LCPOA is the long-term ecological and environmental health of Lake Clear which has been designated by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks as being “at capacity” for total phosphate loading.

4. Ski Hill Shutdowns – Calabogie Peaks

Tabled is a letter that has been sent to various ministers by the Township of Greater Madawaska regarding the shutdown of the Calabogie Peaks ski hill.

5. Broadband Expansion in Eastern and Southwestern Ontario

Tabled is a joint letter that has been sent to the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure regarding the regional broadband projects that have been proposed by the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus and the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus through their sister organizations Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) and Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT). Also tabled are speaking points that have been provided by EORN.

6. 2021 Tariff of Fees

Below is the current Schedule of Fees for the Development and Property Department. Staff is recommending that no changes be made in 2021 to the Development and Property Fees at this time. However, as a result of the Service Delivery Review for Planning Services, fees associated with planning processes may be reviewed with a recommendation to make changes.

Development and Property	
Digital Data	
- Single line road network	
- County set	1,000.00
- Municipal set	500.00
- Selected data (per segment)	0.50
- Processing fee	see hourly rates
- Property parcel boundaries or centroids	
- County set	1,000.00
- Municipal set	500.00
- Selected data (per parcel)	0.50
- Processing fee	see hourly rates
- Air Photo Imagery (Digital Raster Acquisition Program East – DRAPE) (per 1 km x 1 km tile)	50.00
- Features of interest (fire, police, schools) per set	100.00
- Digital File (pdf, jpg)	10.00
- Administrative Charge for Preparation and Execution of a Data Release Agreement	50.00
Boardroom Rental – Administration Building	125.00
Tender Information Package	20.00

RESOLUTIONS

7. 2021 Draft Budget

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends that the Draft 2021 Development and Property Department Budget be approved by this Committee and forwarded to the January 18, 2021 County Council Budget Workshop for approval.

Background

Attached as Appendix I is the 2021 budget guidelines and draft budgets for each division (Planning, Real Property, Forestry and GIS, and Economic Development) which will be reviewed in detail at the meeting.

8. Economic Development Division

Attached as Appendix II is the Economic Development Division Report, prepared by Mr. Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development, providing an update on activities.

9. Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

Attached as Appendix III is the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Report, prepared by Mr. Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development, providing an update on activities.

10. Enterprise Renfrew County

Attached as Appendix IV is the Enterprise Renfrew County Report, prepared by Mr. Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development, providing an update on activities.

11. Forestry and GIS Division

Attached as Appendix V is the Forestry and GIS Division Report, prepared by Mr. Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS, providing an update on activities.

12. Real Property Assets Division

Attached as Appendix VI is the Real Property Assets Division Report, prepared by Mr. Kevin Valiquette, Manager of Real Property Assets, providing an update on activities.

13. Planning Division

Attached as Appendix VII is the Planning Division Report, prepared by Mr. Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services, providing an update on activities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

January 12, 2021

INFORMATION**1. Meat Processors Capacity Improvement Initiative**

Business Development Officer David Wybou assisted Reiche Meat Products with an application to the Meat Processors Capacity Improvement Initiative in order to support increases to their processing capacity within the County of Renfrew and thus supporting many of Renfrew County's agricultural and secondary meat processing businesses as well.

2. CNL Industry Day

Business Development Officer David Wybou, with some local businesses, economic and business development staff and elected officials, represented Renfrew County Economic Development during Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) Industry Day on December 9, 2020. This annual event introduces many of our local businesses to the scope of work taking place at the Chalk River Laboratories, opening opportunities for linkages to the broader CNL supply chain and the potential for future contracts.

3. Shop the Valley Shop Local Campaign

The Shop the Valley campaign to promote shopping locally over the Christmas season wrapped up on New Year's Eve. Print, radio and social media as well as limited poster promotions were used to remind residents of the many benefits of shopping locally and the vital importance of supporting our local businesses in this pandemic, and beyond.

4. New Businesses Opening

Several new businesses opened their doors in late 2020 including:

- (a) Town of Arnprior
- Arnprior Noodle House
 - Arnprior Optical
 - Arnprior Pelvic and Pediatric Physiotherapy
 - Fabulous Barber Shop – classic men’s barbershop
 - Mighty Fine Bakehouse
 - Negi Indian Bistro and English Pub
- (b) Town of Deep River
- rĒCo Refillery and Zero Waste Lifestyle – retail enviro products
 - Plan B Restaurant and Grill (Thoth Technologies Building)
- (c) Town of Petawawa
- Burnt Bridge Quality Meats (New Owners)
 - McGuire’s Donuts Food Truck
 - Parkwood Place Executive Apartments
 - Peak Hot Yoga
 - SunnySideUp Breakfast Buffet
 - Towne Suites by Marriott
- (d) Township of Bonnechere Valley
- The Axe and Paddle Restaurant, Eganville
- (e) Township of Greater Madawaska
- Oh-el-la Café, Calabogie/Greater Madawaska Township
- (f) Township of Laurentian Valley
- Ottawa Valley Cannabis Store
 - SunSoaked Tanning and Wellness Studio
 - The BOP Shop – brew on premises wine and beer
 - Ottawa Valley Roast House- coffee and tea, Alice
- (g) Township of Madawaska Valley
- Bent Pizza Pie, Combermere
- (h) Township of Whitewater Region
- Lakeside General Store – maple, bakery, café, Cobden

5. **2022 Ontario Winter Games Advisory Committee Update**

An electronic meeting of the Ontario Winter Games Advisory Committee was held on January 5, 2021.

(a) Ontario Winter Games Organization Resources/Structure

Attached as Appendix OWG-I is the 2022 Ontario Winter Games Organization Structure, Terms of Reference, Budget and Hosting Grant Approved Expenditures which have been received from the Ontario Games Organizing Committee.

(b) Ontario Games Bid Document

Attached as Appendix OWG-II is the County of Renfrew 2022 Ontario Winter Games Bid submission.

(c) Staffing Resources

Attached as Appendix OWG-III is a draft Job Description for the General Manager of the Ontario Games.

BY-LAWS

6. **Transfer Payment Agreement**

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that a By-law be passed to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the County of Renfrew to host the 2022 Ontario Winter Games;

AND FURTHER THAT County Council approve the creation of a reserve for the purpose of the 2022 Ontario Winter Games;

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Renfrew commit \$200,000 in support of the delivery of the Ontario Winter Games with these funds coming from the Provision for Unallocated Funds in the 2021 Budget and that the 2021 financial records of

the County of Renfrew reflect an expenditure of \$200,000 as a Provision for a 2022 Ontario Winter Games Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT County Council approve that the 2022 Ontario Winter Games Committee be allowed to utilize the \$200,000 within the 2022 Ontario Winter Games Reserve to cover expenditures over the years 2021 and 2022.

AND FURTHER THAT the Ontario Winter Games Committee be granted the authority to make expenditures within the approved budget by County Council.

Recommendation: THAT the Warden be directed to send a letter to all the local partners and municipalities participating in the Ontario Winter Games introducing the kick-off of the Games and asking for their support whether it will be in-kind or financial to proceed with the organization.

Background

Appendix OWG-III is a Transfer Payment Agreement that outlines the General Terms and Conditions Project Specific Information and Additional Provisions for hosting the 2022 Ontario Winter Games. As part of the Agreement, the Province of Ontario will provide the County of Renfrew up to \$1,000,000 in funding to host the games. It is important that the financial plan be developed to ensure that the County of Renfrew's 2022 Ontario Winter Games Committee and ultimately, County Council are allowed reasonable understanding of the financial parameters in order for the Committee to begin this process. Staff are recommending that a sum of \$200,000 be allocated/committed to the 2022 Ontario Winter Games.

7. Rideshark Program

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that a By-law be executed to authorize the Warden and Clerk to sign the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) Funding Agreement between Rideshark Corporation and the County of Renfrew and Ontario Centres of Excellence, to deliver a project entitled: Winter On-Demand Community Transit Network.

Background

The County of Renfrew has a relationship with Rideshark Corporation which started in 2020 through which, via an annual subscription, Rideshark

provides a booking platform for a ride share program to support commuters, students, tourists and all residents to coordinate a ride share service across the entire County of Renfrew. Willing drivers will post their available ride share trips and willing riders will book trips which will enable them to share a ride to places of employment, social and cultural events, recreation events and sites, school, places of worship, and medical and dental appointments. The Rideshark platform also facilitates trip booking beyond Renfrew County as participating drivers make such trips available on the platform.

Our deployment of Rideshark, which was scheduled for June of 2020, has been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the pandemic, Rideshark has provided their ride share booking platform in a test of an Autonomous Vehicle (AV) shuttle van on the Tunney's Pasture federal government campus in Ottawa as part of a demonstration project. The Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Network (AVIN), part of the Ontario Centres of Excellence, was the lead on that program. In addition to the urban testing of AVs, AVIN has been tasked to study the viability of autonomous vehicle operations in rural Ontario and specifically to investigate the challenges of winter operations. Part of that study will also be to learn how ride share platforms can provide a solution to the well documented rural transportation and transit gaps and challenges. Rideshark, as a partner with AVIN already, presented Renfrew County as an ideal test site for such a study. The County is a client of the Rideshark program, located adjacent to Ottawa-base of Rideshark and site of significant AV research and development, and blessed with genuine rural Ontario winter road, weather, transportation, communications and broadband challenges. The County also features exposed open roads, forested areas, and hilly roads- an ideal test area.

County of Renfrew participation will not involve any direct additional expenses and will in fact assist with the launch of our own ShareTheRide.ca ride share platform as the pandemic eases. Economic Development staff and Media Relations will be engaged in supporting this project, but that effort will dovetail efficiently and effectively with our own ShareTheRide.ca program. There may be some involvement from Public Works staff to provide information about road conditions and snow clearing and salting

operations if, and when, the system being developed is able to incorporate such data into the database for drivers and riders.

The OCE desires a broad and comprehensive media program communication, coordinated by them, that shares widely news of the progress, activities and stories related to the study. The County is expected to support this study and elected leaders, staff and participating organizations are expected to support and participate in the media programming as they are able. It is expected that at some point senior Ontario government leaders and staff may visit the County to see how the study is progressing and it is desirable for the County and local leaders to participate in such events as they are able.

County of Renfrew key responsibilities in the study are to engage local drivers, community groups, employers, existing public service transportation networks, and riders who require assistance to get from home to locations across the County and into medical, social, entertainment and transportation hubs beyond the County. This specific activity was the key component of our own planned rollout of ShareTheRide.ca, and first presentations had already been made to two seniors' groups when the pandemic halted our program.

Participating in this study will engage Renfrew County at the forefront of AV research in Ontario and Canada. It will connect us to Ottawa, and to Canadian and international firms who are part of the AV sector globally. It will also begin to engage us directly with the AV research and development work being carried out in the City of Ottawa in their testing grounds and AV and smart vehicle companies and with OCE programs and partners including the federal government.

This project will be an ideal launch to our own ride share program and will demonstrate that we are at the leading edge of developing and applying solutions to rural transportation challenges.

OTTAWA VALLEY TOURIST ASSOCIATION REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

January 12, 2021

INFORMATION**1. OVTA Tourism Awards**

The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) annual Tourism Awards were presented at a virtual holiday event on December 17, 2020 with about 30 OVTA members in attendance. The awards celebrate tourism operators and individuals in the Ottawa Valley.

The Business of Distinction award recognizes an OVTA member business that demonstrates leadership, innovation and dedication to the local tourism industry. The winner of the 2020 award is Burnstown Beach, located on the Madawaska River and operated by the Township of McNab/Braeside. Burnstown Beach offers a paddlesport rental centre, boat launching facility, a dedicated dog beach and rowing club, in addition to regular beach operations. A number of events and programs, including the popular “Paddle our River” series, year-end Rowing Regatta and adaptive water skiing program are also held throughout the summer months.

The Marilyn Alexander Tourism Champion award is a commemorative award that recognizes an individual OVTA member who is an active tourism champion for the Ottawa Valley. This year’s winner is Stefani Van Wijk.

As Director of the Madawaska Kanu Centre – a 3-generation family business – Stefani believes in working collaboratively and developing strong partnerships with local businesses and the community. Stefani spearheaded the 2019 Moose FM Cruiser Campaign and participated in the annual Huntington’s disease volleyball tournament in Barry’s Bay, to name a few. She has also introduced a number of new retreats and workshops at Madawaska Kanu Centre through partnerships with local suppliers,

including a yoga retreat, weekly yoga classes and sour dough bread workshops.

2. **New OVTA Members**

Many new and past tourism business members have joined or re-joined the OVTA in recent months including:

Recruitment emails sent out regarding complimentary OVTA memberships have resulted in 32 new members including six returning members:

- [Algonquin Fly Fishing Premium Guide Service](#) – Laurentian Valley
- [Logos Land Resort](#) – Cobden (returning member)
- [Placemaking Design](#) – Killaloe (returning member)
- [Queenswood National Real Estate LTD](#) – Barry's Bay (returning member)
- [Ottawa Valley Mrs Grocery](#) – Pembroke
- [Eganville's Finest and Two Fat Tarts](#) – Eganville
- [Pickling Dixie](#) – Cobden
- [BerryLane](#) – Renfrew
- [Personalize IT](#) – Renfrew
- [TacoLand](#) – Renfrew
- [Lakepoint Cottage Resort](#) – Golden Lake (former A&A Resort - new owners)
- [Bee Savvy Fine Foods](#) – Arnprior
- [Ella's Keeping Company](#) – Renfrew
- [AWE Yoga](#) – Pembroke
- [Calabogie Highlands Golf Resort](#) – Calabogie (returning member)
- [Stuart Log Cottage](#) – Eganville (returning member)
- Greenlanding Cabins – Calabogie
- [Neat Coffee Shop](#) – Burnstown
- [Whippoorwill Valley Cottages](#) – Calabogie
- [Camp Walden](#) – Palmer Rapids
- [Madawaska Metal Works](#) – Quadeville
- [Cormorant Lane Art Studio & Gallery](#) – Combermere
- [Robins Nest Arts](#) – Pembroke
- [McGregor's Orchard](#) – Renfrew

- [Ottawa Valley First Aid](#) – Renfrew County
- [The Natural Health Centre](#) – Barry's Bay
- [The SHED](#) – Petawawa
- [Linda Sorensen Fine Art](#) – Barry's Bay
- Balmoral Hotel - Barry's Bay
- [Natural Glow by Jacklyn](#) – Petawawa (returning member)
- [Calabogie Rustic Farm](#) – Calabogie
- [Camp Lutherlyn](#) – Golden Lake

3. Recent Investments in Tourism Businesses

Reflecting the relatively high volume of investment in Multi Unit Residential Buildings (MURBS) and in small town, rural, and wilderness/waterfront properties generally, there have been a number of investments in tourism businesses.

- Spectacle Lake Lodge- acquired by a family also operating a resort in Haliburton County.
- Barry's Bay Cottages – new owners from Greater Toronto Area purchased in October 2020.

ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

January 12, 2021

INFORMATION**1. New ERC Client Business Openings**

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) directly assisted 138 entrepreneurs and business operators in the final half of 2020 leading to new business openings and expansion of existing businesses including:

- The Urban Gourmet Co. – Tracey Deans, a past client of ERC and mentor in our Starter Company Plus program, has returned to the area and reopened selling specialty olive oils and balsamic vinegars.
- Bee Savvy Honey, past Starter Company Plus client who produces honey and a seller of all things honey and gourmet food items, has expanded their retail operation in Arnprior.
- rĒCo Refillery and Zero Waste Lifestyle retail store in Deep River has been opened by former ERC clients, Laurentian Brew Kombucha.
- THroo Apparel, Pembroke – ERC client opening new clothing store.
- Prairie and Luna Cannabis Co., a past Starter Company Plus client, has expanded to include a cannabis dispensary.
- Grandma’s Pantry and Engine House Coffee have re-located and re-opened in a new and larger retail and production space in Killaloe under the ownership of past ERC clients.
- @Zaffron is a new Indian Food restaurant in Pembroke and a new ERC client.
- The Bath Boutique – Keeping it Real, a past Starter Company Plus client, has expanded to a larger storefront location.

2. Starter Company Client Successful on CBC Dragon’s Den

Akosua Asare, founder and owner of Essence Luxe Couture in Deep River and a Starter Company Plus client competed on Dragon’s Den on November

12, 2020 and was successful in acquiring \$150,000 for a 25% share from one of the Dragons, which was exactly what she was seeking. The Dragon's Den segment featuring Akosua is available at [Dragon's Den](#) Pitch by Essence Luxe Couture.

FORESTRY AND GIS DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

January 12, 2021

INFORMATION**1. Forestry Activities**

- (a) Below is the Forestry Activity Tracker information for the months of November and December 2020:

Summary - November	County Forester Hours	County Forester %	Forestry and Trails Tech. Hours	Forestry and Trails Tech. %
Management of County Forests	127	90	7	5
Industry Support	1	1	0	0
Species at risk	0	0	0	0
Trails	0	0	127	93
GIS	--	0	0	0
Municipal Support	0	0	0	0
Education & Public	4	3	0	0
Learning/Conference/Workshop	3	2	0	0
Admin/Other	5	4	3	2
Total	140	100	137	100

Summary - December	County Forester Hours	County Forester %	Forestry and Trails Tech. Hours	Forestry and Trails Tech. %
Management of County Forests	109	93	0	0
Industry Support	0	0	0	0
Species at risk	2	2	0	0
Trails	0	0	110	98
GIS	--	0	0	0
Municipal Support	0	0	0	0
Education & Public	1	1	0	0

Summary - December	County Forester Hours	County Forester %	Forestry and Trails Tech. Hours	Forestry and Trails Tech. %
Learning/Conference/Workshop	2	2	0	0
Admin/Other	2	2	2	2
Total	116	100	112	100

- (b) Operations are still underway at Opeongo Tract. This contract goes until December 31, 2021 and will continue in the new year. Operations did not take place at Shrine Hill/Yantha Tract and this contract expired at the end of 2020. This area has been advertised many times, and this has been the only bid received. Germanicus is nearing completion, but due to mechanical and COVID-19 related circumstances, may not wrap up until the end of January. Most wood has been cut and will contribute to 2020 revenue. It is expected the budgeted revenue of \$180,000 will be met and likely surpassed.

Tract	Sale #	Harvest Type	Allocated Area (ha)	Total Bid Received (\$)*	Status	Invoiced** Revenue to Date (\$)	% of bid price
Opeongo Line	11-19	Poplar/Mixedwood Clearcut, shelterwood	162	\$ 115,445.00	This contract is from July 2, 2019-December 31, 2021 . Harvest and hauling underway. Started May 2020. This work will continue into 2021.	\$ 69,205.68	60%
Shrine Hill/Yantha	17-19	Spruce/Red Pine Thinning	19	\$ 7,525.00	This contract is from July 2, 2019-December 31, 2020 . Not started.		
Simpson's Pit	17-20	Red Pine Thinning	48	\$ 95,868.00	Harvest and haul complete	\$ 60,155.39	63%
Beachburg	18-20	Red Pine Thinning	15	\$ 28,118.00	Harvest and haul complete	\$ 23,051.92	82%
Germanicus	19-20	Red Pine Thinning	12	\$ 22,068.00	Harvest and haul underway		
Elliott	20-20	Red Pine Thinning	9	\$ 11,000.00	Harvest and haul complete	\$ 14,465.79	132%
TOTAL				240,024.00		\$ 166,878.78	70%

* Actual invoiced amount will depend on actual, weighed volume (m3) harvested. Bid is based on estimated volume.
**Invoicing can occur as long as 30 days post-haul. Mills must send in weigh slips before invoicing can occur.

In Progress
Complete

- (c) Harvest Timber Sales for 2021 were advertised and opened on December 3, 2020 and are summarized below. No bids were received for DPF-03-21 or DPF-04-21. For the two tracts that bids were received, the highest bids were accepted as highlighted in the table below. Feedback was received on the two tracts that received no bids and staff will make adjustments to both tenders to attempt to increase interest when re-advertised for 2022.

Tract	Type	Area (ha)	Tender #	Tender Amount by Bidder (\$)		
				L. Heideman	Ott Family Logging	1706217 Ontario Inc.
Byer's Creek 01-21	Red pine plantation thinning	20.9	01-21	56,060.00	57,824.00	82,520.00
Brudenell 02-21	Red pine plantation thinning	26.2	02-21	53,150.00	55,787.00	70,900.00
Round Lake 03-21	Red pine plantation thinning	18.3	03-21	No Bids Received		
Ruby 04-21	Natural Mixedwood	63.4	04-21	No Bids Received		
<i>Total</i>		128.8				

- (d) Approximately 13 hectares of severe blowdown was discovered at the Kennelly Tract while staff was reviewing during the summer of 2020 for the 2021 harvest operations as the red pine plantations were scheduled for thinning. Most of this damage appears to be associated with the Calabogie area tornado of 2018. As this is outside of the mapped area it was not included in the damage checks on Renfrew County Forests that were completed in 2018 with the support of the Emergency Services Drone program. Since that time, more trees in and around the main disturbance have fallen down.

Due to the length of time since most trees were uprooted or snapped off, the wood is no longer salvageable. Inquiries were made with a few mills about salvage interest and potential and they indicated that anything that has been through a summer on the ground is no longer merchantable to them.

There is some sugar maple regeneration in the disturbed area, but otherwise having the wood salvaged would be beneficial in assisting with regenerating the site, either naturally or to enable exploration of programs to fund planting. It would be quite costly to hire someone to do site preparation under the current condition of the area. Salvaging wood would reduce the slash load and fire hazard potential, reduce the cost of site preparation, improve the aesthetic and recreation value of the area, and increase the number of plantable spaces or future stocking of natural regeneration.

In late November, an abutting landowner contacted staff to inquire about cleaning up the blowdown and using it for firewood. Staff sent the abutting landowner an example of a harvest terms of reference to provide an idea of what is required for working within County forests (i.e., WSIB, insurance, and certificates). After speaking with

the landowner, staff emailed five known firewood operators inquiring whether there was any interest in salvaging this area. One response was received, saying they were not interested.

The 2017-2026 Forest Management Plan does encourage salvage, as indicated in the excerpts below:

“Section 3.5.8, point 6: Salvage merchantable timber where possible. In the event of unexpected natural events, such as wind, fire or drought, efforts will be made to make use of merchantable material. Artificial regeneration efforts will be considered, where appropriate. An amendment to the Forest Management Plan will not be required.

Section 5.3.1.2: Salvage operations, such as recovering wind-thrown, burned, flooded, diseased or insect-damaged timber may be made at the discretion of County staff without a public tender process.”

There are previous examples of salvage operations taking place in Renfrew County Forests. A tornado damage salvage of 6 ha in Virgin Lake Tract was combined with a harvest of tendered, non-salvage adjacent area in 2012. 2.5 ha of blowdown of salvage occurred at Marsh Road Tract through a memo and direct contract with an operator working on adjacent private land. Both of these occurred within a year of the disturbance and generated revenue.

If the County was to engage in a contract with the abutting landowner, the expectation is that this would not be paid service, and the County would not be paid for the firewood harvested. Staff would flag out a smaller area, approximately 4 ha, to ensure the success of this arrangement. If the initial 4 ha area is successful, the area can be extended. Staff will develop a contract and procedure for this operation.

(e) **Algonquin Park 2021-2031 Forest Management Direction**

Consultation is currently underway for Stage 3 of the Forest Management Planning Process for the Algonquin Park Forest. A letter of support was prepared and submitted, in line with the support expressed at Stage 2 as provided to Committee in September 2020. As a significant amount of opposition is continually expressed regarding logging in Algonquin Park by special interest groups, continual expression of support by the County of Renfrew is important.

2. **Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program**

Tabled is correspondence from the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs advising of updates that will be occurring to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) that will take effect for any applications with a kill or injury date on or after January 1, 2021.

3. **GIS**

- (a) Tabled is the GIS Activity information for the months of November and December 2020. GIS staff worked on a total of 183 GIS projects.
- (b) Tabled is a Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry DRAPE III delivery update with the County of Renfrew's delivery for the end of February.

RESOLUTIONS

4. **Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association (BORCA)**

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that staff continue to work with the Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association (BORCA) to amend the current Land Use Permit to include the building, maintenance and liability of a pavilion at the Beachburg Tract; AND FURTHER THAT red pine tree-length material be donated for the construction of the pavilion, if BORCA is willing to wait until the next harvest at Beachburg Tract which is scheduled for 2022 or 2025.

Background

The Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association (BORCA) has had a Land Use Permit with the County of Renfrew for several years to build, maintain and use trails in the Beachburg and Little Lakes Tracts of the Renfrew County Forest (RCF). These trails are used by many in the community and beyond, and bring tourism value to the region, especially through their annual Chicken Run event. BORCA is volunteer-run and has done an excellent job of reducing the amount of garbage in the Renfrew County Forest and encourages responsible trail use.

5. Global Network for Young Professionals in Forestry

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council approve the appointment of the County Forester to the Inaugural Board of the Global Network for Young Professionals in Forestry if selected; AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare a letter of support.

Background

The County Forester was recently invited to speak at the 2021 World Forestry Congress in Seoul, Republic of Korea in the Young Professionals in Forestry segment of the program. The event has since been postponed until 2022, so that it may take place in person. This event is organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the hosting country. The event has been held approximately once every six years, since 1926. The Congress is a forum for the exchange of views and experiences on all aspects of forests and forestry, which may lead to the formulation of broad recommendations applicable at national, regional and global levels. The Congress also provides a periodic opportunity to produce an overview of the sector, in order to discern trends, adapt policies, create awareness in decision-makers, and influence public opinion. Given the high number of participants (several thousands in each conference), it is a valuable forum for strengthening the role of forests in general as well as in the context of critical environmental, economic and social issues and taking into account the developments in the global sustainable development agenda.

In conjunction with the invitation above, the County Forester was also asked to apply for the Inaugural Board to initiate the formation and establishment of the Global Network for Young Professionals in Forestry. The deadline for this application is January 10, 2021 and a letter of employer support is required.

REAL PROPERTY ASSETS DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Kevin Valiquette, Manager of Real Property Assets

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

January 12, 2021

INFORMATION**1. Real Property – Projects Update**

Tabled is a summary report of all projects currently underway that involve the Real Property Assets Division. Details on each project are included in the comments section.

2. Real Property – 2020 Capital and Capital Under Threshold Projects

Tabled is a summary report of capital and capital under threshold projects approved in the 2020 budget.

3. Lease Termination Notices

As part of the Service Delivery Improvement Project and the relocation of Community Services Department in the Pembroke area to the County Administration Building, the following lease termination notices have been provided to the respective Landlords.

- (a) Child Care – 545 Pembroke St. West
 - 6-month notification required. Lease terminates May 31, 2021.
- (b) Renfrew County Housing Corporation – 169 Lake St.
 - 6-month notification required. Lease terminates May 31, 2021.
- (c) Ontario Works – 169 Lake Street
 - Lease expired. Month-to-month tenancy clause exercised.

4. Provincial Offences Lease – 141 Lake Street

This lease expired December 31, 2020 and the premises turned over to the Landlord. Office staff have been relocated to their permanent space on the ground floor of the County Administration Building. The Courtroom and

waiting area construction is proceeding and scheduled for occupancy in late January.

5. Service Delivery Improvement Project (SDIP)

Project Status as of January 4, 2020

- (a) Phase 1 (Development and Property and Public Works) area 2nd floor is now occupied with some minor deficiencies remaining.
- (b) Front Reception Area – scheduled for turnover late January. Issue with glass and millwork deliveries.
- (c) Phase 1B Courtroom – scheduled for turnover late January. This will enable the Courtroom, waiting area and washrooms to be turned over at same time.
- (d) Phase 2 (Boardrooms, Collaborative Area) – scheduled for turnover mid April.
- (e) Phase 3 (Community Services and Paramedic Area) – scheduled for turnover April 1, 2021.
- (f) Phase 4 (Corporate Services Area) – scheduled for turnover late April.
- (g) Council Chambers – scheduled for turnover in April.

Financials

Approved Construction Contract:	\$3,417,307
Change Order Contingency:	\$175,000 (part of \$3,417,307 cost)
Change Orders to Date:	\$114,963
Contingency Balance:	\$60,036 (credit)

BY-LAWS

6. Natural Gas Procurement

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council pass a by-law to execute an Agreement with Local Authority Services (LAS) to participate in a Natural Gas Procurement Program.

Background

The County of Renfrew has been part of the Natural Gas Procurement Program offered by Local Authoritative Services (LAS) to Ontario

Municipalities for more than twenty years. The advantages of the program are:

- (a) Budget Stability
A commodity price that is fixed and guaranteed for one-year intervals.
- (b) Maximized Purchasing Power
LAS is able to leverage economies of scale through aggregated tenders of all program members to get the best possible price.
- (c) Periodic Program Rebates
An annual review of the program often provides members rebates based on forecast prices and actual prices at the end of the year based on the member's usage. Rebate for 2019 was \$5,101 and \$13,435 for 2018.

Staff are recommending continuance of this program as per the terms in the attached Agreement (Appendix RP-I). A By-law to enroll in the program is required in order to proceed.

PLANNING DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Charles Cheesman, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Planning Services

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

January 12, 2021

INFORMATION**1. Planning Division Activity Tracker**

Tabled are the Activity Trackers for November and December 2020. In November, the Planning Division opened 20 new severance applications and prepared 3 planning checklists for general inquiries (pre-consultations). In December, the Planning Division opened 5 new severance applications and prepared 16 planning checklists for general inquiries.

Also tabled is the 2020 Year-End Activity Tracker and a more detailed overview of the activities. In 2020, 106 severance applications were submitted and 88 severance decisions were rendered. In addition, our office received 215 General Inquiries.

2. Tribunals Ontario Update

Tabled is a notice from Tribunals Ontario regarding their updated practice direction on hearing formats that came into effect on November 30, 2020.

3. Land Division Authority

In November, the County received and considered a request by the Township of Whitewater Region for delegated authority over their area's consent applications. This item was Postponed Definitely until August 2021 allowing for consideration of a review of the Planning Division. Tabled is correspondence that has been received from the Whitewater Business Association. The request from the Township of Whitewater Region will be taken into consideration as part of StrategyCorp's evaluation of the services delivered by the Planning Division as approved by County Council in December 2020.

4. **Amendments to the Drainage Act**

Tabled is correspondence from the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs advising that the Ministry is proposing a new Minister's Regulation to implement the amendments that were made to the Drainage Act under the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 (formerly Bill 197), which received Royal Assent on July 21, 2020.

The amendments enable development of a new Minister's Regulation which would:

- Provide a simplified process for minor improvements to municipal drains;
- Simplify the process for approving updates to engineer's reports for changes to the design made during construction; and,
- Adopt the Drainage Act and Conservation Authorities Act Protocol (DART Protocol) by reference.

Feedback on the regulatory proposal can be made on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) website address under number [019-2814](tel:019-2814).

ADDENDUM TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REPORT
Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development
Prepared for: Development and Property Committee
January 12, 2021

BY-LAWS

8. Rural Economic Development Program Extension

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council amend By-law 81-20 to execute an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – Rural Economic Development (RED) Program to extend the Agreement until March 31, 2021.

Background

Staff has been advised that a second amendment request, reflecting the restrictions created by the COVID-19 pandemic on delivering the RED funding as planned, has been approved and requires the endorsement of County Council.

ADDENDUM TO THE OTTAWA VALLEY TOURIST ASSOCIATION REPORT

Prepared by: Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

January 12, 2021

INFORMATION

4. Abacus Travel Survey and Report

Attached as Appendix OVTA-I are copies of two recent Abacus Travel Surveys and Reports conducted on behalf of Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (RTO 11) (OHTO).

The first, COVID-19 Travel Impact Study – Individual RTO Report: RTO 11, reveals the sentiment of tourists who visited Ontario's Highlands during the COVID-19 pandemic and their activities.

The second, COVID-19 Travel Impact Study – Wave 2, is a survey of the entire province and how tourists have reacted to Wave 2 of COVID-19 and their feelings, travel plans and perceptions. These surveys provide valuable data on tourism activity and suggest how businesses, municipalities, the County and the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association, and OHTO should address tourism marketing and tourist concerns, information needs, and the impact it has had on travel. These surveys were conducted from November 9-21, 2020. A total of 2,000 people were invited to respond to the surveys.

ADDENDUM TO THE FORESTRY AND GIS DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS

Prepared for: Development and Property Committee

January 12, 2021

A meeting of the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee was held on January 11, 2021.

INFORMATION**6. City of Pembroke Correspondence**

Tabled is correspondence from the City of Pembroke's Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Terry Lapierre informing the County that the City supports the use of the County of Renfrew owned Algonquin Trail within City boundaries between Greenside Street and east of Mackay Street for the purpose of snowmobile use as per the requirements stipulated in County of Renfrew By-Law 119-18 and any other relevant regulations or conditions deemed appropriate by the County.

7. Burns Drive Correspondence

Tabled is correspondence from Mr. Duane MacDougall of Burns Drive regarding the Algonquin Trail. Our Committee has directed the Warden to send a letter to Mr. MacDougall that reiterates that all the concerns addressed in his letter have been previously addressed.

8. ICIP Resiliency Application

At the direction of County Council, staff submitted an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Resiliency Fund for the improvements of the Algonquin Trail west of the Petawawa River to utilize the aggregate received from the Ministry of Transportation. The application included brushing, grading, signage, review and improvement to structures, control access gates and the application of stone dust.

RESOLUTIONS

9. Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee Budget

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee approve the 2021 Work Plan as presented for the Algonquin Trail.

Background

Staff has prepared a draft work plan based on the 2021 draft CP Rail Line Development budget of \$248,000. A number of outside influences will affect the work plan and budget (i.e., funding announcements, municipal requests, trail use request from snowmobile/ATV organizations, etc.).

Work Type	Amount
Consultants	\$15,000.00
Structure Approaches	\$25,000.00
Vegetation Management	\$10,000.00
Calcium	\$15,000.00
Fencing	\$15,000.00
Nuisance Beaver Control	\$1,000.00
Weeds	\$2,000.00
Signs	\$10,000.00
Gates	\$30,000.00
Garrison Lands Development	\$104,000.00
Taxes on lease properties	\$13,000.00
Legal	\$8,000.00
Total	\$248,000.00