



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

An electronic meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, March 16, 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
- Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development
- Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services
- Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS
- Lacey Rose, County Forester
- Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
- Evelyn VanStarkenbourg, Administrative Assistant

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-21-03-26

Moved by Councillor Tiedje

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-27

Moved by Councillor Lynch

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:

- (a) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them (Official Plan); and,
- (b) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land (Renfrew County Forests).

Time: 1:03 p.m. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-30

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time: 2:03 p.m. CARRIED.

Committee recessed at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2:12 p.m., excepting Councillor Emon.

Mr. Moreau overviewed the design of the Committee Reports moving forward and noted that items, where applicable will be linked to the four Strategic Plan priorities approved by County Council. This also falls in line with the Service Delivery Improvement Project.

Development and Property

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

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that Lanark County has provided the County with a copy of their Letter of Support sent to Prime Minister Trudeau for the proposal of

new passenger rail service for VIA Rail Canada's dedicated tracks for High-Frequency Rail (HFR), which is attached as Appendix B.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-31

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor Reiger

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that the Warden send a letter of support to the Prime Minister for VIA Rail Canada's submission for dedicated tracks for High Frequency Rail (HFR). CARRIED.

Committee was advised that the statistics for 2018 and 2019 in the Building Permit Information will be reviewed for accuracy prior to County Council.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-32

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Keller

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council approve the Planning Internship Program beginning April/May 2021 for an initial four-month program, and to assess the success of the program prior to a second and further intake. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-33

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that support be given to the Township of McNab/Braeside as they seek the issuance of two (2) Ministerial Zoning Orders under Section 2.47 of the Planning Act, or other power(s) as deemed appropriate. CARRIED.

Economic Development

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

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-34

Moved by Councillor Keller

Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that the Warden send a letter to Premier Doug Ford in support of a transportation service route

with Ontario Northland from Pembroke along Highway 41 and 60 through Eganville to Renfrew. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-35

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee direct staff to share the draft report from the Ontario Trails Council on trail usage with the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee for their review; AND FURTHER THAT the Ontario Trails Council be invited to attend a future meeting of County Council. CARRIED.

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.

Ms. Rose provided a summary of forestry activities that occurred in 2020 which is attached as Appendix C.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-36

Moved by Councillor Keller

Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT the Development and Property Committee direct staff to prepare an appreciation letter under the Warden's signature for Provincial Ministers that have sustained the Forest sector. CARRIED.

Mr. Davis overviewed a presentation on the status of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT)/Algonquin Trail which is attached as Appendix D.

Councillor Emon re-entered the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Mr. Davis advised that the overlap agreement with TransCanada Pipeline for the alternative route for the Algonquin Trail through Garrison Petawawa lands was signed in February.

It was noted that there is a new grant opportunity through the Community Building Fund that has been announced to support non-profit tourism, culture, sport and recreation organizations including retrofits and rehabilitation to meet COVID-19 public health protocol requirements and local community needs and staff will look into this funding opportunity. Any funding that is received would offset the use of future capital reserves.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-37

Moved by Councillor Tiedje

Seconded by Warden Robinson

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that the Algonquin Trail proceed with sections identified as A, B and C as outlined in the attached table to a maximum of \$2 million commencing in 2021 over a four-year period;

AND FURTHER THAT funds be taken from reserves to finance this project and be repaid as a first charge against any future County of Renfrew annual surplus;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to continue to seek any grant opportunities, revenue streams and/or partnerships to offset funding requirements. CARRIED.

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.

Mr. Kelley advised staff will forward the proposed By-law and Schedule to the Township of Whitewater Region for their review and comment. It is anticipated that the final version will be brought back to this Committee and County Council in April.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-38

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Tiedje

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend 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. CARRIED.

Mr. Cheesman advised that a letter was received from Town of Renfrew on March 10, 2021 with comments on the proposed Official Plan Amendment and is attached as Appendix E.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-39

Moved by Councillor Tiedje

Seconded by Councillor Regier

WHEREAS the Planning Act requires the County of Renfrew to adopt an Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing approved the update to the Official Plan for the County of Renfrew in March 2020;

AND WHEREAS County Council directed staff to seek an approach to make changes to the approved Official Plan of the County of Renfrew that were more reflective of local context;

AND WHEREAS County planning staff prepared a draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 31, for this purpose:

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has provided the County of Renfrew with delegated authority, as permitted for in the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the local municipalities were offered an opportunity for early consultation on a draft of OPA 31 in November 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry's March 2020 approval of the County of Renfrew Official Plan contained an extensive mapping layer of Significant Wildlife Habitat (Deer Wintering Area) that was not part of the Council adopted update to the Official Plan and submitted to the Ministry;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry's March 2020 approval of the County of Renfrew Official Plan contained an increase in the lands designated Agriculture that were not part of the Council adopted update to the Official Plan and submitted to the Ministry;

AND WHEREAS County of Renfrew OPA 31 is reflective of local Renfrew County context, as provided for within the Provincial Policy Statement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council receive the attached March 16, 2021 draft OPA;

AND FURTHER THAT the Development and Property Committee recommends to County Council that staff be directed to revise OPA 31 to reflect the mapping for Natural Heritage Features and Agriculture as adopted by County Council and submitted to the Province of Ontario as OPA 25;

AND FURTHER THAT the draft OPA 31 as revised at the direction of County Council 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 a subsequent review by this Committee and County Council, an electronic statutory public meeting be held on a future date yet to be determined. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-40

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

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

Staff was directed to present to County Council OPA 31 with the proposed changes and the original mapping under OPA 25.

New Business

Agriculture Lands

Discussion occurred with regards to land within the County being cleared and used as agricultural and whether there would be a re-zoning required. Mr. Moreau advised that the lands would have been classified as Agricultural 1, 2 or 3 based on the soil type.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-03-41

Moved by Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on April 13, 2021. Time: 4:11 p.m. CARRIED.