



## **DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

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An electronic meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, May 11, 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
- Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works and Engineering
- Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development
- Bruce Howarth, Acting Manager of Planning
- Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS
- Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
- Evelyn VanStarkenburg, 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-21-05-45**

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor Keller

THAT the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

**Development and Property**

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

**Economic Development**

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

Discussion occurred with regards to the request from MRC Pontiac for a \$5,000 contribution to assist with marketing and tourism of the Ottawa River Waterway.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-05-46**

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council approve the provision of up to \$5,000 to support the marketing of the Ottawa River Waterway and the many tourism opportunities it presents for visitors and residents alike;

AND FURTHER THAT the contribution is subject to a matching contribution from the City of Pembroke being provided and a requirement that the contribution is directed only at marketing the waterway to an audience and market that the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) has, will or may also identify as a viable market for watersports tourism. CARRIED.

Committee directed staff to revisit this recommendation if the City of Pembroke does not provide funding support as this initiative is an opportunity for a partnership with MRC Pontiac and will have economic benefits to the County.

Mr. Baird advised that access to the 2021 Taste of Valley will be available through various media channels including the County of Renfrew website, Ottawa Valley Tourist Association website and social media channels such as Facebook, etc.

### **Ottawa Valley Tourist Association**

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

Committee was advised that the Town of Petawawa has been recognized as one of 13 communities across Canada and received the Bronze award for being a bicycle friendly community.

### **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.

Staff was directed to invite the Renfrew County ATV Club as a delegation to a future meeting to overview how their club has expanded over the past few years and the initiatives they have undertaken through partnerships with the County of Renfrew in upgrading the Algonquin Trail.

### **RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-05-47**

Moved by Councillor Keller

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that staff prepare a response in advance of the May 27, 2021 deadline for early engagement on the protection and recovery approach on Black Ash similar to previous responses by the County of Renfrew to the Province concerning restrictive Butternut regulations. CARRIED.

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

## **Real Property**

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

Mr. Kelley and Mr. Foss overviewed the Service Delivery Improvement Project, which is attached as Appendix C. Mr. Kelley noted that it is anticipated the project will be complete by the end of June 2021.

Committee was advised that along with the savings noted in the presentation, it is anticipated that there will be further savings incurred from the integration of the Provincial Offences Administration and Community Services into the County Administration Building through the sharing of office equipment, information technology, the establishment of a central phone system, etc.

## **Planning**

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

Mr. Howarth overviewed the key proposed changes to certain land division provisions in the Planning Act which will be positive changes if passed. Of note are the following:

1. Dealing with inadvertent merging of title in case of death.
2. The wording for public notices and information related to public meetings will be revised to reflect that the public cannot appeal Plans of Subdivision.
3. Application for Consent – Currently this only permitted by the landowner. The proposed amendment would permit a purchaser of land or the purchaser's agent to apply for a consent.
4. Currently the applicant has only one year to meet conditions with no opportunity for an extension under the Planning Act. The amendment proposes to provide a municipality with the authority to extend up to one additional year.
5. Currently a certificate is issued to the consent applicant only for severed lands. The amendment proposes to add a process where a certificate may be provided for the retained lands.
6. The amendment would allow owners, purchasers or their agents to apply to the municipality for a certificate of cancellation in respect of land previously conveyed with a consent which if approved would remove the

application of specified exceptions from subdivision control in relation to the land.

Mr. Howarth advised that if the proposed amendments proceed the Planning Division application forms, processes, and Tariff of Fees By-law would require updating.

Discussion occurred with regards to recreational cannabis in Ontario and the need to undertake a land use planning study. Mr. Kelley advised that the proposed study would cost between \$25,000 to \$50,000 and would be a document that would be available to all the local municipalities to use to create their zoning by-laws and recommendations on the control of cannabis in their municipalities moving forward.

Mr. Foss advised that the County of Renfrew has received payments in the amount of \$170,000 to date from the Province of Ontario and the land use planning study for cannabis would qualify for this funding.

Mr. Kelley advised that the study would review all the land use policies and regulations that are in place along with what is currently practiced in other municipalities and counties within Ontario. The study would also include a community consultation component.

Councillor Tiedje vacated the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-05-48**

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that, with approval from the Finance and Administration Committee, funds be used from the Cannabis Reserve Fund to undertake a land use planning study with respect to cannabis cultivation, production and processing in the County or study area region;

AND FURTHER THAT the study include evaluating potential associated impacts on sensitive land uses and recommending an approach for zoning cannabis production facilities, and that the authors of the study consider and report upon any other land use planning considerations as relevant and deemed appropriate;

AND FURTHER THAT this project be done in partnership with local municipalities.  
CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-05-49**

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

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

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-05-50**

Moved by Councillor Reigier

Seconded by Warden Robinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Development and Property Committee move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations (Department Structure):  
Time: 2:30 p.m. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-05-53**

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Keller

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time: 3:00 p.m. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-05-54**

Moved by Councillor Keller

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on June 15, 2021. Time: 3:01 p.m. CARRIED.