



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

An electronic meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, October 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
- Laura LePine, Director of Community Services
- Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works and Engineering
- Alastair Baird, Manager of Economic Development
- Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS
- Bruce Howarth, Acting Manager of Planning
- Kevin Raddatz, Manager of Real Estate
- Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
- Evelyn VanStarckenburg, Administrative Assistant

Chair Sweet called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Chair recited the land acknowledgement, identifying that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-10-99

Moved by Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting be approved. CARRIED.

Development and Property

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

Committee was advised that a Business Case to remove the Asset Management Coordinator will be brought forward as part of the 2022 Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-10-100

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Warden Robinson

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council approve the addition of one Junior Planner position in the Planning Division.

CARRIED.

Economic Development

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

Committee was advised that due to COVID-19 and the continuing health concerns, the Renfrew County in-person session of the Ontario East Regional Reception on October 20, 2021 has been cancelled.

Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

Mr. Baird overviewed the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) 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.

Real Estate

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

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-10-101

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Lynch

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council enter into an Agreement with the Government of Canada for the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF); AND FURTHER THAT County Council pass a By-law to execute an Agreement between Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). CARRIED.

Committee was advised that the Request for Quotation for snowplowing services at the Petawawa Paramedic Facility was awarded to G.P. Splinter Forest Products and Construction, Pembroke, Ontario.

Planning

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

Mr. Howarth noted that the proposed planning services fees for preparing the updated zoning by-laws for each municipality is a one-time fee and includes long-term maintenance of the By-law. The fees for site specific and developer driven Zoning By-law Amendments would be additional.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-10-102

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that staff be directed to approach the 12 local municipalities that utilize the County of Renfrew Official Plan regarding updates to the Comprehensive Zoning By-laws. CARRIED.

Discussion occurred on the Cannabis Operations Study Recommendations Report. It was suggested that the following items be updated in the report: 1) the wording “purpose-built facilities” be removed from the document as there are existing facilities within the County of Renfrew that should be considered; 2) the wording “air filtration system” should be consistent throughout the document; and, 3) clarification is needed on the limitations for outdoor storage. Mr. Howarth advised that all comments received will be forwarded to WSP for consideration in the final report.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-10-103

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor Emon

THAT the Development and Property Committee accept the Final Recommendation Planning Study Report with respect to cannabis received from WSP as information; AND FURTHER THAT the Report be circulated to all local municipalities; AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with the approved work plan, staff be directed to schedule two separate one-hour workshop sessions with WSP for local municipalities and councillors to attend. CARRIED.

Mr. Howarth advised that Bill 13, the proposed Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021, had its first reading at the Provincial Legislation on October 7, 2021. Schedule 19 of the Bill proposes to make changes to the Planning Act to expand the matters that the council of a local municipality may delegate to help streamline planning decisions. More particularly, the amendments would provide a new discretionary authority to delegate planning decisions dealing with minor amendments to zoning by-laws, subject to criteria established through official plan policies. This authority could include delegating decisions for temporary use by-laws, the lifting of holding symbols, and other minor zoning by-law amendments. It would be up to each municipality to determine whether to exercise this proposed new authority and the types of minor zoning by-law amendments decisions to delegate. Mr. Howarth advised that municipalities have the option to not delegate this authority.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-10-104

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Regier

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

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-21-10-105

Moved by Councillor Tiedje

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on November 8, 2021. Time: 2:06 p.m. CARRIED.