



DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

A special public meeting of the Development and Property Committee was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Chair James Brose
Warden Peter Emon (attended virtually)
Vice-Chair Robert Weir
Councillor David Bennett
Councillor Daniel Lynch
Councillor Mark MacKenzie
Councillor Gary Serviss
Councillor Keith Watt

And Others: Councillor Debbi Grills

Staff Present: Craig Kelley, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Jason Davis, Director of Development and Property
Bruce Howarth, Manager of Planning Services
Roselyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
Tyson Hilts, Systems Analyst
Tina Peplinskie, Media Relations and Social Media Coordinator
Lindsey Bennett-Farquhar, Senior Planner
Alana Zadow, Secretary-Treasurer-Land Division/Junior Planner
Evelyn VanStarkenbug, Administrative Assistant

Chair Brose called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The land acknowledgement identifying that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People was recited. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

County Official Plan Amendment No. 35 (OPA 35)

The Chair advised that this public meeting was convened to inform the public of a proposed application in accordance with the Planning Act and to receive information and comments related to the application from the general public. No decisions would be made at the meeting and all information received would be taken into consideration in providing a recommendation to County Council. The Chair advised that the purpose of OPA 35 is to update the Official Plan in

accordance with Provincial direction and changes to the Planning Act through Bill 109, the More Homes for Everyone Act and Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

Mr. Howarth advised that as required in the Planning Act, the County of Renfrew advertised the notice of public meeting in newspapers across the County of Renfrew and posted it on the County of Renfrew website and social media. The notice was also shared with the local municipalities. The application was circulated in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. Comments can be sent to the County of Renfrew up until the time County Council makes a decision on the amendment. Any person or public body who does not make an oral or written statement is not entitled to make an appeal of the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of decision will be sent to anyone who requests it.

Mr. Howarth advised that this is the second public meeting to be held with regards to OPA 35, with the first being held on December 21, 2022. Following the first meeting were some minor revisions to OPA 35, in particular the inclusion of policies regarding third units being permitted on lots.

The Chair invited members of the public to provide comments. Those providing comments were to state their name and address for the record. The following two members of the public came forward:

1. Albert Kruschenske from Alice, Ontario spoke and advised that he was filing a notice of objection, to the County of Renfrew, County Planning Division and Council Members.
2. Donna Burns from Whitewater Township and Vice-President of the Ontario Land Owners' Association (LOA) and President of the Renfrew County Chapter of LOA advised she was objecting to the proposed changes and disapproved with the time of day the public meeting was held.

The Chair advised that any written submissions should be left with the Clerk.

Mr. Howarth overviewed the written comments received from Doris Murray of Golden Lake and Jp2g Consultants Inc. of Pembroke.

Mr. Howarth advised that staff will be reviewing all the comments received and provide a report to the Development and Property Committee with a recommendation. He noted that County Council will make a final decision on OPA 35 and when this is done an official notice will be sent to all who requested to be contacted.

RESOLUTION NO. DP-C-23-04-38

Moved by Councillor Lynch

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT this meeting adjourn. Time: 8:52 a.m. CARRIED.