

## **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

County Council Chambers  
7 Broadway Street West, Paris  
Monday, May 12, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Simons, Haggart, Powell, Chambers, Hodge, Coleman and Gatward.

**Regrets:** Councillor Atfield.

**Staff:** Fiebig, Glassford, Compeau, Johnston, Bell, Balfour, and Carman.

Councillor Haggart in the Chair.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Corporate Development Committee agenda for May 12, 2008 be accepted as circulated.

.Carried

### **DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS**

#### **Taxi Licensing**

Lynn Pratt, Grand River Cabs, presented concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the taxi licensing by-law being recommended by staff in Report CD-08-78. She noted that Grand River Cabs does not oppose the proposed changes to the taxi licensing fees, as the changes are mainly amendments to wording for fees that already exist in the by-law. Ms. Pratt noted their objection to the recommendation to eliminate the priority list for taxicab owner's licenses and replace it with a random draw system, and questioned how this could be done if it resulted in a company having more than 67% of the cabs. Grand River Cabs objects to the fact that they were not allowed to remain on the priority list for another license, and that the County Licensing Department has not been enforcing the provisions of the taxi licensing by-law. Ms. Pratt objected to the proposed change to Section 44(3) to correct an inaccurate reference, suggesting that this amendment is being used by staff to delay a response to her request for a list of all drivers and the registered owners of vehicles. She also objected to the proposed changes to Section 11(5), advising that the removal of wording would negatively affect the County's control over the taxi industry. Ms. Pratt requested that the proposed by-law amendments not be approved and that the Committee investigate the issuance of an owner's license to a new company that is affiliated with Paris Taxi, which increases their percentage of taxicabs over the 67% maximum allowed.

#### **North Paris Area Study**

Bill Green, GSP Group, affirmed the request on behalf of the North Paris landowners to initiate the North Paris Area Study, noting that staff is recommending approval of this area study. He advised that the landowners are in favour of the change recommended by staff that the area study boundary be extended southerly to Scott Avenue.

### **St. George Area Study**

Jennifer Vos advised that she was representing Activa, Empire Communities, Brant Star Developments and Riverview Highlands Holdings Inc. in their request to carry out an area study in St. George, noting that the landowners were in agreement with the recommendations proposed by staff for this area study.

### **Request for Exemption from Water Servicing Policy – 49 Cedar Street**

Joe Cohoon, on behalf of property owner Rob Avery of 49 Cedar Street, requested that Mr. Avery's request for an exemption to the Paris Water Servicing Policy be deferred until such time as the water allocation is available.

### **First Urban Request re: MTO Highway 24 Corridor Study**

Murray MacDonald, 52 Blossom Avenue, noted his concerns that any corridor proposed as part of the MTO Highway 24 Corridor Study will remove agricultural lands and impact the citizens in the area, regardless of whether it is located at Garden Avenue or Jerseyville.

### **First Urban Planning Application Requests for Lands North of Highway 403**

Murray MacDonald noted his concern that the County was waiving the requirement for First Urban to carry out a full area study for their proposed planning applications for lands north of Highway 403. He referred to the recommendation in the Marshall Macklin Monaghan consultant's report that no urban settlement boundaries be expanded as part of the Official Plan Review, noting that these applications, if approved, would remove 200 acres from agricultural production.

## **MINUTES**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the Corporate Development Committee Minutes of April 7, 2008 be approved as printed.

.Carried

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **1. Resolution Re: Bill C-22**

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

Whereas one of the founding principles of Confederation is Representation by Population and the equitable apportionment of seats in the House of Commons;

And whereas although the changes proposed by the Federal Government in Bill C-22 will add some seats in the House of Commons, Ontario will remain underrepresented;

And whereas under the proposed legislation, Members of Parliament from Ontario will each continue to represent a greater number of constituents than Members of Parliament from other provinces, effectively reducing the representation of Ontarians;

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant supports fair Representation by Population and the equitable apportionment of seats in the House of Commons;

That the County of Brant urges the Federal Government to consider changes to Bill C-22 to ensure the fair and equitable representation of Ontarians;

And that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, Lloyd St. Amand, M.P. – Brant Riding and Dave Levac, M.P.P. – Brant Riding.

.Carried

2. In response to a question, it was noted that no further information has been received on the proposal put forward by Murray Coolican, Provincial Negotiator, on the lands claims issues. Mayor Eddy advised that he understood that the proposal was not acceptable to the Six Nations Council.
3. In response to a question, it was noted that the Memorandum of Understanding for the proposed merger of Brant County Power is scheduled to be considered at the May 20 meeting of Council.
4. In response to a question, it was noted that the changes approved at the last meeting regarding Elm Street parking are in addition to the signage that directs parking and washroom availability at the Syl Apps Community Centre.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the following consent items be approved:

1. Whereas in previous years the Accessibility Advisory Committee recognized local businesses and organizations that support accessibility;  
  
That Council support an annual Accessibility Advisory Committee Recognition Awards Ceremony;  
  
That the 2008 Accessibility Advisory be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the County of Brant Council Chambers;  
  
And that the County of Brant proclaim the week of June 1-7, 2008, as “County of Brant Accessibility Awareness Week”.
2. That the contract for Group Benefits Consulting Services be awarded to Mosey & Mosey for a five year term;

And that the following consent items be received as information:

1. Grand River Conservation Authority – Resolution Re: Environmental Commissioner of Ontario’s Annual Report;
2. Municipality of Brockton – Resolution Re: Consultations Between Mining Companies and First Nations;
3. Township of Tiny – Resolution Re: 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arrival of Samuel de Champlain;
4. Bruce Archibald, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, advising of appointment of OMAFRA Director to assist with the SCOR Action Plan and the Erie Agri-Food Innovations project.

.Carried

### **SCOR – Memorandum of Understanding**

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the South Central Ontario Region (SCOR) initiative Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the County of Brant;

That Council appoint Mayor Eddy to serve on the Executive Committee of SCOR (as per MOU 3.1.1);

And that the David Johnston and Eric Rowen be appointed to serve on the Administrative Standing Committee of SCOR.

. Carried

### **Consent Items to be Received**

1. Update of Industrial Development Strategy – CD-08-70 – D. Johnston  
In response to questions, the Director of Development Services advised that in addition to the inventory of designated industrial land, the Industrial Development Strategy is obtaining information to assist the County in establishing priorities for the development of industrial land.
2. CRBO Certification – Andre Gravelle and Pat Gallagher – CD-08-60 – L. Balfour  
It was agreed that Mayor Eddy would present recognition certificates to the two employees involved.
3. Brant Community Healthcare System Re: MRI Fundraising  
It was agreed that Hospital staff would be requested to provide further information on the status of the MRI fundraising, including the total costs involved.

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TAXI FEES AND CHARGES – CD-08-58 AND PROCESS FOR ISSUANCE OF REMAINING TAXI CAB PLATE – CD-08-78**

Fran Bell, Associate Director of Corporate Services, advised that staff has spent considerable time responding to questions and concerns received by e-mail from Grand River Cabs. In addition, staff has met with another company and will be bringing forward a further recommendation at the next meeting.

Moved by – Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That Report CD-08-58, Proposed Amendments to Taxi Fees and Charges, and Report CD-08-78, Process for Issuance of Remaining Taxi Cab Plate, be deferred to allow staff to review the concerns brought forward by Grand River Cabs and respond to any outstanding issues.

. Carried

### **BUILDING DIVISION FINANCIAL REPORT 2007 – CD-08-62**

Lynn Balfour presented an overview of the Building Division Financial Report for 2007 and provided information on the staff recommendation to establish a Fee Stabilization Reserve Fund. It was agreed that this Reserve Fund would be established utilizing the 2007 surplus amount and would not include the 2006 surplus of \$3,073.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Council confirm the establishment of the Fee Stabilization Reserve Fund (FSRF) in the maximum amount reflective of one year of direct and indirect costs of the operation of the Building Division in accordance with the intent of the provisions of the *Building Code Act*,

And that Council transfer the permit fees collected in excess of the direct and indirect costs in 2007 in the amount of \$290,707 to the Building Division FSRF.

.Carried

### **OFFER TO LEASE SHARP ROAD LANDS FOR TEMPORARY PERIOD – CD-08-68**

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

Whereas the County of Brant has indicated that industrial growth and assessment is a high priority for the County of Brant;

And whereas Council has allocated funds via 2008 Capital Budget to develop Sharp Road – Phase II as an industrial business park (2011);

And whereas there may be timeline conflicts in developing Sharp Road Phase II Industrial Park, with the proposed lease;

And whereas there are significant administrative works needed to be completed prior to entering into an agreement to lease;

And whereas there are environmental concerns with the placement of the fill on the site;

Be it hereby resolved that the County of Brant not enter into a lease agreement with Innovative Earthworks Ltd. to lease the Sharp Road lands.

.Carried

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**PARIS INTERIM WATER SERVICING POLICY EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR 49 CEDAR STREET – CD-08-59**

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the request received from the property owner of 49 Cedar Street for an exemption from Council Policy PWE-2005-02 (Paris Interim Water Servicing Policy) be deferred until such time as the water allocation becomes available.

.Carried

**FIRST URBAN REQUEST TO CIRCULATE VARIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS NORTH OF HIGHWAY 403 IN THE GARDEN AVENUE AREA – CD-08-69**

David Johnston, Director of Development Services, reviewed the request from First Urban regarding various planning applications for their property north of Highway 403 in the Garden Avenue area. First Urban has requested that the requirement for an Area Study be waived, on the basis that the sewer and water services will be provided by the City of Brantford. Mr. Johnston pointed out that these lands would transfer to the City of Brantford under the current City/County boundary negotiations (Area B). If the City of Brantford does not approve the request to provide services to the First Urban lands, the planning applications will not proceed. In response to a question, he advised that the Letter of Intent provided for the joint consideration by both Councils of planning applications for lands that are included in the negotiations.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the County advise the applicant that the County is willing to waive the detailed Area Study Criteria as recently approved by Council on their sites, as the water supply and sanitary waste collection and treatment would come from the City of Brantford should the development be approved;

That the applicant be advised that they are still required to file documents to fully justify the proposal in terms of the Area Study policy requirements of Section 2.4 of the County Official Plan and justification to meet the requirements of Provincial Policy with respect to Urban Settlement Boundary expansion and the Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe;

And that the applicant be further advised that once the application is circulated it will be evaluated on the information filed with the application.

.Carried

**FIRST URBAN REQUEST RELATIVE TO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY 24 CORRIDOR STUDY – CD-08-72**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the County forward the April 4, 2008 letter from Sernas Transtech to the Ministry of Transportation asking the Ministry to give consideration to the alternatives outlined in Mr. Rae's letter;

That, after considering the options, the Ministry be requested to advise the County of their position with respect to the suggestions made by the Consultant;

And that the April 4, 2008 letter from Sernas Transtech be forwarded to the City of Brantford with a request for the City to provide input on the proposed design alternative for Garden Avenue.

	<u>Recorded Vote</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Gatward		1
Councillor Haggart	1	
Councillor Wheat	1	
Councillor Schmitt	1	
Councillor Simons	1	
Mayor Eddy	1	
Councillor Powell	1	
Councillor Atfield		absent
Councillor Chambers	1	
Councillor Hodge	1	
Councillor Coleman	<u>1</u>	
<b>. Carried</b>	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>

**REQUEST TO DEFINE AREA STUDY FOR ST. GEORGE – CD-08-71**

A letter from Kagan Shastri, Solicitors for Empire Communities, was distributed to members of Council advising that it is their position that an Area Study is not required in order for their applications for an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Plan of Subdivision to proceed. Although they will participate in an Area Study with other developers within the St. George urban settlement area, they are prepared to seek a motion from the Ontario Municipal Board that their planning applications are complete and should be allowed to proceed at this time. Mr. Johnston advised that it is County staff’s view that the planning applications are incomplete until such time as the St. George Urban Settlement Area Study has been undertaken.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
 Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That Council define the St. George Area Study Boundary as the Urban Settlement Boundary that is in the current Official Plan and that the private interests requesting confirmation of the boundaries be so advised;

That subject to the private interest paying all costs for the preparation of the Area Study, all costs related to the provision of background information and all costs for the peer review as outlined in the Area Study Criteria approved by Council, they can proceed to prepare an Area Study for St. George (Note: The defining of the Area Study area by the County or the acknowledgement of the option to provide technical input should in no way indicate County acceptance of the document that may be prepared or the financial participation in the preparation of the Area Study or in providing any required infrastructure that may be identified as being needed to implement the Area Study).

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That staff and the County Solicitor be authorized to attend any scheduled OMB hearing on the completeness of the Empire Communities applications for draft plan approval and rezoning for their property in St. George.

.Carried

**REQUEST TO DEFINE AREA STUDY FOR PARIS NORTH – CD-08-73**

It was pointed out that the area for this study has been increased to include lands southerly to Scott Avenue. All lands included in this Area Study are within the current Urban Settlement Area for Paris.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Council define the Area Study as outlined on the Map as the Paris North Study Area and that the private interests requesting confirmation of the Study Area be so advised;

And that subject to the private interest paying all costs for the preparation of the Area Study, all costs related to the provision of background information and all costs for the peer review as outlined in the Area Study Criteria approved by Council, they can proceed to prepare an Area Study for Paris North (Note: The defining of the Area Study area by the County or the acknowledgement of the option to provide technical input should in no way indicate County acceptance of the document that may be prepared or the financial participation in the preparation of the Area Study or in providing any required infrastructure that may be identified as being needed to implement the Area Study).

.Carried

**REQUEST TO DEFINE AREA STUDY FOR NITH PENINSULA – PARIS – CD-08-74**

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

That Council define the Area Study as outlined on the Map as the Nith Peninsula Study Area and that the private interests requesting confirmation of the Study Area be so advised;

And that subject to the private interest paying all costs for the preparation of the Area Study, all costs related to the provision of background information and all costs for the peer review as outlined in the Area Study Criteria approved by Council, they can proceed to prepare an Area Study for Nith Peninsula - Paris (Note: The defining of the Area Study area by the County or the acknowledgement of the option to provide technical input should in no way indicate County acceptance of the document that may be prepared or the financial participation in the preparation of the Area Study or in providing any required infrastructure that may be identified as being needed to implement the Area Study).

.Carried

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**MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS IN  
SIMCOE, MAY 1, 2008 -CD-08-75**

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That Council refer the recent OMAFRA announcement to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for input and possible suggestions for projects or policy initiatives.

.Carried

Mayor Eddy requested that a meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Committee be held in the near future.

**CONSOLIDATED GRANTS REPORT – CD-08-64**

Moved by – Councillor Powell  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the following 2008 grants be approved:

Ayr Paris Band	\$ 500.00
Doors Open Brant	500.00
Paris Horticulture Society	500.00
Springtime in Paris	500.00
Burford Revitalization Committee	2,000.00
Onondaga Firefighters	1,500.00

And that the grant requests from the following organizations be denied:

Brant International Children's Games  
Historical Shows Association  
Friends of Paris Culture

. No Vote – Amendment Follows

Moved by – Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the Burford Revitalization Committee be granted an additional allotment of up to \$4,000, conditional on matching funds being raised in the community;

And that County staff be directed to ascertain the funding for this additional grant allotment.

. Carried

Mayor Eddy then called for a vote on the motion, as amended to read as follows:

“That the following 2008 grants be approved:

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And that County staff be directed to ascertain the funding for this additional grant allotment."

. Carried

It was agreed that Eric Rowen, Economic Development and Tourism Manager, would act as the staff liaison to the Burford Revitalization Committee.

### **RFP FOR RECRUITMENT SERVICES – CAO POSITION – CD-08-65**

Don Glassford reviewed his report on the results of the RFP for Recruitment Services for the C.A.O. position, noting that twelve proposals had been evaluated.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the firms of Promeus, Ray & Berndtson and Feldman Daxon be invited to make a presentation to the Committee on their proposal under the RFP for Recruitment Services – CAO Position, following which the Committee will complete its evaluation and make the final selection.

.Carried

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Corporate Development Committee would be held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20 to interview the three firms.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. CropLife Canada Re: Concerns Over Proposal to Ban "Cosmetic Use of Pesticides"  
Received for information
2. Request for Grant – Sabrina Hammer, Miss Ontario 2009

Moved by – Councillor Powell  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That a grant of \$500.00 be made to Sabrina Hammer, Miss Ontario 2009, to assist with the costs of participating in the Miss Canada International Scholarship Pageant;

And that County staff be directed to ascertain the funding for this additional grant allotment.

. Carried

4. Request from the County of Brant Library Board re: allocation of their 2007 surplus

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the request from the County of Brant Library Board to apply their 2007 surplus of \$25,910 against the debenture for the Scotland-Oakland Library Building project be referred to County staff for review in conjunction with the County's 2007 surplus.

. Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. In response to a question, the Director of Public Works advised that the Southwest Paris Water and Wastewater Servicing project is moving forward. An update report will be provided at an future Corporate Development Committee meeting.

2. Ontario Environmental Commissioner

It was agreed that Gordon Miller, the Ontario Environmental Commissioner, would be invited to address a meeting of Brant County Council, at his convenience.

3. Staff Mileage Rates

Moved by – Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That County staff be directed to carry out a review and analysis of the County's mileage rate.

. Carried

4. It was agreed that County staff would review the annual Council and Committee Remuneration report and make the appropriate changes for 2008 to better reflect the actual salaries paid to members of Council and the revenue received from outside boards and committees.

**In Camera at 9:25 p.m. to discuss personal matters**, on a motion of Councillors Coleman and Schmitt.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Corporate Development Committee minutes dated May 12, 2008.

**Open Session at 9:40 p.m.**, on motion of Councillors Chambers and Wheat.

**NEXT MEETING**

The Committee adjourned at 9:40 p.m. to meet again on Monday June 9, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the County Council Chambers.

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Secretary