

## **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

County Council Chambers  
7 Broadway Street West, Paris  
Monday, June 9, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

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

**Regrets** Councillor Schmitt

**Staff:** Fiebig, Compeau, Underwood, Bell, Pomponi, Rowen, Gravelle and Carman.

Councillor Haggart in the Chair.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Corporate Development Committee agenda for June 9, 2008 was accepted as circulated.

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

#### **Request for Exemption from PWE-2003-05 for 49 Catherine Street, Paris**

Bob Phillips, J.H. Cohoon Engineering Ltd, representing Paul Barber of 49 Catherine Street, Paris, requested that Council approve Mr. Barber's request for an exemption from PWE-2003-05 (Paris Interim Water Servicing Policy) so that the Committee of Adjustment can proceed to consider his application for the severance of a lot from his property. Mr. Phillips suggested that this proposed lot be considered for allocation of the additional water supply that has been identified for infilling lots in Paris.

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the presentation made by Bob Phillips regarding Report CD-08-82 be referred for consideration during the staff report on this matter.

. Carried

### **Various Taxi Matters**

Lynn Pratt, on behalf of Grand River Cabs, advised that she had provided a report for Committee's consideration setting out several taxi licensing concerns that she requested answers for. She objects to the proposal made by Paris Taxi and being supported by staff that would allow for unlimited discounting and deregulation of the taxi rate system. Grand River Cabs is also requesting that two standard and one accessible license be revoked from Paris Taxi and given to Grand River Cabs in order to reduce the 80% ownership of taxi licenses to 67% as required by the Taxi Licensing By-law. Ms. Pratt expressed her concerns that the new taxi company, Deluxe Taxi, is not a legitimate taxi brokerage but a subsidiary company of Paris Taxi. She requested that a clause be added to the taxi licensing by-law to require all brokerages to have commercial space for their operations, as well as the inclusion of a "no affiliation" clause in the by-law.

In response to staff report CD-08-81, Ms. Pratt noted her concerns with the process undertaken in 2008 in regard to the priority list for new taxi licenses. She suggested that the current process contained in the by-law should be utilized for 2008, as the new licenses became available in March 2008. The proposed random draw system for new licenses should not be effective until March 31, 2009. She also requested that Council reject staff reports CD-08-78 and CD-08-81 and that errors made by the Licensing Department without proper approval be corrected.

In response to staff report CD-08-83, Ms. Pratt expressed her concerns with the staff recommendation to amend the Taxi Licensing By-law to only prohibit charging a fare greater than the fares set out in the by-law. She suggested that this change would allow Paris Taxi to monopolize the market rates and eliminate their competitors. Ms. Pratt requested that Council quash the meter system that is to come into effect on July 2, 2008, and defer consideration of staff report CD-08-83 until such time as all taxi companies have an opportunity to offer a more equitable and fair rate system.

Eric Davis, representing Paris Taxi, advised that Paris Taxi was in favour of staff report CD-08-83 to set maximum taxi fares, as this would provide for fair market competition for all taxi companies. He noted that Paris Taxi has been abiding by the fares set out in the current by-law, but that Grand River Cabs has been advertising that they offer discounts or other incentives. He noted that it is very difficult for County Enforcement staff to enforce these kinds of infractions, because clients are not likely to complain about paying less than the posted fares.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the presentations by Lynn Pratt of Grand River Cabs and Eric Davis on behalf of Paris Taxi regarding proposed changes to the taxi licensing by-law be referred for consideration during the staff reports on this matter.

. Carried

### **Burford Co-op Preschool – Mount Vernon Church and Cemetery**

Mhairi Frommer, Supervisor of the Burford Co-op Preschool, provided information on the offer made by the Mount Pleasant Church to transfer the Mount Vernon Church and Cemetery to the County, so that the church building could then be used by the Burford Co-op Preschool. She provided various quotes for work that is to be done on the building to make it compliant for use as a day nursery. Ms. Frommer pointed out that the cemetery cannot be severed from the church at this time; however, the holding tank that is prohibiting this severance will need to be removed and replaced in another location as part of the renovations planned for the church.

Ms. Frommer outlined the increased number of spaces that will be available if the Co-op Preschool is allowed use of this building, pointing out that there are more children on the waiting list than the increased spaces allow. The Burford Co-op Preschool is currently located in a County-owned building at 120 King Street, and they are prepared to pay the \$500.00/month rent at the new location. She also outlined various grant applications that the Preschool will be making in order to carry out the necessary work on this building. In response to questions, she advised that the Preschool currently services 38 children on a part-time basis, but that a definite need has been identified in the Burford area for full-time child care. In response to a suggestion that the Preschool should lease the building directly from the Church, Ms. Frommer advised that the church wishes to sever their ties with this property.

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the presentation made by Mhairi Frommer regarding the Burford Co-op Preschool request be referred for consideration during the staff report on this matter.

. Carried

### **Requests for Area Studies**

Murray MacDonald, 52 Blossom Avenue, expressed his concerns about the proposal from First Urban to carry out an area study for the Cainsville/Brant East area. Their proposal is far in excess of what the residents envision for their area. He supported staff's recommendation that the Requests for Area Studies be deferred at this time because they are premature. Mr. MacDonald advised that he would be coming forward in the future to request Council to host a Greenbelt Forum. He distributed information on a Visioning meeting hosted by Sustainable Brant.

Jane Duncan, Cheryl Syracuse and Gwen Trainer advised that they are against development proposed for the Tutela Heights area. There are a number of young families who moved to this area because of the rural atmosphere. They support the staff recommendation in Report CD-08-91 and requested that they be kept informed of what is going on so that they can react to proposals for their area.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the presentation made by Murray MacDonald and the delegation from Tutela Heights Road regarding Staff Report CD-08-91 on Requests for Area Studies be referred for consideration during the staff report on this matter.

. Carried

### **MINUTES**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the Corporate Development Committee minutes of May 12, 2008 and May 20, 2008, be approved as printed.

.Carried

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. In response to a question, it was noted that further information was recently requested from the Brant Community Healthcare System on the MRI fundraising. This information will be available for the next CDC meeting.
2. The Clerk advised that information advising of upcoming OMB hearings is provided on Council agendas for the information of Council.
3. Mayor Eddy requested when an Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is to be scheduled.
4. It was noted that a report on the 2007 surplus will be considered at the July CDC meeting.

**CONSENT ITEMS TO BE APPROVED**

Moved by – Councillor Simons  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the County of Brant provide a grant of \$5,000 per year for the Agri-Food Innovations Initiative.

. Defeated

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the County of Brant refer the request for funding from the Agri-Food Innovations Initiative to the 2009 budget deliberations for consideration.

. Defeated – Tied Vote

**CONSENT ITEMS TO BE RECEIVED**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the following consent items be received as information:

1. Townships of North Frontenac, Addington Highlands, Greater Madawaska and Lanark Highlands – Resolution Re: Federal Gas Tax Revenue;
2. Townships of North Frontenac, Addington Highlands, Greater Madawaska and Lanark Highlands – Resolution Re: Provincial Sales Tax Exemptions;
3. City of Belleville – Resolution Re: Carbon Taxes;
4. Canadian Auto Worker's Union – Resolution Re: Amending the Ontario Health and Safety Act to include a personal safety clause;
5. City of Brantford Re: Notice of Intent & Public Information Centre – Drainage Channels in Rosedale Area;
6. Response to Delegation Report – Lyn Pratt for CDC Meeting of June 9, 2008;
7. Budget to Actual Reports – Ending April 30, 2008;
8. City of Waterloo – Resolution Re: 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment.

. Carried

**RESPONSE TO DELEGATION – CDC MAY 12, 2008 – CD-08-81**

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That Report CD-08-81, Response to Delegation, be received as additional information regarding Report CD-08-58 and Report CD-08-78, which were deferred at the May 12, 2008 meeting of the Corporate Development Committee.

. Carried

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TAXI FEES AND CHANGES – CD-08-58**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the Taxi License Fees in Schedule A of the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law Number 6-08 be amended, as indicated in bold and to read as follows;

**Taxi License Fees By-law 47- 08**

Application/Renewal Taxi Cab Driver License <b>s. 9</b>	each	\$25.00
Application/Renewal Taxi Cab Owner License <b>s. 10</b>	per vehicle	\$45.00
Application/Renewal Taxi Cab Broker License <b>s. 11</b>	each	\$100.00
Replacement of License Certificate/ <b>Fare</b> Card/ Plate <b>s. 16</b>	each	\$10.00
Transfer of Taxi Cab Owner's License <b>s.18</b>	<b>each plate</b>	\$100.00
<b>Transfer of Taxi Cab Owner's License s. 19</b>	<b>each plate</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>License Amendment s. 20</b>	<b>per request</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
Hearing Fee <b>s. 29</b>	each	\$250.00
<b>Application for Placement</b> Priority list for Taxi Cab Plate <b>s.33</b>	<b>per person</b>	\$150.00
<b>Renewal of Placement Priority List for Taxi Cab Plate s. 34</b>	<b>annual</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
Transfer of Owner's License-Vehicle Replacement s.40	per vehicle	\$25.00

And further that the following amendments to the Taxi By-law Number 47-08 be approved, as indicated in bold, to include references to the fees payable in the applicable subsections as follows;

- 20(1) When a *licensee* changes his name or address or any information relating to his *license*, he shall notify the *Licensing Officer* within forty-eight (48) hours of the change of information relating to the *license*, **and pay the applicable fee as set out in the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law.**
- 20(2) When the *licensee* is a corporation and the relevant information on the application is changed, namely: names or addresses of Officers or Directors, location of the corporate head office or change in the ownership of shares, the *licensee* shall report the change to the Licensing Department within seven days of the change **and pay the applicable fee as set out in the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law** and if necessary the license shall be returned immediately to the Licensing Department for amendment.
- 40(1) An *owner licensed* under this by-law who disposes of his *cab* or otherwise ceases to use his *cab* for the purposes permitted under this by-law and acquires another *vehicle* for the purposes permitted under this by-law, before using the *vehicle* as a *cab* shall provide a copy of the current *passenger motor vehicle* permit in good standing issued by the Ministry of Transportation in the *owner's* name, an *owner's license*, a copy of the current Ontario Standard Automobile Insurance Policy, **and pay the applicable fee as set out in the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law.**

And further, that the following amendment to subsection (9) of section 42 be approved, as indicated in bold, to correct a drafting error;

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- (9) **Not** operate a *taxicab* with a *meter* that is not in proper working order or where the seal is broken or has been tampered with.

And further, that the following amendment to subsection (5) of section 11 be approved, striking out the words as indicated, to correct a drafting error;

- (5) unless such *person* provides ~~on his own or in conjunction with a licensed taxicab broker~~, a suitable office for the *carrying on* or engaging in the *taxicab broker* business.

And further, that the following amendment to subsection (3) of section 44 of this by-law be approved, as indicated in bold, to correct an inaccurate reference;

- (3) notify the Licensing Department, in writing, within (10) days of any additions or deletions from the list provided for under subsection **(2)** of this section.

.Carried

### **PROCESS FOR ISSUANCE OF REMAINING TAXI CAB PLATE – CD-08-78**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the County of Brant Taxi By-law be amended to provide for the implementation of a random draw system for the issuing of taxicab owner plates that become available;

And further, that if approved, the fees relating to placement and renewal of placement on the Priority List be removed from the Fees and Charges By-law.

.Carried

In response to a question, Fran Bell, Associate Director of Corporate Services, provided an explanation of the allotment of taxi licenses at the end of March 2008, indicating that Paris Taxi did not have more than 67% of the licenses when the three new licenses were added to the total licenses available in the County.

### **TAXI METER RATES – CD-08-83**

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That Sections 46(), 48(1)(b) and 48(5) of the County of Brant Taxi By-law Number 47-08 be amended so that these sections only prohibit charging a fare that is greater than the fares established in Schedule "A" of the By-law.

.Carried

### **REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM PWE-2003-05 (PARIS INTERIM WATER SERVICING POLICY) FOR 49 CATHERINE STREET, PARIS – CD-08-82**

Cynthia Compeau, Director of Public Works, advised that the Director of Development Services was in the process of developing a policy for the allocation of additional water for infill lots.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the request received from the agent for the property owner of 49 Catherine Street for an exemption from Council Policy PWE-2003-05 (Paris Interim Water Servicing Policy) be approved.

.Defeated

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

Whereas a request has been received from the agent for the property owner of 49 Catherine Street for an exemption from Council Policy PWE-2003-05 (Paris Interim Water Servicing Policy);

And whereas the existing residence at 49 Catherine Street is currently connected to the Paris water supply and sanitary sewer systems;

And whereas the property owner of 49 Catherine Street is desirous of connecting an additional water and sanitary service connection to the Paris water supply and sanitary sewer systems to service the proposed lot that may be severed from 49 Catherine Street;

And whereas any additional water service connections at 49 Catherine Street relative to the development of an additional building lot will result in an increase in relation to the existing pattern of municipal water consumption from the subject lands;

And whereas the proposed building lot at 49 Catherine Street is not considered one of the estimated twenty residential lots of record that exist as of April 15, 2008 in Paris;

And whereas a policy for the administration of water capacity allocated to new development has not been approved by the municipality;

And whereas the County has recently received and deferred requests for exemption from Council Policy PWE-2003-05 (Paris Interim Water Servicing Policy) for similar developments in Paris;

Be it hereby resolved that the request received from the agent for the property owner of 49 Catherine Street for an exemption from Council Policy PWE-2003-05 (Paris Interim Water Servicing Policy) be deferred until such time as water allocation becomes available.

. Carried

**MILEAGE RATE REVIEW – CD-08-86**

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the County of Brant's rate for the use of an employee's vehicle be increased to \$0.48/km effective July 1, 2008.

.Carried

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**POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF MT. VERNON CHURCH AND CEMETERY – CD-08-87**

Moved by – Councillor Atfield  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the request from the Mt. Pleasant United Church to acquire the Mt. Vernon United Church property be denied for reasons outlined in Report CD-08-87;

And that the Burford Co-op Preschool consider leasing directly from the United Church, which would alleviate the municipality from any financial responsibility at this time or any liability and would ease the financial burden of the church for the upkeep of the building.

.Carried

**AAC CUSTOMER SERVICE REGULATION – CD-08-90**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the process as outlined in Recommendation CD-08-90 by which the County will implement required Customer Service Standards that deal with accessibility be endorsed;

And that the matter of future additional staff requirements to develop additional service standards be referred to the 2009 Budget considerations.

.Carried

In response to questions, Andre Gravelle, Deputy Chief Building Official, advised of the need to hire more staff to deal with the Provincial mandate for accessibility standards, noting that there is no funding from the Province to assist with these costs.

**REQUEST TO DEFINE AREA STUDIES FOR CAINSVILLE AND TUTELA HEIGHTS AREAS– CD-08-91**

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That Council defer any consideration of defining the requested Area Studies for the Cainsville and Tutela Heights area until after Council has heard the presentation by the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal and decided upon a policy with respect to the expansion of Settlement Area Boundaries;

And that both development Groups be advised that once a definitive position is established with respect to the expansion of Settlement Area Boundaries, decisions will be made with respect to their requests.

.Carried

The Clerk advised that representatives of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal would not be able to make a presentation to the June 17 Council meeting due to another meeting conflict.

Moved by – Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That a special Council meeting be scheduled in the Council Chambers to receive a presentation from a representative of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal on the Places to Grow legislation;

And that no delegations be allowed at this meeting to ensure that Council has sufficient opportunity to ask questions and understand the position of the Ministry.

. Carried

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Request from Home Hardware for use of the Burford Administration Office Boardroom

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the request from Home Hardware for use of the Burford Administration Office Boardroom or other suitable County facility in Burford on a short-term basis in the event of a business interruption at their facility be approved, on the understanding that the use can be accommodated at that specific time.

. Carried

2. Grant Application – Brant United Way

Moved by – Councillor Chambers  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the request of the Brant United Way for a grant of \$5,000 to bring the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum display to the Brant United Way Air Show be regretfully declined due to the fact all grant funds have already been allocated for 2008.

. Carried

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Eddy advised that he had been served this evening with an invoice from the Mohawks of the Ouse/Grand River for \$663 billion for land claims. It was agreed that this invoice would be included on the June 17 Council agenda for the information of Council.

### **CLAIM 20-08**

Moved by – Councillor Gatward  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That a payment of \$5,393.66 in settlement of Claim 20-08 be approved, in exchange for a full and final release.

. Carried

**NEXT MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to meet again on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Paris.

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Secretary