

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

County Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West, Paris
Monday, December 7, 2009
9:05 p.m.

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

Staff: Glassford, Bell, Johnston and Carman.

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

The Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Corporate Development Committee. Councillor Coleman nominated Councillor Chambers. On motion of Councillors Haggart and Hodge, nominations for Chair of the Corporate Development Committee were closed, and Councillor Chambers was declared Chair.

Councillor Wheat nominated Councillor Gatward as Vice-Chair of the Corporate Development Committee. On motion of Councillors Coleman and Hodge, nominations for Vice-Chair were closed, and Councillor Gatward was declared as Vice-Chair.

Councillor Chambers assumed the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the agenda for the December 7, 2009 meeting of the Corporate Development Committee be approved as circulated.

. Carried

DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS

St. George Memorial Hall and Old School

David Simpson advised that he is the Chair of a Steering Committee with the goal of assuming ownership by a trustee board and taking over management of the Memorial Hall and Old School heritage buildings in St. George. He outlined information obtained from the Waterford Old Town Hall experience that will be helpful as the Committee explores ways to keep these two buildings active in the community, architecturally sound, and accessible. Mr. Simpson noted that he has contacted Enterprise Brant for assistance through a grant and the development of a business plan for the operation of these two facilities. The Committee will be reviewing fundraising initiatives, partnerships with community groups and tenants (e.g. Apple Festival), and continuation of existing uses (youth groups, church, etc.). Mr. Simpson advised that the South Dumfries Historical Society has agreed that grant applications can be made through them for this purpose. He requested that the County provide support for the grant applications, and that County staff provide information on what is required for the Committee to take over control and management of the two buildings.

MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the Corporate Development Committee minutes of October 5, 2009 be approved as printed.

.Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. 2008 Municipal Performance Measurement Program (MPMP) Report
Correspondence from the Police Services Board indicates that the discrepancy between the 2007 and 2008 MPMP figures is a result of changes to the classification of various reportable crimes.

CONSENT ITEMS TO BE APPROVED

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the following Consent Items be approved:

1. That taxes be written off under the authority of Sections 357 and 358 of the Municipal Act as follows:

Municipal Share	\$50,174.23
School Share	<u>\$36,394.54</u>
Total Write Off	\$86,568.77

And that the final payment to the school boards be reduced by the amount of \$36,394.54 for their share of the taxes written off.

2. That the County of Brant approve the renewal of the County fringe benefit program with Sun Life for 2010, at a monthly premium amount of \$94,997, including taxes.
3. That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign a by-law for the incorporation of SCOR.

.Carried

In response to a question, Director Bell outlined various reasons for the particular County rental properties to not be offered through tender at this time.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

1. That renewal of the following farm leases be approved upon the same terms and conditions as the existing leases, as summarized below:

#	Lessee	Property Description / Location	Acreage	Rental Rate / Acre	Term
1.	Van Farms Ltd.	Con 5, Pt Lot 3, Burford, 88 Maple Ave (gravel pit lands)	42	\$130	1 year
2.	Eadie Farms Ltd.	Part of Range 2, IMP, Pt Lt 1 and 2, 108 Biggars Lane (landfill buffer lands)	69	\$125	3 years
3.	Brent Cain	Part Lots 1 and 2, Conc. 1, intersection of King Edward and Puttoun Road (land acquired for future road purposes)	36	\$100	3 years
4.	Pleasantholm Farms Ltd.	Pt Lot 6 Range 2, WMPR, Part 1 and 2 RP 2R-3457, 282 Pleasant Ridge Rd (gravel pit lands)	10	\$70	3 years
5.	Norma Isotamm	Part of Lots 16 and 17, Conc 1, 557 Paris Road (land awaiting industrial development)	60	\$30	1 year

. Carried

CONSENT ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

The following Consent Items were received as information:

1. City of North Bay – Request for Mayors to Join Letter-Writing Campaign Against “Buy American” Initiatives.
2. Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance – Resolution from Essa Township re: Nottawasaga Conservation Authority Fees.
3. Resolution – County of Perth re: Residential-Farmland Property Tax Concerns.
4. Resolution – Township of Wainfleet re: Ministry of Natural Resources Provincially Significant Wetlands.
5. Resolution – Haldimand County re: Implications of the Tourism Competitiveness Study by the Province.
6. Resolution – City of Ottawa re: Default Speed Limits Under the Highway Traffic Act.
7. Resolution – Township of Madawaska Valley re: Property Assessment Process.
8. Resolution – Township of Madawaska Valley re: Funding for Requirements Under the Safe Drinking Water Act.
9. McNab / Braeside Disaster Relief Committee – Request for Donation Towards Disaster Relief Program.
10. Historica-Dominion Institute – 2010 Veteran Appreciation Day.
11. Ministry of Tourism – Regional Tourism Strategy
12. CD-09-117 – Salute to Brant Business 2009 Summary – E. Rowen / M. Minshall

13. K. Smart Associates Limited – Correspondence advising that the petition from Singh is valid. In response to a question, it was noted that drainage petition will be moving to the next step in the process.
14. CD-09-120 – Municipal Funding for Brant Cultural Centre – F. Bell
15. CD-09-128 – Economic Development Strategic Plan Update – E. Rowen
16. Resolution – Town of Niagara on the Lake re: Benefit of Uploading Social Services Costs to Lower-Tier Municipalities.
- .Carried

Resolution – County of Lambton – Moratorium on Major Health Care Restructuring

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the County of Brant support the resolution from the County of Lambton petitioning the Province of Ontario to impose a moratorium upon each Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to prevent any further reductions and/or restructuring in health care services in rural and northern communities until such time as a Province-wide review process has been conducted.

. Carried

Resolution – Township of Frontenac Islands – Closing of Prison Farms

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the County of Brant support the resolution from the Township of Frontenac Islands requesting the Federal Government to keep the six prison farms open that have been slated for closure.

. Carried

City of St. Catharines – GST Exemption on Sale of Royal Canadian Legion Poppies

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the County of Brant advise the Federal Government of their support for the Private Members Bill requesting that the Royal Canadian Legion be exempt from GST on purchases of red lapel poppies.

. Carried

Resolution – Durham Region – Support for Town of Fort Erie Resolution – Amendment to the Ombudsman Act

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the County of Brant support the resolution from the Town of Fort Erie petitioning the Province to amend the Ombudsman Act to include hospitals under the Ombudsman's jurisdiction.

. Carried

CD-09-122 – REQUEST FOR BRIDGE FINANCING – SOUTH DUMFRIES NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the request from the South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation for an interest-free loan in the amount of \$37,365 be approved;

That in the event that the application for funding by the South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation is approved under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program, an additional interest-free loan in the amount of \$103,000 be given to the South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation;

And that the loans be repaid from the first advance of the grant.

.Carried

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the County of Brant adopt the principle of developing Affordable Housing Projects for municipal ownership or sponsorship and that proposals be presented to County Council on an individual basis for approval when funding is available;

And further that the County of Brant be the guarantor of the proposed Affordable Housing submission of the South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation by cosigning the Municipal Housing Facilities Agreement with the City of Brantford.

. Carried

CD-09-121 – SALE OF 5 MAIN STREET NORTH, ST. GEORGE

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the listing price for the sale of 5 Main Street North, St. George be reduced to \$350,000;

And that staff be authorized to amend the Listing Agreement with CB Richard Ellis, to reflect the reduced listing price, for a period of six months.

.No Vote – Amendments Follow

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the listing price be reduced to \$300,000.

. Defeated

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the listing price be reduced to \$399,000.

. Carried

The Chairman then called for a vote on the original motion, as amended, as follows:

“That the listing price for the sale of 5 Main Street North, St. George be reduced to \$399,000;

And that staff be authorized to amend the Listing Agreement with CB Richard Ellis, to reflect the reduced listing price, for a period of six months.”

. Carried

INFORMATION REPORT

1. CD-09-116 – Royal Highland Estates Subdivision – Developer’s Request to Amend Subdivision Agreement

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That report CD-09-116 – Royal Highland Estates Subdivision – Developer’s Request to Amend Subdivision Agreement be received as information.

.Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Jersey Canada – Request for Contribution of \$500 towards National Jersey Canada Annual Meeting – March 26 – 27, 2010, Best Western Brant Park Inn

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the grant request from Jersey Canada be referred to the 2010 budget deliberations.

. Defeated

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That a grant of \$500.00 to Jersey Canada towards the cost of the National Jersey Canada Annual Meeting to be held from March 26 – 27, 2010, in Brantford, be approved.

. Carried

Mayor Eddy noted that the Brant County Federation of Agriculture will be returning grant monies to the County that were not spent on a specific project.

MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL / OTHER COMMITTEES

1. St. George Memorial Hall and Old School

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the presentation by David Simpson regarding the St. George Memorial Hall and Old School be received and referred to County staff for the preparation of a comprehensive report on the disposition of these buildings for consideration at the next meeting.

. Carried

2. Plastic Water Bottle Use at County of Brant Facilities

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That staff prepare a comprehensive report on plastic water bottle use at County of Brant offices and facilities.

. Carried

The Director noted that this report will be not be available for the January meeting.

In Camera at 9:40 p.m. to discuss property negotiations and potential litigation matters, on a motion of Councillor Coleman and Mayor Eddy.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Corporate Development Committee minutes dated December 7, 2009.

Open Session at 9:50 p.m., on motion of Councillors Schmitt and Hodge.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 9:55 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, January 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the County Council Chambers.

Secretary