

## **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

County Council Chambers  
Monday, January 11, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

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

**Regrets:** Councillor Chambers

**Staff:** Glassford, Bell, Compeau, Johnston, A. Davidson, Wamsteeker and Carman.

Vice-Chair Gatward in the Chair.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by – Councillor Simons

Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the Corporate Development Committee agenda for January 11, 2010 be approved as circulated.

.Carried

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

#### **Request for Noise By-law Amendment**

Russell Press, Paris Agricultural Society, requested that the County approve an amendment to the County Noise by-law to allow an exemption for all events authorized by the Paris Agricultural Society and operated at the Fairgrounds, subject to the applicable time restrictions provided in Schedule C to the by-law. Alternatively, he requested the Committee to at least allow an exemption to the Noise By-law from June 1 to October 31 in 2010. Mr. Press outlined four criteria to support their request for the noise exemption – chronology of occupancy by the Paris Agricultural Society at this location since 1923, social benefits provided through the holding of special events, the economic and tourism impact of the Paris Fair and other events held at the fairgrounds, and the provision of facilities that are utilized by 52 other community groups and organizations. He presented a petition signed by 1,500 people supporting year-round family-oriented fundraising events being held at the Fairgrounds, including livestock, motorsports and musical events. In response to a question, Mr. Press advised that the Paris Agricultural Society would be applying for a zoning amendment for the off-road racing track.

Marg Dean, 963 Keg Lane Road, advised that their home and a rental home at the corner of Keg Lane and Ayr Road are located uphill west of the Paris Agricultural Society grounds. The noise from racing events is so loud at their house that conversations can't be heard outside. Mrs. Deans noted her concern about this noise pollution, the loss of enjoyment of their property when racing events are being held, and a de-evaluation of their property values as a result of the noise. She questioned how much noisier it will be if the exemption is approved and more racing events are held. Mrs. Deans pointed out that many people were unaware of this public meeting and that they have not received any information from the Paris Agricultural Society on their proposal. She requested that the public in the vicinity of the Fairgrounds be notified of the Paris Agricultural Society request for an exemption from the County Noise By-law.

Greg Dinsmore, 129 West River Road, advised that he organizes the off-road racing at the Paris Fairgrounds. These events were organized to give the youth of the community something to do and to draw tourists to Paris. He noted that the racing events usually start at noon and are over by 3 p.m. He requested that Council consider that the Fairgrounds have been in this location before many of the houses in the area, the competition of machinery is listed as one of the uses at the Fairgrounds, and the benefits these events bring to the community. In response to questions, Mr. Dinsmore advised that there are 4 – 6 off-road events each year, held on Saturdays and Sundays, and that there were 200 spectators at the last race.

### **Water and Wastewater Rate Study**

Henry Stolp thanked staff for considering input he had provided on the Water and Wastewater Rate Study report. He suggested that the recommendations being considered by Committee be approved in principle to allow for public input.

### **Zitia Group Proposal for the Extension of Services to Dundas Street East, Paris**

Joe Cohoon, representing the Zitia Group, reviewed a request to provide a sanitary sewer from the Willow Street Pumping Station to the railway bridge on Dundas Street East in order to service lands Zitia owns in the area. He noted that extension of the sanitary sewer to this area could eventually service Curtis Avenue North and South, as well as the Paris Road area. Mr. Cohoon advised that the estimated cost of construction from the Willow Street Pumping Station to the Dundas Street East bridge is approximately \$600,000, noting that the Zitia Group is intending to front-end the construction of this portion of the sanitary sewer. He requested that staff prepare a front-ending agreement expeditiously so that work on this project can proceed in the upcoming construction season. This agreement should include cost-sharing arrangements with Zitia when future users want to connect to the system. He explained that the benefits of this project are enormous, since all septic systems could be eliminated, making more land available for industrial, commercial and residential development and subsequently additional taxes for the municipality.

Mr. Cohoon pointed out that the information provided on this proposal is only preliminary at this time. In response to questions, Mr. Cohoon advised that they have not evaluated the effect of this proposal on the capacity of the Sewage Treatment Plant, nor has any engineering been done for the area east of the Dundas Street bridge. He noted that through another study, they are looking at the Airport Aquifer for additional water supply for the municipality. Although they have not contacted the Grand River Conservation Authority regarding this proposal, they do not anticipate any requirements from the GRCA.

### **Refined Version of the Fritting on the North Glass Curtain Wall of the Twin Pad Arena**

Larry Silva of Shore Tilbe Irwin presented two options for the dot fritting of the word “Brant” to create a three-dimensional image on the north glass curtain wall of the Twin Pad Arena. One option includes the word “Brant” only, and the second option includes the river symbol. He noted that they were recommending the option without the river symbol.

Moved by – Councillor Hodge  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the option proposed by the architects, utilizing the word “Brant” without the river symbol, be used for the fritting on the north glass curtain wall of the Twin Pad Arena.

.Carried

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**MINUTES**

Moved by – Councillor Powell  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the Corporate Development Committee minutes of December 7, 2009 be approved as printed.

.Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Fran Bell, Director of Corporate Services, advised that the staff reports on plastic water bottle use and the St. George Memorial Hall and the Old School will be presented at the February Corporate Development Committee meeting.

**CONSENT ITEMS TO BE APPROVED**

1. CD-10-04 – Highlands on the Nith Subdivision – Phase 1, Paris – Assumption of Infrastructure.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

Whereas the agent for the developer of the Highlands on the Nith Subdivision, Phase 1 in Paris has submitted a request for assumption of infrastructure;

And whereas the developer has fulfilled all terms and conditions as required of the subdivision agreement;

Be it hereby resolved that staff prepare a by-law to assume the infrastructure in the subdivision known as Highlands on the Nith Subdivision, Phase 1, more particularly described as Registered Plan 2M-1875.

.Carried

**CONSENT ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

Moved by – Councillor Powell  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the following Consent Items be received as information:

1. Resolution from County of Grey re: Green Energy and Green Economy Act (Bill 150).
2. Resolution from City of Kawartha Lakes re: Health Effects of Wind Power Generation.
3. Resolution from Township of Mapleton re: Wind Energy Project.
4. Resolution from Township of Essa re: Third Party Review of Conservation Authorities.
5. Resolution from City of Oshawa re: Bonding and Criminal Checks for Building Superintendents and Keyholders.
6. Information on Provincial Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs Pre-Budget Consultations.

.Carried

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**CD-10-06 – REQUEST FOR NOISE BY-LAW AMENDMENT – PARIS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

It was noted that staff is proposing a temporary exemption to the Noise By-law for 2010 rather than considering a permanent exemption for the Paris Fairgrounds at this time. It was pointed out that area residents may attend the January 19 Council meeting to provide input on the noise exemption request.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That Council approve the application submitted by the Paris Agricultural Society for a five (5) month exemption from the provisions of Sections 5 and 7 of Schedule 'B' of Noise By-law Number 185-00, said exemption commencing on June 1, 2010 and conditional upon compliance with County of Brant Zoning By-law 110-01.

.Carried

**CD-10-05 – WATER & WASTEWATER RATE STUDY / WATER FINANCIAL PLAN**

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

Whereas the County is carrying out a comprehensive water and wastewater rate study with considerations of fairness and equity, affordability, conservation, economic development and simplicity for understanding;

Be it hereby resolved that the basis for calculating the water and wastewater rates include the following:

- 1) The same basic rate be applied to all types of customers;
- 2) Implementation of the AWWA/CWWA meter equivalencies to account for the size of service;
- 3) Elimination of the minimum volume included in the fixed rate;
- 4) Shift from tenant charges for each occupancy of a building to billing according to ownership; and
- 5) Target the volumetric/fixed portion of the rate to be 50/50 for water and 63/37 for wastewater.

And that staff prepare a report regarding the proposed rates, impact analysis and implementation schedule based on rates calculated using this foundation.

.No Vote – Amendment Follows

Moved by – Councillor Haggart  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the motion on the Water/Wastewater Rate Study be amended by including "be approved in principle" in the second clause to facilitate input from the public.

. Carried

Vice-Chair Gatward called for a vote on the original motion, as amended to read as follows:

“Whereas the County is carrying out a comprehensive water and wastewater rate study with considerations of fairness and equity, affordability, conservation, economic development and simplicity for understanding;

Be it hereby resolved that the basis for calculating the water and wastewater rates be approved in principle to include the following:

- 1) The same basic rate be applied to all types of customers;
- 2) Implementation of the AWWA/CWWA meter equivalencies to account for the size of service;
- 3) Elimination of the minimum volume included in the fixed rate;
- 4) Shift from tenant charges for each occupancy of a building to billing according to ownership; and
- 5) Target the volumetric/fixed portion of the rate to be 50/50 for water and 63/37 for wastewater.

And that staff prepare a report regarding the proposed rates, impact analysis and implementation schedule based on rates calculated using this foundation.”

. Carried

#### **CD-10-08 – WATER & WASTEWATER RATE STUDY AND WATER FINANCIAL PLAN – CONSULTANT SERVICES**

Alex Davidson, Water Manager, reviewed the schedule for the Council and public process on the Water/Wastewater Rate Study and Water Financial Plan, noting that the process must be completed by June 30, 2010.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

Whereas Council previously authorized BMA Management Consulting Inc. to provide consulting services to carry out a comprehensive water and wastewater rate study which provides them with a solid foundation of the details of the County’s water and wastewater financial picture;

And whereas it is necessary for the County to engage a consultant to assist with developing and implementing a plan for the transition to the new water and wastewater rates and prepare the schedules required for compliance with O. Reg. 453/07 – ‘Financial Plans’;

Be it hereby resolved that the scope of work for BMA Management Consultants Inc. to carry out the comprehensive water and wastewater rate study be expanded to include development and implementation of a plan for the transition to the new water and wastewater rates and preparation of the schedules required for compliance with O.Reg. 453/07 – ‘Financial Plans’ for an upset limit of \$20,000.

.Carried

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**CD-10-02 – PARIS/SOUTHWEST PARIS DEVELOPMENT CHARGES STUDIES**

In response to questions, the Director of Corporate Services, advised that staff is recommending that the two Development Charges by-laws for Paris be kept separate at this time because there is not adequate information available from area studies to provide an accurate costing for Paris at this time. The Southwest Paris by-law will be updated and the Paris by-law will be refreshed prior to August 1, 2010. Ms. Bell explained that the Paris by-law can be reopened during the next five years, as required.

Moved by – Councillor Haggart  
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That two Development Charges Background Studies be prepared in 2010 for the Paris area: one for Southwest Paris and one for the balance of the Paris area, for certain specified services.

.Carried

**CD-10-03 – COMMUNITY ADJUSTMENT FUND (CAF) – INTAKE TWO**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That staff be authorized to submit an application under the Community Adjustment Fund (CAF) – Intake Two for upgrades to the Airport Industrial Subdivision, inclusive of improvements to the Airport Clarigester, reconstruction of Airport Road and York Road including sanitary sewer, storm sewer and watermain upgrading.

.Carried

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

1. CD-10-07 – Update – Brant Economic Development Strategic Plan from WCM Consulting

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That Report CD-10-07, Update on the Brant Economic Development Strategic Plan from WCM Consulting, be received as information.

. Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Zitia Proposal – Extension of Sanitary Sewer to Dundas Street East**

C.A.O. Don Glassford advised that a great deal of work is required from County staff to evaluate the proposal from the Zitia Group and the need to review this proposal in relation to servicing of other areas in East Paris. He indicated that staff will provide a status report for the next Corporate Development Committee meeting, but that they would not be able to provide an all-inclusive report and a proposed front-ending agreement for that meeting.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Zitia Group proposal for the extension of services to 74 – 78 Dundas Street East, Paris, be referred to staff for a report.

.Carried

### **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

1. Director Bell reminded Committee members that the first 2010 Budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**In Camera at 8:35 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations with Wally Lucente, Chair of the Police Services Board, and Inspector Dave Durant, Brant County O.P.P. in attendance**, on motion of Councillors Powell and Atfield.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Corporate Development Committee minutes dated January 11, 2010.

**Open Session at 8:50 p.m.**, on a motion of Mayor Eddy and Councillor Schmitt.

### **CD-10-01 – POLICING CONTRACT RENEWAL – BRANT COUNTY O.P.P.**

Moved by – Councillor Haggart  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the County of Brant deal exclusively with the Ontario Provincial Police in discussions for the renewal of a five-year contract for policing services.

. Carried

Inspector Durant responded as follows to questions related to the enhancements proposed by the O.P.P. as a result of a workload analysis:

- the workload analysis is specific for each detachment and is based on a number of criteria, including calls for service, travel time to calls, court time, etc. over the past four years
- the workload analysis indicates that the FTE staff complement should be increased by 1.87 officers
- the full-time officer liaison position at Paris District High School is warranted and has the support of the School Principal – currently the officer is at the school 2 – 3 hours daily – there currently is no funding from the School Board for this position
- the increase in the shift premium, paid to personnel on the afternoon and evening shifts, is a result of a negotiated settlement with the OPPA
- the costs for operational support include officer training and recruitment, as well a portion of the costs for the contract policing section at O.P.P. Headquarters
- the Province has changed the costing formula strategy, so that costs that are increased over the five-year term of the contract will be paid by the municipality, rather than the current strategy that kept the costs at the costing formula that was negotiated at the beginning of the contract

- a staged implementation of 1.87 additional FTE is proposed for this contract to allow for the costs to be phased in over a four-year period – the full-time high school officer would not be implemented until the second year of the contract
- the increase in staffing will meet the minimum standards required for Brant, it being noted that the staff complement is determined through the workload analysis completed for each service area – OCCOPS has agreed with this process for determining minimum staff complement at each detachment
- the existing contract is based on a 2003 costing formula – the proposed contract is based on a 2008 costing formula

Members of the Committee requested that additional information be provided showing the proposed increase in costs over the five-year term of the contract, as well as a rationalization for these increases.

Wally Lucente, Chair of the Police Services Board, thanked Council for their co-operation, noting that the Board is proud of the work done by Inspector Durant and the other members of the Brant County O.P.P. detachment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The Committee adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Council Chambers.

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Secretary