

## **CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

County Council Chambers  
Monday, May 10, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

- Present:** Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Simons, Haggart, Powell, Atfield, Coleman (7:35 p.m.) and Gatward
- Regrets:** Councillors Chambers and Hodge
- Staff:** Glassford, Bell, Johnston, Compeau, Davidson, Staley and Carman

Councillor Gatward in the Chair.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by – Councillor Powell  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the Corporate Development Committee agenda and addendum for May 10, 2010 be approved.

.Carried

### **DELEGATIONS**

#### **Development and Engineering Standards**

Kevin Fergin, President of the Brantford Home Builders Association, thanked Council and staff for addressing their request to revitalize the Development Liaison Committee, noting that they look forward to working cooperatively and proactively with the County in the future.

He advised that the new Development Liaison Committee met for the first time at the end of April to review outstanding items in the proposed Development and Engineering Standards. In his opinion, agreement was reached on the standards, with the exception of issues related to boulevard tree planting and asphalt width in private condominium developments. Mr. Fergin outlined the pros and cons of planting trees in the boulevard, noting that it is the Association's position that trees be planted in the boulevards. He also suggested that the current standards for asphalt width of 7.5 metres within private condominium developments remain in place, and not be increased to 9.2 metres as recommended in the new standards. In response to a question, Mr. Fergin advised that the matter of asphalt width could be addressed by the Development Liaison Committee at a later date.

### **MINUTES**

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Corporate Development Committee minutes of April 12, 2010 be approved as printed.

.Carried

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. It was noted that the C.A.O. will be submitting a report on drainage issues in the Sunnyside Subdivision, St. George, at a future meeting.
2. The C.A.O. advised that the establishment of a project team for the Southwest Paris Servicing project is proceeding. The various components that need to be addressed have been identified and discussions are underway to designate a project lead to move this project forward. Mr. Glassford noted that a financial analysis for this project will be presented to the Committee once more information becomes available on the scenarios for proceeding with the work. He pointed out that the Southwest Paris Servicing is a priority project for the County, which may result in other 2010 capital projects being delayed. Staff will be presenting a monthly report to Committee to update them on the Project's progress.
3. In response to a question, the Director of Development Services advised that a letter from the County Solicitor had been presented at the May 4 Council meeting regarding the water allocation for the former Grand River Poultry facility on Grand River Street North. Planning staff is currently engaged in discussions with Grand River Poultry representatives about the future use of the building, with the expectation that a report will be presented at the June CDC meeting to remove the poultry processing use from the zoning by-law in order to recapture some of the water capacity allocated to this site.
4. The Clerk advised that a report on proposed changes to the Procedural By-law in regard to delegations will be presented at a future meeting.

**CONSENT ITEMS TO BE APPROVED**

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the following Consent Items be approved:

- i. That the County of Brant approve an exemption from the provisions of County of Brant Noise By-law 185-00, to the Burford Agricultural Society, for the Relay for Life Event, to be held at the Burford Fairgrounds from 7:00 p.m. June 11, 2010 until 7:00 a.m. June 12, 2010.
- ii. That a by-law be presented to Council to provide for one advance voting day on Saturday, October 16, 2010, and reduced voting hours for certain institutions and retirement homes on Election Day, October 25, 2010.

.Carried

**CD-10-46- Optional Tools for Capping and New Construction**

Moved by – Councillor Haggart  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That limits for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes be capped at 10% or a minimum of 5% of the previous year's CVA, and the properties that would have received an increase or decrease of \$250 or less be moved directly to CVA tax;

That properties be exempted from the capping calculations if in 2009 they were at CVA tax or the properties crossed over to CVA taxes;

That properties within Section 331 (New Construction) for commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes be levied at 100% of the uncapped taxes;

And that the by-laws to implement these recommendations be forwarded for Council's consideration.

. Carried

**CD-10-47 – Tax Ratios and Tax Levy**

Moved by – Councillor Haggart  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the following tax ratios be approved:

- Residential - 1.000
- Commercial - 1.915
- Industrial - 2.630
- Multi-Residential – 1.820;

That a tax reduction of 35% for farmland awaiting development, commercial and industrial vacant land and excess land be approved;

That the following tax rates for 2010 be approved:

Property Class	Property Subclass	Tax Rate
<b>Residential</b>		<b>0.00882761</b>
<b>Residential</b>	<b>Farmland awaiting development Phase 1</b>	<b>0.00573800</b>
<b>Multi-residential</b>		<b>0.01606630</b>
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Full; New Construction</b>	<b>0.01690490</b>
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Excess land; vacant land</b>	<b>0.01098820</b>
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>Full; New Construction</b>	<b>0.02321662</b>
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>Farmland awaiting development Phase 1</b>	<b>0.00573800</b>
<b>Industrial</b>	<b>Excess land; vacant land</b>	<b>0.01509080</b>
<b>Farmland</b>		<b>0.00220690</b>
<b>Managed Forest</b>		<b>0.00220690</b>
<b>Pipeline</b>		<b>0.01566920</b>

And that the by-laws to implement these recommendations be forwarded for Council's consideration.

. Carried

In response to a question, Christine Staley, Supervisor of Tax and Accounting Services, advised that in 2009, Brant's tax rates were the second lowest of other municipalities in the area, and 42% lower than the City of Brantford.

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**CD-10-45 Request for Noise By-law Exemption – Burford Lions Club**

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the County of Brant approve an exemption from the provisions of County of Brant Noise By-law 185-00, to the Burford Lions Club for the Club's annual Fish Fry (Dinner and Dance), to be held on the tennis courts located at 35 Alexander Street, from 5:00 p.m. June 19, 2010 until 1:00 a.m. June 20, 2010.

. Carried

**CONSENT ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

Moved by – Councillor Haggart  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That the following Consent Items be received as information:

1. Bill 16 – Creating the Foundation for Jobs and Growth Act, 2010 – OHIP Subrogation (AMO Alert, Alert from Frank Cowan Company and AMO Alert advising of Bill's Withdrawal)
2. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – Tentative Settlement with Ontario Public Service Employees Union.
3. Wind Concerns Ontario – Impact of the Government's Energy Policy.
4. Request for Proclamation or Congratulatory Letter of "Falun Dafa Month – May, 2009, Honouring Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance".
5. Brantford Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes – March 25, 2010.

.Carried

**COUNTY OF BRANT DRAFT SOURCE WATER PROTECTION VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ISSUES EVALUATION**

Councillor Haggart, as the County representative on the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee, thanked Alex Davidson for his work as a staff resource member on the Committee.

Alex Davidson, Water Division Manager, presented an overview of the Golder Associates Report "County of Brant Draft Source Protection Vulnerability Assessment and Issues Evaluation", noting that the five County water systems included in this report are Airport, Mount Pleasant, Paris Gilbert/Telfer/Scott, Paris Bethel Road/Southwest Paris and St. George. Mr. Davidson reviewed the Study objectives, the various methods used in the development of well head protection areas, vulnerability assessment and scoring, and special considerations for managed land, livestock density and road salt. He provided a summary of drinking water issues and threats, data limitations and knowledge gaps, noting that the report has been peer reviewed by another firm, as well as being reviewed by County and GRCA staff.

In response to questions, Mr. Davidson noted that there are 434 properties within the County of Brant that are included in the study area. All of these property owners will receive personal notification of information meetings scheduled to discuss source water protection.

Moved by – Councillor Haggart  
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

Whereas to provide structure to the process of satisfying the requirements of the Clean Water Act, the Province has established Source Protection Committees to oversee the work on a regional basis of which the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee oversees the work related to the County of Brant's municipal water supply systems;

And whereas using provincial funding, Golder Associates has been engaged to carry out a Vulnerability Assessment and Issues Evaluation related to the County of Brant's municipal water supply systems of which the work is summarized in the technical report "County of Brant Draft Source Protection Vulnerability Assessment and Issues Evaluation", Golder Associates, May 2010;

And whereas the report has been reviewed by a third party (S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates Inc.), Grand River Conservation Authority staff and County staff and was found to be reasonable;

Be it hereby resolved that Brant County Council receive the technical report "County of Brant Draft Source Protection Vulnerability Assessment and Issues Evaluation", prepared by Golder Associates, May 2010 and authorize submission of the report to the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee for the purposes of the Clean Water Act, including preparing the Grand River Source Protection Area Assessment Report and consulting with affected property owners and the public.

.Carried

#### **CD-10-53 – PARIS BIA – REQUEST FOR PARTIAL FUNDING FOR VISIONING EXERCISE**

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Council support the Paris BIA request and provide funding of \$3,000 towards a visioning exercise, to be funded from the Planning and Economic Development budgets should funding not be available from senior levels of government;

That Council support the BIA's application for senior government funding to a maximum of \$6,000.00 to facilitate the visioning exercise and report that is contemplated;

And that Council request that when the Visioning project is completed, the County receive a report from the BIA on the results of the project.

.Carried

Councillor Simons suggested that a member of Council be included in the visioning exercise.

#### **CD-10-48 – EMERGENCY ACCESS TO GRAND RIVER**

In response to a question, Fire Chief Boissonneault advised that this project is a priority based on a needs assessment and health and safety concerns that have been raised. The \$25,000 estimated cost of the project will be allocated from the 2010 capital budget. The reconstruction of the current access located on the east side of the river has been approved by the Grand River Conservation Authority.

Moved by – Councillor Wheat  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

Whereas staff has identified a health and safety concern at the Willow Street rescue boat river access upstream of the Paris dam;

Be it hereby resolved that staff be authorized to proceed with the reconstruction of the access as expeditiously as possible;

And that the work be funded from the Fire Capital program.

. Carried

### **CD-10-57 – PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY 24 / BETHEL ROAD INTERSECTION**

Mayor Eddy expressed his concern that the Province should assume responsibility for the full costs of the left turning lanes on Highway 24 at the intersection of Bethel Road because of safety concerns at this due to the volume of traffic on the provincial highway. The Director of Public Works advised that the County's share of the costs would be primarily funded through the Development Charges Reserve.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation's letter dated May 5, 2010 provides an opportunity to partner with the County of Brant regarding improvements to the Highway 24 (Rest Acres Road) / Bethel Road intersection as part of their planned 2011 rehabilitation project;

And whereas the Ministry has agreed to fund certain intersection improvements;

And whereas the County is now the owner of lands in the northwest corner of the intersection and intends to develop these lands as industrial / employment lands;

And whereas preliminary traffic impact studies undertaken by others indicate that left turning lanes will be required and there are cost saving opportunities to install the left turn lanes in conjunction with the Ministry's rehabilitation project;

And whereas the current Development Charges Background Study identified that widening of this portion of Highway 24 will be required;

Be it hereby resolved that the County proceed with the installation of left turn lanes in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation's Highway 24 rehabilitation project;

And that the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary agreement.

.Carried

### **CD-10-49 – DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING STANDARDS REVISIONS**

Moved by – Councillor Haggart  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

Whereas County staff has reviewed and revised the current Development and Engineering Standards in consultation with the Development Liaison Committee;

Be it hereby resolved that the Development and Engineering Standards be approved, incorporating a revised Section 13, which would permit the planting of trees on County of Brant road allowances.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Haggart  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the request from the Brantford Home Builders Association that asphalt width in private condominium developments remain at 7.5 metres be referred to staff for further consideration,

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### **CD-10-54 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Advisory Committee would be approved in principle, subject to review by the Clerk.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy  
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That an Economic Development Advisory Committee be established as an advisory committee to Council for the purpose of advising Council on all matters, issues and policies pertaining to economic development and tourism in the County of Brant;

That the attached Terms of Reference for the operation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee be approved in principle, subject to review by the Clerk;

That the Terms of Reference for the operation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee form Schedule 'A' to the by-law appointing members to the Committee when that by-law is brought forward to Council for adoption;

And that staff proceed with the recruitment process for citizen members to be on the Advisory Committee.

.Carried

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

Moved by – Councillor Coleman  
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the following information reports be received as information:

1. CD-10-55 – Brant Day at Queens Park – Monday, May 31, 2010.
2. CD-10-59 – 2010 Election – Election Information Workshop.
3. CD-10-50 – Water and Wastewater Rate Study – Results from Public Information Centres.

. Carried

**DIRECTORS' UPDATE**

1. The Director of Corporate Services advised that the Development Charges Background Studies for Paris and Southwest Paris will be released to the public on May 17. These reports will be provided to members of Council as soon as they are available.
2. The Director of Public Works advised that a public meeting on the water and wastewater rate study will take place at the May 18 Council meeting.

**In Camera at 9:05 p.m. to discuss personal matters about identifiable individuals and property disposition matters**, on a motion of Councillors Coleman and Atfield.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Corporate Development Committee minutes dated May 10, 2010.

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

**NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 9:40 p.m. to reconvene on **Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the County Council Chambers.

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Secretary