

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

Regrets: Councillors Schmitt and Hodge

Staff: Bell, Compeau, Johnston, Davidson, Mifflin (7:40 p.m.) and Boyd

Councillor Chambers in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Powell
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the Corporate Development Committee agenda for June 7, 2010 be approved, with additions under 'Other Business' and noting that there would be no In Camera delegation this evening. A matter under 'Business Arising from the Minutes' will, however, be discussed In Camera.

.Carried

DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS

Accommodations for Jerseyville-Langford Co-Operative Preschool – Melissa Groves and Sarah Hamilton, Jerseyville-Langford Co-Operative Preschool, reported that extensive upgrades are required for them to continue at the Langford Community Centre. In light of these, the preschool has reviewed options to move to either the Onondaga Community Centre or the Council Chambers at the Onondaga Customer Services Centre / Fire Hall. Ms. Hamilton reviewed upgrades required for each facility and noted that in order to facilitate a grant to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for improvements to whichever building they occupy, a five-year lease with the County of Brant needs to be entered into. The Trillium Grant application deadline is June 30, 2010.

In response to questions, Ms. Hamilton reviewed that operations at either the Langford Community Centre or the Onondaga Community Hall could commence in September, 2010. In view of the nature of upgrades required, operations at the council chambers would have to be postponed for a January, 2011 opening. Ms. Hamilton reviewed that the Preschool's first preference would be the Onondaga Community Hall as it has the least upgrades imminently required. It is the Preschool's position that if they are successful in their grant applications to Enterprise Brant and Trillium Foundation, a request to Council for funds to upgrade the building will not be required. Ms. Hamilton further responded that the Preschool currently operates one morning a week, but is seeking to expand to two mornings a week and possibly an afternoon each week. Further, this proposal would keep the hall available for public / community group rentals and/or parks and recreation programming.

In response to questions, the Director of Corporate Services reported that a potential buyer has expressed interest in the Onondaga Community Hall and at Committee's direction, a report on community input received regarding the potential sale will be presented at the next meeting.

The Property Management Strategy recommended that the Langford Community Hall be declared surplus and renovations to and/or replacement of the Onondaga Fire Hall has been identified as a long-term project.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the County of Brant investigate entering into a five-year lease with the Jerseyville-Langford Co-Operative Preschool for use of the Onondaga Community Centre.

.Carried

It was agreed that the proponents would meet with staff to draft a lease document for presentation, along with a background staff report, to Council on June 15, 2010 to facilitate the June 30 grant application deadline. The Director of Corporate Services will act as the primary contact for this project.

Improved Paris Area Transit Service Pilot Program – Lynn Pratt, Grand River Cabs, reviewed the application submitted by the County in 2009, which was subsequently approved by the Ministry of Transportation on February 26, 2010, with the resulting funding agreement being approved by Brant County Council on April 6, 2010. She suggested that according to the timelines stated in the proposal, the competitive bid process for a private operator to work with the County should have been concluded. Ms. Pratt noted that project team members from Public Works, Corporate Services and Community Services were originally identified in the application, however the Director of Development Services has now been named as the lead on this project. She requested that staff be directed to move forward with this project.

The Director of Development Services reported that senior staff has discussed the matter and will be establishing an inter-departmental staff working group. He noted that there are a number of competing, high-priority / time-sensitive projects currently being undertaken. The Director of Public Works noted that the funding deadline is one year.

The Committee directed that an update on this project be provided at the July Corporate Development Committee meeting.

MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Corporate Development Committee minutes of May 10, 2010 be approved.

.Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Emergency Access to Grand River – Councillor Wheat advised that this project has been identified as a priority for the Fire Chief. It was agreed that an update would be given at the next Emergency Services Committee meeting.
2. Development and Engineering Standards – Mayor Eddy questioned the status of the one outstanding issue related to the Standards, being the asphalt width for private condominium developments. It was noted that this matter would be discussed at the next quarterly Development Liaison Committee meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS TO BE APPROVED

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the following consent items be approved:

- i. Whereas previously the 2009 Summary Report was provided to members of Council via CD-10-22 “2009 Summary Report Regarding the County of Brant’s Municipal Drinking Water Systems”;

And Whereas following recent annual drinking water system inspections, the Ministry of the Environment requested that certain matters be communicated to Council through an addendum to the 2009 Summary Report;

Be it hereby resolved that CD-10-63 “Amendment to the 2009 Summary Report on the County of Brant’s Municipal Drinking Water Systems (Airport and St. George)” be received by Brant County Council.

- ii. That staff be authorized to issue a Request for Proposals for the acquisition and implementation of a Meeting Management System;

And that the following response evaluation criteria be approved:

Proposal Suitability (70% of the total weight)

Application functionality provided	40%
Proposal overall cost	30%
Clear, concise and realistic Implementation Plan	30%

Vendor Suitability (30% of the total weight)

Vendor’s proven track record with other municipal Meeting Management System Implementations	40%
Business viability of Vendor	10%
Services offered	20%
Qualifications and experience of proposed Vendor Implementation Team	30%

- iii. That Council approve the development of a GIS Strategic Plan by Geographic Technologies Group, subject to successful negotiations being concluded in accordance with their proposal dated May 7, 2010 at a total cost not to exceed the approved capital budget for this project.

.Carried

CONSENT ITEM RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Powell

That the following consent items be received as information:

- i. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – Settlement with Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Ratified.
- ii. Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario – Notice of Extension of Hours for FIFA World Cup.
- iii. Land Use Council – Committee on Status of Species at Risk in Ontario.
- iv. Municipality of Arran-Elderslie – Request for Support of by-law to incorporate certain health and safety provisions with respect to locating and erecting wind generation facilities.
- v. City of Brantford Tourism Advisory Committee Minutes – March 23, 2010.
- vi. Norfolk County – Request for Support of Motion asking for a moratorium on the erection of any further Industrial Wind Turbines.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

That the County of Brant endorse the Canadian Convenience Stores Association's resolution in support of the 10% - 2010 Objective Campaign to encourage members of the Federal and Provincial Parliaments to reduce contraband tobacco to 10% in their ridings.

.Carried

Staff was asked to comment on the County's involvement in the Shining Star Tourism Awards at the next meeting.

CD-10-62 – WATER & WASTEWATER RATE STUDY – PROPOSED RATES AND FINANCIAL PLAN

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

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

And Whereas Council has previously provided direction, in principle, regarding the determination of costs to be funded, the proposed distribution of the funding of these costs amongst the consumers and the resulting rates calculated implementing these principles via the recommendations of CD-10-05 "Water & Wastewater Rate Study / Water Financial Plan", CD-10-25 "Water & Wastewater Rate Study – Financial Plan" and CD-10-35 "Water & Wastewater Rate Study – Proposed Rates and Impact Analysis";

And Whereas the project has implemented a comprehensive public consultation process;

(recommendation continued on Page 5)

Be it hereby resolved that Brant County Council approve the Financial Plans outlined in CD-10-62 "Water & Wastewater Rate Study – Proposed Rates and Financial Plan", dated June 4, 2010 and direct staff to submit the plans to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

That the following monthly rates be implemented January 1, 2011:

	WATER	WASTEWATER
VOLUMETRIC (m ³)	\$0.709	\$0.975
FIXED MONTHLY		
5/8	\$44.86	\$16.83
3/4	\$66.27	\$25.25
1	\$109.07	\$42.08
1 ½	\$216.09	\$84.17
2	\$344.51	\$134.67
3	\$387.32	\$622.86
BULK FILL (m ³)	\$1.93	N/A

Where: a) the volumetric charge for water and wastewater is based on water consumption; b) each owner of buildings and property is charged a monthly bill; and c) if there are multiple buildings on one property where each building fronts onto the street, each building will be charged a monthly bill;

And that adjustments be made to the Financial Plan as required to reflect the ever-changing landscape.

.Carried

CD-10-67 – REQUEST TO AMEND TAXI LICENSING BY-LAW – H.S.T. IMPACT

Moved by – Councillor Powell
 Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That Schedule "A" to By-law 53-09, Taxi Licensing, be amended by increasing the base rate (amount displayed on meter at commencement of the trip) from \$2.75 to \$3.00, and by increasing the rate for each additional kilometer from \$1.50 to \$1.65;

That all other rates or fares shown on Schedule "A" to By-law 53-09 remain unchanged;

And that the public be notified of this proposed increase by advertisement in the local newspaper and be given an opportunity to comment at the next Council meeting.

.Carried

CD-10-61 – DEMOLITION OF GRAND RIVER POULTRY FACILITIES – WOODSLEE AVE.

In response to questions, the Director of Development Services reported on the proposed severance of this property and recommended that the County proceed with the rezoning to recapture water / treatment capacity. It was suggested that staff consult with the property owner with respect to plans for the site prior to the rezoning.

Moved by – Councillor Atfield
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That Council authorize staff to initiate a rezoning of the Grand River Poultry property on Woodslee Ave. to remove the current special use of the property for a poultry processing facility;

And that any recaptured water supply or treatment capacity be added to the current reserve capacity to be allocated as development applications are processed and approved by Council.

.No Vote – Amendment Follows

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That staff consult with the current owner of property previously know as Grand River Poultry regarding the status of the property prior to proceeding with rezoning of the site.

.Carried

Councillor Chambers then read the following motion, as amended:

“That Council authorize staff, in consultation with the property owner, to initiate a rezoning of the Grand River Poultry property on Woodslee Ave. to remove the current special use of the property for a poultry processing facility;

And that any recaptured water supply or treatment capacity be added to the current reserve capacity to be allocated as development applications are processed and approved by Council”.

.Carried

INFORMATION REPORTS

1. CD-10-66 – Development Charges Reserve Funds – In response to questions, Heather Mifflin, Treasurer, reviewed that it is common for Development Charges Reserves to be in a deficit position, especially for greenfield developments, where the costs of installing hard services are incurred before development can proceed and contribute development charge funds towards the works. She noted that the extent of works required in Southwest Paris, higher than anticipated project costs and slower than anticipated build-out have contributed to a larger deficit. This deficit has been taken into consideration in the updated Development Charges Background Study and calculations for the new charges. Concerns were expressed about debt financing and Councillor Haggart requested that this report be re-circulated at the time the updated Development Charges Background Study is presented.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That CD-10-66 “Development Charges Reserve Funds” be received as information.

.Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

1. M. Sharpe Reservoir and Pumping Station Upgrades – The Director of Public Works reported on a delay in the delivery of pump equipment. Construction should be completed by fall, 2010.
2. Grandville Subdivision (Cobblestone Drive) and St. George Drainage Concerns – It was agreed that the Chief Administrative Officer would be asked for an update on these matters at the next meeting.
3. Site Plan Application – Southeast Paris Development – In response to a question, the Director of Development Services advised that servicing and site issues have primarily been resolved and registration of an agreement is anticipated shortly. It was agreed that an update would be given at the next meeting.

In Camera at 8:15 p.m. to discuss a property disposition matter under ‘Business Arising from the Minutes’, on a motion of Councillors Wheat and Gatward.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Corporate Development Committee minutes dated June 7, 2010.

Open Session at 8:20 p.m., on motion of Councillors Coleman and Atfield.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Committee recessed at 8:21 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, July 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the County Council Chambers.

Secretary