

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING WITH KMK CONSULTANTS LTD.

Council Chambers, Paris
February 12, 2007
6:00 p.m.

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

Others: KMK Consultants Ltd. – Bob Fleeton, President; Tom Montgomery, Vice-President and Chris Hamel, Principal.

Staff: Fiebig, Glassford, Johnston, Robinson, A. Davidson, Rowen and Carman.

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

Chris Hamel presented a brief overview of the relationship between the County and KMK Consultants, noting that three years ago, KMK was hired, by agreement, as the County Engineer to provide engineering services for water, wastewater, stormwater management and transportation issues. He outlined some of the projects undertaken in the past three years and the various ways that KMK has been able to assist County staff and move specific projects forward, particularly in regard to the Southwest Paris servicing. He noted that an update on Southwest Paris will be presented at the March 12 Corporate Development Committee meeting.

KMK has agreed to work exclusively for the County of Brant and not for any developers who have projects in the County. KMK has the experience and expertise to work on projects from a conceptual basis, to implementing the Class EA studies, to detailed design and construction management services. He noted KMK's commitment to provide accurate budgets for projects and to provide sufficient staff so that projects are completed in a timely manner. Deborah Ross is the KMK contact for wastewater matters, and Bill Butler and Chris Campbell have been involved in development proposals. If it is determined that more staff resources are required, they can be added to a project as needed.

With the scope and number of projects underway, KMK is committed to continue its relationship with the County of Brant as a major client. Mr. Hamel noted the importance of understanding Council's priorities in 2007, which will assist KMK to ensure that the projects are delivered in a timely and cost-effective manner.

KMK has systems in place to try to avoid major increases in tender budgets, including developing good benchmarking costs for projects, monitoring construction trends and indices, reviewing project budgets on an annual basis to ensure the costing is reflective of current costs, and including contingencies at the conceptual stages of projects. After working with the County for three years, KMK has a better understanding of County expectations which helps to provide better cost estimates for projects.

The following matters were discussed by Council regarding the KMK presentation:

- suggestion that Council needs to better understand the projects that KMK is involved in, the history of the project and their current status – to improve the communications process with Council, it was suggested that KMK present a quarterly report at the Corporate Development Committee meeting and/or arrange a workshop for Councillors to outline the current projects

- delays in the Gilbert wellfield project and increase in costs due to the relocation of the building to meet GRCA requirements – KMK is looking at alternatives to mitigate the time delays and budget increases.
- KMK is currently reviewing the optimum location for drilling another test borehole for the Bethel Well project – this water is not targeted to be on line until 2010, but Council may wish to accelerate this
- the proposed upgrades to increase the water supply capacity are being funded by the Southwest Paris Development Charges, and as such the increased capacity is allocated for development in Southwest Paris.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.