



#11 MINUTES MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2013 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley Administrative Building, 310 Port Elmsley Rd.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Aubrey Churchill	Reeve
	Gail Code	Deputy Reeve
	Ken Fournier	Councillor
	Ray Scissons	Councillor
	Peter Wagland	Councillor
STAFF PRESENT:	Cindy Halcrow	Clerk Administrator
	Cathy Ryder	Deputy Clerk
	Scott Cameron	Manager of Public Works
	Karl Grenke	Planner
	Shawn Merriman	CBO
	Linda Van Alstine	Treasurer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The Chair invited members wishing to disclose a pecuniary interest to do so now. Councillor Ray Scissons declared a pecuniary interest for Item #1 of the Communication Package – Wolf Kill report as the report referenced a claim submitted by his wife. No other members declared a pecuniary interest.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 Regular Session Minutes of May 21, 2013

MOTION #COW-13-067 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Peter Wagland
SECONDED BY: Aubrey Churchill

THAT the Committee of the Whole approves the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 21, 2013 as amended.

ADOPTED

Amendment:

Add “Further direction was given to staff to complete small ditching on Porter Road” under Item 7.1 Action Item of the May 21, 2013 Minutes.

4. Additions and Approval of Agenda

a) Delegation - James Cousineau – (*rescheduled to a future CoW meeting*)

MOTION #COW-13-068 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Aubrey Churchill
SECONDED BY: Peter Wagland

THAT the Committee of the Whole approves the agenda for the June 4, 2013 meeting of the Committee, as presented.

ADOPTED

5. Petitions and Delegations

5.1 2:00 p.m. Hunting on Township Property (Code Road) – James Cousineau – Rescheduled to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

5.2 2:10 p.m. Perth & District Union Public Library – Elizabeth Goldman

Elizabeth Goldman, CEO, Perth & District Union Public Library, gave a presentation to Council on the 2013 annual update. She also provided an update on new activities and programs at the Library. Council received the presentation as information.

5.3 2:20 p.m. Elm Grove Road Proposed Speed Limit Change – Karen Britchford

Karen Britchford spoke to Council regarding her concerns with the proposed speed limit increase on Elm Grove Road. She reported on her findings from a petition/survey she presented to residents on Elm Grove Road. She stated that 20 residents responded in opposition of the increased speed limit and one resident was in favour of the speed increase. She stated that concerns voiced by residents were:

- possible increase in safety hazards
- if speed is posted at 80, drivers will go 100
- existing road topography creates hazards
- serious impact to the community
- walkers, bikers, joggers would be at risk
- lack of public notice and consultation
- lack of OPP enforcement
- road has inadequate shoulders
- more accidents, less reaction time
- costs associated with additional signage

Dianne McConkey also spoke to Council regarding factors which were not considered with the proposed speed limit change:

- cyclists or group of cyclists on the road
- walkers, dog walkers, joggers would be at risk
- public opinion is mandated by the Transportation Association of Canada guidelines which are the basis for the Posted Speed Analysis Report
- D. McConkey referenced page 2 of the County of Lanark #PW-13-2013 report stating that the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) guidelines were being used to determine posted speed limits. She quoted directly from the report: “For Municipal Arterial, Collector and local roads, the Guidelines suggest that the ideal speed is based on the function of these Roads and public expectations, under minimal risk conditions”
- speed limit increase would increase accidents
- wildlife on the road – less time to stop

Ray Scissons stated that Elm Grove Road is a County Road and while municipalities provide recommendations to the County, it is a County decision. Peter Wagland provided an update that there will be a public consultation process at the County level during the month of August. R. Scissons told K. Bridtchford that another delegation will be making a presentation to Council on June 18, 2013.

6. Communication/Correspondence

Note: Councillor Ray Scissons declared a conflict regarding Item #1, Wolf Kill Report as the report referenced a claim submitted by his wife. He left Council Chambers.

Item #1 – Council receives the Wolf Kill Inspections report as information.

MOTION #COW-13-069 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Aubrey Churchill
SECONDED BY: Ken Fournier

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL receives the June 4, 2013 Wolf Kill Inspection Report as information.

ADOPTED

Note: Councillor Ray Scissons returned to Council Chambers

The following items were discussed before the motion was adopted:

Item #5 – County of Lanark – Cell Phone Coverage Resolution

MOTION #COW-13-070 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Peter Wagland
SECONDED BY: Gail Code

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL support the resolution passed by the County of Lanark petitioning Bell Canada to make every effort to improve cell phone coverage across the County.

ADOPTED

Item #7 – Frank Cowan Company – Avoiding a Municipal Insurance Crisis

MOTION #COW-13-071 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Aubrey Churchill
SECONDED BY: Ken Fournier

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL support the resolution passed by Dutton/Dunwich requesting the Province of Ontario to work with municipalities to develop a long-term and sustainable solution that will protect municipalities from rising litigation and claims costs which diverts funds from more critical, yet underfunded, municipal services;

AND FURTHERMORE that Council endorses Frank Cowan Company's call to action.

ADOPTED

Item #8 - Perth & District Hospital Resolution – Provincial Funding

MOTION #COW-13-072 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Gail Code
SECONDED BY: Ken Fournier

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS

THAT COUNCIL support the resolution from the Town of Smiths Falls requesting the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) to finalize all provincial funding requirements and entitlements associated with the Smiths Falls site redevelopment project of the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital.

ADOPTED

Item #10 – Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit – West Nile

Peter Wagland inquired if there was a process in place regarding the necessary permits from the Ministry of the Environment for staff to apply the larvacide or a contract with a licensed Pest Control Applicator.

Action Item: Reeve Churchill will provide additional information on west nile virus after the next Health Unit board meeting.

#11 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Resolution

MOTION #COW-13-073 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Peter Wagland
SECONDED BY: Aubrey Churchill

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS

THAT COUNCIL support the Town of Smiths Falls resolution requesting the Minister of Finance and the Government of Ontario to reinstate the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) reconciliation process for 2011 and subsequent years.

ADOPTED

MOTION #COW-13-074 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Gail Code
SECONDED BY: Ken Fournier

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE receives the remainder of the communication items for the June 4, 2013 Committee of the Whole as information.

ADOPTED

7. Committee and Board Reports

7.1 PUBLIC WORKS – No Reports

7.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

a) Report of the Planner – Minimum Dwelling Size Zoning Amendment

The Planner provided an update regarding the comments from the Mississippi Valley Conservation regarding the proposed zoning by-law amendments as it relates to minimum dwelling size zoning amendments and waterbody setbacks. The Planner also noted that because the modifications were minor that no further public notification is required provided a resolution to that effect was passed under Section 34(17) of the Planning Act. There was discussion on MVC's two suggested amendments and the Planner recommended the first amendment dealing with maximum structural lot coverage. Council accepted the recommendation of the Planner and the following motion was adopted.

MOTION #COW-13-075 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Peter Wagland

SECONDED BY: Aubrey Churchill

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS

THAT Council support, in principle, the wording of a resolution to include no further public notification.

ADOPTED

Action Item: Direction given to staff to bring the Zoning Amendment By-law and resolution with the suggested modifications recommended by MVC, forward for review and passage at the June 11, 2013 Council meeting.

b) Report of the CBO – Building Activity Report

The CBO provided an update on building related activities from January 1 – March 31, 2013. There were 135 inspections and investigations - most of the inspections were from permits issued prior to 2013. Two training courses were completed; Residential Mechanical Ventilation Installation and Residential Heat Loss and Heat Gain Calculations. The report was received as information.

c) Report of the CBO – By-law Enforcement First Quarter Report

The CBO provided an update on By-law Enforcement activities from January – March, 2013. There were 12 written concerns and 9 verbal concerns during this period. Progress is being made with the opportunity to go immediately to orders when a property has had previous issues. He is working on creating By-law Enforcement policies and procedures for the future. The By-law Enforcement First Quarter report was received as information.

d) Report of the CBO – Solar Projects Progress Report

The CBO provided an update on the four solar projects. Susan Brandum was present to answer any questions regarding well health. Susan provided an explanation on the well watering testing process as well as the well history data on properties. There was further discussion on well re-testing after a year and the CBO recommended that testing should occur after a year to see if anything has changed. He also stated Recurrent is putting sampling wells in the projects. The

CBO stated that approximately 300 tests have been completed. The Township has taken a proactive approach to well testing and there have been no local well concerns.

The CBO provided an update on various issues with SF5 which are being resolved as they occur. There was discussion on whether the fence should be moved back or not. Council directed the CBO to stick with the original agreement regarding the fence location.

Action Item: Direction given to staff to enforce the existing agreement regarding the fence at SF5.

e) Report of the CA – Road Assumption By-law

The CA provided an update regarding the Road Assumption By-law. The by-law has not been updated since 2005 and there are 15 additions that need to be incorporated into the by-law. Council accepted the recommendation of the CA with the following direction:

Action Item: Direction given to staff to bring the Road Assumption By-law forward for review and passage at the next Council meeting.

f) Report of the CA – Sale of 5N Property

The CA provided an update on the sale of 240 acres in Tay Valley known as the 5N Property. This land was purchased as part of a joint waste management initiative. The local municipalities have agreed to sell the property. Council accepted the recommendation of the CA and the following motion was adopted.

MOTION #COW-13-076 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Aubrey Churchill
SECONDED BY: Ken Fournier

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley supports the sale of the 5N property.

ADOPTED

Action Item: Direction given to staff to clarify if the Certificate of Approval for the property is still valid or if it has lost its validity. The CA will confirm whether the site, once sold could be used as a future landfill operation.

7.3 CORPORATE SERVICES

a) Report of the Treasurer – Economic Development Strategy

The Treasurer provided an update on the advantages of purchasing and placing promotional banners on the Rideau Ferry Bridge to advertise the Regatta. Council felt purchasing 3 banners would be sufficient and the following motion was adopted.

MOTION #COW-13-077 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Gail Code
SECONDED BY: Aubrey Churchill

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS

THAT COUNCIL approves the purchase of 3 promotional banners in Rideau Ferry to advertise the 2013 Rideau Ferry Regatta.

ADOPTED

There was discussion on the disappearance of the Rideau Heritage Route Tourism banners on Rideau Ferry Bridge. Staff reported that they were damaged and blew away. Council requested replacing these banners and the following motion was adopted:

MOTION #COW-13-078 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Aubrey Churchill
SECONDED BY: Peter Wagland

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDS

THAT COUNCIL approves the purchase of 2 Rideau Heritage Route Tourism banners;

AND FUTHERMORE that the banners be an ongoing budget item.

ADOPTED

b) Report of the Treasurer – Reserves

The Treasurer provided an update regarding the identity of the reserves, their use and their operation. There was discussion on the capping of the reserves. Minor inaccuracies on Schedule B were identified under column Proposed Balance:

Action Item: Direction given to the Treasurer to bring the reserve report back to the next Committee of the Whole for review.

c) Report of the Treasurer – Tax Sale

The Treasurer provided an update on the recent tax sale. Council received the report as information.

7.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES – No Reports

7.5 CLERK/MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

a) Report of Reeve

The Reeve provided a verbal update from Lanark County, May 22, 2013:

May 22, 2013 Lanark County Update

- Received CPR training from Ed MacPherson from Lanark County Ambulance May 22
- Brian Stewart won the slow bicycle
- County passed a motion to request that Bell make efforts to improve cell phone coverage
- County Council approved a request from D. Cartage for a 5 year subdivision extension
- Local municipalities will be receiving a request regarding options for the 5N property
- County passed a motion to the Minister of Finance in support of moving to a multi-year application process for the Conservation Land Tax Incentive program
- New service agreement for economic development services was signed between Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation and the County of Lanark

b) Report from Fire Board – No Report

c) Report from Library Board

Peter Wagland provided an update from May 13, 2013

- Energy audit being completed on the Library
- 2012 annual report presented
- Reviewed new trend analysis
- Jan – April Financial Operating Statement presented – everything is on track
- Procurement By-law being refined
- Summer survey to be undertaken to evaluate usage, customer services, collections etc.
- Town of Perth is consider redistribution of Council assignments with possible changes to the Chair position
- Next meeting June 17, 2013

d) Report from CA's

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority - Ray Scissons, May 23, 2103

- Received an update on Motts dam
- Received a report on the Drainage Act and Conservation Authorities Act Protocol for maintenance and repair of municipal drains.
- Received a report on communication tools that the Conservation Authority uses to communicate with the public
- The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation will be holding a rain barrel sale in Westport on June 5, 2013
- Next meeting scheduled for June 27, 2013

Mississippi Valley Conservation - Gail Code

- Mississippi Lake Plan meeting scheduled for June 10, 2013
- June 19, 2013 will be attending an all day tour

e) Report from Members of Committee

200TH Anniversary Committee - Gail Code

Gail Code asked for Council's support for interpretive panels and banners on the Heritage Trail Routes. The three municipalities; D/NE, Tay Valley and the Town of Perth will share the costs. Council agreed with the proposal.

Rideau Heritage Route Tourism Association – Peter Wagland, May 27, 2013

- Will receive media cover in Canadian Geographic and Westjet Magazine
- Discussed and review financial states
- Parks Canada financial commitment being negotiated
- Smiths Falls has reduced their contributions from &10,000 to \$6,000
- Gordon Brown, MP, met with a selection of canal interest groups on May 17, 2013 regarding how Parks Canada can move forward with a long-term sustainability plan
- Rideau Corridor Futures Forum being planned for November to articulate the values and vision of the canal from sustainability plan
- Next meeting scheduled for August 26, 2013

Advisory Wastesite Committee – Gail Code

- Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2013 at 12:00 noon at the Township

8. Closed Session – None

9. Confidential Reports – No reports.

10. New Business

10.1 Lake 88.1 CRTC Renewal Process – Request for Support

Action Item: Direction given to staff to send a letter of support to Lake 88.1 as part of the CRTC renewal process.

10.2 County of Lanark – Proposed Speed Limit Changes to Elm Grove Road

Council will make a recommendation at a future date.

11. Adjournment

MOTION #COW-13-079 (Verbal)

MOVED BY: Peter Wagland

SECONDED BY: Ken Fournier

THAT the Committee of the Whole stand adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

ADOPTED

CHAIR

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR