



The Corporation of the County of Bruce

Corporate Services Committee Finance and Property Division

Minutes

February 4, 2016
12:49 p.m.
Council Chambers
Walkerton, Ontario

Present: Warden Mitch Twolan (Chair)
Councillors Robert Buckle, Anne Eadie, Paul Eagleson, David Inglis,
Milt McIver and Mike Smith
Alternate Jay Kirkland

Staff: Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer
Darlene Batte, Administrative Assistant
Bettyanne Cobean, Clerk-Treasurer
Donna Van Wyck, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Janice Jackson

1. Pecuniary Interest

Alternate Jay Kirkland declared a pecuniary interest regarding the closed meeting agenda item related to the Not-for-Profit Government Agency as it relates to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

2. Action Items

A. Review of Section 26(d) of the Procedure By-law

Moved by Councillor Mike Smith
Seconded by Councillor David Inglis

That there be no amendments to Section 26(d) of the Procedure By-law as it is currently written.

Carried

B. Review of Section 21(A) of the Procedure By-law – Standing Committees of Council

**Moved by Councillor Anne Eadie
Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle**

That Section 21(A), Standing Committees of Council of the Bruce County Procedure By-law be amended to add viii Executive Committee;

And that the Executive Committee under Section 22(C) be inserted and described as follows:

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is responsible for matters that are outside the authority and responsibility of all other Standing Committees, generally related to the long-term strategic goals and operational management of the County of Bruce.

Carried

C. Procedure By-law Annual Review

**Moved by Councillor Anne Eadie
Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver**

That changes to the County's Procedure By-law as outlined in the Deputy Clerk's report dated February 4, 2016 be adopted; and,

That a by-law be introduced to govern the proceedings of the Council and Committees of the Corporation of the County of Bruce; and,

That by-law number 2015-041 be repealed.

Carried

D. Property Tax Policy Review

**Moved by Councillor Mike Smith
Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver**

That the 2016 County-wide tax ratios and class discounts be approved as set out in Table 1; and;

That staff be directed to prepare the necessary tax ratio by-law; and,

That the Tax relief program for low income seniors and persons with disabilities be continued for the 2016 taxation year; and,

That the tax relief program for charities and other similar organizations be continued for the 2016 taxation year; and,

That all eligible Legion properties continue to be exempted from the payment of taxes for upper tier purposes for the taxation years 2014, 2015 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020; and,

That no Optional Property Classes are recommended.

Table One					
2015 County Of Bruce Tax Ratios, Discounts And Rates					
Property Class / Subclass	Provincial Range of Fairness	Provincial Threshold Ratio	Revenue Neutral Ratio	2015 County Tax Ratio	2015 Discounts
Class					
Residential/farm (RT) 1.0	to 1.0			1.000	
Multi-residential (MT)	1.0 to 1.1	2.7400	2.1098	1.000	
Farmland (FT)	0.01 to 0.25			0.2500	
Commercial (CT)	0.6 to 1.1	1.9800	1.4043	1.2331	
Industrial (IT)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470	1.7477	
Large industrial (LT)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470	1.7477	
Pipeline (PT)	0.6 to 0.7		2.2218	1.0164	
Shopping centre (ST)	0.6 to 1.1	1.9800	1.4043		
Managed forests (TT)	0.25 to 0.25			0.2500	
Parking lot (GT)	0.6 to 1.1	1.9800	1.4043		
Subclass					
Res/farm farmland class 1 (R1)	1.0 to 1.0	1.9800	1.4043		25%
Residential taxable share (RH)	1.0 to 1.0	1.9800	1.4043		0%
Commercial excess land (CU)	0.6 to 1.1	1.9800	1.0000		30%
Commercial vacant land (CX)	0.6 to 1.1	1.9800	1.4043		30%
Commercial farmland class 1 (C1)	0.6 to 1.1	1.9800	1.4043		25%
Commercial taxable shared (CH)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470		0%
Comm. Vacant land taxable shared (CJ)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470		30%
Industrial taxable shared (IH)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470		0%
Industrial excess land shared (IJ)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470		35%
Industrial excess land (IU)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470		35%
Large ind excess land (LU)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470		35%
Industrial vacant land (IX)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470		35%
Industrial farmland class 1 (I1)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	1.0000		25%
Industrial farmland class II (I4)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	2.4470		0%
Shopping centre excess land (SU)	0.6 to 1.1	2.6300	1.4043		30%

Carried

E. Reserves and Reserve Fund Policy

**Moved by Councillor Anne Eadie
Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver**

That the Reserves and Reserve Fund Policy – February 7, 2016 Analysis Report be approved to include the 2015 year end transfers; and,

That the 2015 Draft Summary Schedule A be received for information.

Carried

F. Fees and Charges By-law

**Moved by Councillor David Inglis
Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle**

That a by-law be introduced to establish fees and charges for the Corporation of the County of Bruce for 2016, as presented; and,

That by-law number 2015-001 be repealed; and,

That the Fees and Charges By-law be reviewed on an annual basis.

Carried

G. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference

**Moved by Councillor Mike Smith
Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie**

That the Warden be authorized to attend the 2016 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba June 3 -5, 2016; and,

That the County's Conventions, Conferences & Special Sessions of Council Policy be amended to allow for the Warden to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference on an annual basis.

Carried

3. Closed Meeting Training

The Deputy Clerk provided closed meeting training for members of Council and Department Heads.

4. Information Items

The following reports were received for information:

- External Audit;
- Records Management Update;
- Municipal Property Assessment Corporation;
- Financial Indicator Review;
- Bill 8 Public Sector & MPP Accountability and Transparency Act 2014; and
- Property Assessment 2016 – Notional Tax Rate – 2016 Tax Rates

5. Closed Meeting

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie

That the Committee move into a closed meeting to discuss:

- **the Bruce County Jail pursuant to section 239 (2) (a) of the Municipal Act related to the security of the property of the municipality or local board; and**
- **Correspondence from a Not for Profit Government Agency pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.**

Carried

6. Rise and Report

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver

Seconded by Alternate Jay Kirkland

That the Committee rise and report from the closed meeting.

Carried

The Chair reported that staff were provided direction on both Closed Meeting agenda items.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Corporate Services Committee will take place on Thursday, February 11, 2016, in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mike Smith

Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle

**That the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee –
Finance and Property Division adjourn at 2:40 p.m.**

Carried

Warden Mitch Twolan, Chair

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