



The Corporation of the County of Bruce
Agriculture, Tourism and Planning Committee
Minutes

June 12, 2014
9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
Walkerton, Ontario

Present: Warden John Close
Councillors Larry Kraemer, (Chair), Paul Eagleson, Bill Goetz,
David Inglis, Milt McIver and Mike Smith
Alternate Wilf Gamble

Staff: Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer
Darlene Batte, Administrative Assistant
Kimberley Clarke, Tourism Manager
Ken Goldsmith, Forestry Technician
Chris LaForest, Director of Planning
David Smith, Senior Planner

Regrets: Councillor Mitch Twolan

1. Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Action Items

A. Source Water Implementation Fund – Project Proposal

Moved by Warden John Close

Seconded by Councillor Paul Eagleson

That staff be directed to proceed with the “RMO/RMI in a Box” Project provided a sufficient number of municipalities in Bruce County express interest.

Carried

3. Information Items

A. Grey Bruce Invest Program

Mr. David Smith, Senior Planner presented two videos from businesses participating in the Grey Bruce Invest Program.

B. Open Data Contest Winners

Ms. Kim Clarke, Tourism Coordinator presented the Open Data Contest Winners Report.

C. Forestry / Weed Update

Mr. Ken Goldsmith, Forestry Technician provided a forestry update to the Committee and reported that Emerald Ash Borer has been identified in Ripley, Lucknow and Southampton. Mr. Goldsmith also commented on noxious weeds including giant hogweed.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Goldsmith announced his retirement.

4. Delegations

A. Bruce County Rail Trail

Mr. Alex Eveleigh made a presentation to the Committee requesting a change to the usage for the Bruce County Rail Trail to include dirt bikes.

The Committee responded by suggesting that prior to moving forward with this request, that a written submission be received from at least one of the local clubs indicating their support and willingness to include insurance coverage for this initiative.

B. Grey Bruce Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)

Mr. Keith Reid, Project Coordinator of the Grey Bruce Alternative Land Use Services made a presentation to the Committee on ALUS pilot projects which relate to a clean water program and includes:

- Wetland creation;
- Native grasses;
- Exclusion fencing;
- Pollinator hedgerow

ALUS has a simple yet revolutionary goal... to create a healthy working landscape that sustains agriculture, wildlife and natural spaces for all Canadians.

It was noted that this is a clean water program the County may wish to consider contributing to.

5. Action Items

A. Town of Saugeen Shores Local Official Plan Amendment

**Moved by Councillor Mike Smith
Seconded by Councillor Bill Goetz**

That Amendment No. 2 to the Town of Saugeen Shores Local Official Plan 90-2012 be approved; and,

That the Director of Planning be authorized to sign the appropriate approval or decision sheet.

Carried

B. Town of South Bruce Peninsula Official Plan Amendment

**Moved by Councillor David Inglis
Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver**

That the request for the County of Bruce to utilize the "Resource Constraint Model Evaluation Criteria" as presented for determining which lands would be excluded from a Mineral Resource Area as a pilot methodology, be approved.

Carried

C. Project Co-ordinator Contract Extension

**Moved by Councillor Paul Eagleson
Seconded by Warden John Close**

That the request to extend the Project Co-ordinator contract with the Planning and Economic Development Department until December 31st, 2014, be approved.

Carried

6. Information Items

Staff provided a summary of Issues Report Number 5 – Environmental Hazard Policies. The Committee discussed: the sources of mapping for the "Environmental Hazard" designation in the Bruce County Official Plan, the "local wetlands" shown on the constraint schedule, the "Woodlands" polices in the Bruce County Official Plan, as well as the "Significant Woodlands"

**Moved by Councillor Paul Eagleson
Seconded by Councillor Bill Goetz**

That staff provide an official plan amendment that modifies the existing Bruce County Official Plan, as well as land use and constraint schedules' by eliminating reference to "locally significant wetlands."

Carried

Councillor Larry Kraemer identified local concerns related to the reference to the woodland layer in the Municipality of Kincardine's Local Official Plan.

Staff advised that the modification or removal of the significant woodland constraint layer is within the prevue of Kincardine Council

**Moved by Warden John Close
Seconded by Councillor Bill Goetz**

That should the Council of the Municipality of Kincardine desire to modify or remove polices or mapping related to woodlands within the Kincardine plan area, that they pass a resolution to this effect, and undertake an amendment to their local plan; and,

That, following receipt of the resolution, Council County would review the merits of such amendments should a request for approval be made by Kincardine Council.

Carried

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Agriculture, Tourism and Planning Committee will take place on Thursday, August 21, 2014 in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario.

8. Adjournment

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

**That the meeting of the Agriculture, Tourism and Planning
Committee adjourn at 11:56 a.m.**

Carried

**Councillor Larry Kraemer, Chair
Agriculture, Tourism and Planning Committee**