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Week Ending February 10, 2017

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Information Report



Service Area	Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
Date	Friday, February 10, 2017
Subject	Affordable Housing Project Selection Process
Report Number	CAO-I-1702

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To detail the County of Wellington’s process for selecting affordable housing projects when Federal or Provincial Funding becomes available and to identify the City of Guelph’s participation in the same.

Key Findings

The County of Wellington have a coordinated and inclusive process for determining applicable projects for available funding, which includes City of Guelph input and consideration.

Financial Implications

Not applicable

Report

On November 28, 2016, Council directed Intergovernmental staff to report back to Council on the process used by the County of Wellington to select affordable housing projects and explore opportunities for City involvement.

The County of Wellington as the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (also referred to as the Service Manager) is responsible for the delivery of Housing, Ontario Works and Child Care for the geographic area that includes the City of Guelph and the County of Wellington. As the Service Manager, the County receives allocations for the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) program which includes funding from both the Federal and Provincial governments. These funds can be used for a capital component such as new builds or for an operational component such as rent supplements. These funds have specific rules and criteria for how the funds can be used, time frames to be adhered to, and specific requirements for

both the Service Manager and Province. The agreements have to be put in place and construction has to start within specific timeframes or the funding may be reallocated to another Service Manager.

Once an allocation is provided, The County of Wellington selects affordable housing projects for development in accordance with provincial and federal guidelines, as well as locally established criteria. Project proposals for new affordable housing are solicited through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process and then evaluated using these frameworks. Successful proposals are provided conditional approval by the Service Manager and put forward for final approval provided by the province. This process, as well as additional requirements for submission, is outlined at the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage.

For any proposed projects located in the City of Guelph, County staff meet with City staff to discuss the projects. Included in the RFP is a section that provides the required consent to share any proposed projects located in Guelph with city staff for the purposes of input, consideration and awareness. The County of Wellington is committed to continue sharing and discussing the proposed projects with the City and similar to what has been done in the past, when multiple projects in the City meet the criteria and are deemed viable, the County consults with the City to prioritize identified projects.

City and County staff remain committed to collaborating on viable projects that meet the parameters of identified funding criteria.

Financial Implications

Not applicable

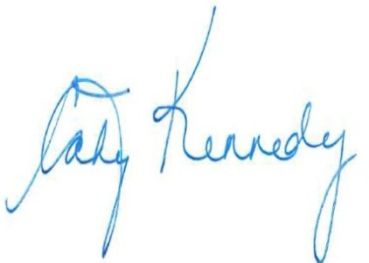
Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

Service Excellence

Service Area Operational Work Plans

Our Resources - A solid foundation for a growing city



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Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Proposed Transitional Operating Agreement between the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA), 2016	Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	February 23, 2017	<p>An EBR notice has been posted (012-9381) proposing an agreement between the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority.</p> <p>The operating agreement is a key measure intended to promote a clear accountability framework between the Minister and the Authority, and clarifies the administrative, financial, working and reporting relationships between the two parties.</p> <p>It is the intention of the Minister and the Authority that they exercise their powers and duties in such a manner that maximizes resource recovery and waste reduction to support a circular economy as defined in the RRCEA. They both recognize the benefit of maintaining a strong collaborative relationship.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	<p>Staff response on the proposed strategy document will be consistent with those provided last year to the MOECC re: EBR 012-5832 Waste-Free Ontario Act and EBR 012-5834 Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy (Staff Information Report dated May 6, 2016).</p> <p>Guelph wants to ensure that the provisions and measures that the Authority undertakes, promotes openness and transparency to promote the public interest in carrying out its objects, including fee setting principles, oversight and operation of a data clearinghouse in the resource recovery and waste reduction sector and provisions for Board composition and members.</p> <p>If interested, both Council and the community can submit comments directly to the Environmental Registry.</p>	Environmental Services	Environmental Registry

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Proposed New Water Bottling Charge	Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	March 20, 2017	<p>An ER notice has been posted, proposing a new water bottling charge for facilities that use groundwater under a Permit To Take Water for producing bottled water packaged in portable containers.</p> <p>The charge will allow the province to recover costs related for the management of groundwater takings by water bottling facilities, and will help increase public confidence in how the Ministry regulates groundwater takings by these facilities.</p> <p>The current charge is \$3.71 per million litres. The new charge will commence on August 1, 2017 and be set at \$500 per million litres (and will be subject to periodic review).</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	<p>Staff technical comments on the proposed water bottling charge will be consistent with those provided recently to the MOECC RE: EBR Posting 012-8783 Moratorium on Water Bottling Permits (Staff Report CAO-I-1610, dated November 28, 2016).</p> <p>As proposed, staff does not anticipate the new charge will directly impact the municipal water utility or its customers.</p> <p>Guelph's future municipal groundwater takings may be in competition with the water taking of local water bottling operations located outside the municipality.</p> <p>If interested, Council and community members can submit comments directly to the Environmental Registry.</p>	Environmental Services	https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMxNTQw&statusId=MTk5NDkw&language=en



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February 9, 2017

Re: Request to Minister of Education to Initiate Immediate
Stay of Execution on the Accommodation Review Process

Please be advised that, at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 7, 2017, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake passed the following motion:

MOTION2017FEB7-29

Moved by: L. Bracken Seconded by: E. Jones

That Council support the request of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward to request the Minister of Education initiate an immediate stay of execution on the accommodation Review Process and that a copy of this motion be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, OMAFRA Minister Jeff Leal, MPP Todd Smith, Hastings and Prince Edward School Board, Community School Alliance and all municipalities in Ontario.

WHEREAS the current Accommodation Review Process is not reflective of the reality of rural school and community life;

AND WHEREAS school closures impact single-school small rural communities in all educational, social and economic aspects to a far greater degree than those impacts in multi-school urban communities;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Education has initiated an unachievable timeline for the proposed transition plan and will have a negative impact on the health and safety of the students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Marmora and Lake requests the Minister of Education initiate an

**immediate Stay of Execution on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above mentioned impacts on small rural communities can be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered.
Carried**

Yours truly,

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Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Marmora and Lake

Copy: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education
The Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture Food & Rural Affairs
Todd Smith, MPP Hastings-Prince Edward
Community School Alliance
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February 7, 2017

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Re: Carbon Tax Credits for Municipalities

Dear Honourable Premier and Minister:

Please be advised that, at its meeting held on February 1, 2017, the Neebing Municipal Council passed the following resolution for your consideration:

Res. No. 2017-01-027

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer
Seconded by: Councillor Shott

WHEREAS there are Provincial programs, including the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program, and Provincial legislation which exempts some privately owned land parcels from all or some of the otherwise applicable municipal property taxes;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipalities bear the costs of these programs by having to provide services to these lands without receiving any revenue to defray the costs of those services;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is in the process of implementing a system of carbon taxes and carbon tax credits;

AND WHEREAS certain lands, such as vacant forested or cleared lands, may be eligible for carbon tax credits;

AND WHEREAS the benefit of a carbon tax credit may, at no expense to the Province, defray some or all of the costs to Ontario's municipalities for servicing tax exempt land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing respectfully requests the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the Legislature, when considering the policies associated with carbon taxes and carbon tax credits, to accrue any carbon tax credits applicable to tax-exempt private properties within Ontario municipalities, to the Municipality in which the land is situate, rather than to the property owner;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, AMO, NOMA, the Thunder Bay District Municipal League; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support.

Neebing Council respectfully requests a formal, written response.

All of the above is respectfully submitted.

Yours truly,



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Town of Erin, Townships of Guelph/Eramosa and Puslinch

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Bernie Corbett, Fred Morison

Both chair and vice-chair return for second year

Both GRCA board chair Helen Jowett and vice-chair Chris White will continue leading the GRCA board.

They were acclaimed by the GRCA board of directors at the general membership meeting January 27 for a second one-year term. As per the GRCA by-laws, a member is eligible to be re-elected to the role of chair or vice-chair for up to a maximum of five one-year terms.

Jowett is a Region of Waterloo councillor for Cambridge and White is the mayor of Guelph/Eramosa Township.

The 26-member GRCA board is composed of representatives appointed by the municipalities within the Grand River watershed.

Everton Mill burns down

The Everton Mill east of Guelph burned to the ground on the morning of January 19.

The GRCA is securing and cleaning up the site, and insurance on the building will cover these costs. Police are investigating the cause of the fire. The mill had been vacant for many years.

The Heritage River Inventory referred to this as the Hortop Mill. It was built in 1821 by Rufus Everts as a saw and grist mill. Later, the mill was operated by William Hortop, who produced soft flour which was sold to Christie's Bakery in Toronto. Flour produced at the mill was exported throughout the world under the brand name of Lily White Flour. The roadside mill remained in the Hortop family until it was purchased by the GRCA in 1966.

In January. It issued the first water safety message of the year on January 3 due to runoff from a storm at the end of December. A Colorado low came during the week of January 9 bringing snow, rain and more warm weather.

A flood watch message was issued January 12 and updated January 13, when there was some ice jam flooding in Cayuga.

Most of 2016 was very dry, with the exception of a few months with intense precipitation. December was one of those very wet months. However, the southern part of the watershed has not been receiving as much precipitation as normal.

In January, the watershed moved from the Level 2 low water condition declared in August, 2016 to Level 1, because the reservoirs returned to normal operations. The main concern at the end of January was the recovery of the groundwater system from the extended dry period in 2016.

GRCA will host Rogers communications tower

A cellphone tower will be constructed on GRCA land near Puslinch Lake.

The communications tower will be 50 metres high and is being installed by Rogers Communications Inc. to improve cellphone coverage in Puslinch Township and along Highway 401.

The tower will be along Wellington Road 32 on the site of a demolished house. The former driveway will be used for access.

This is a lease agreement is for five years, with a provision for three further five-year terms of renewal.

Warm wet weather

Wet weather has returned to the Grand River watershed and this bodes well for the water supply.

The heavy precipitation resulted in a busy month for the GRCA's Flood Operations Centre

Volunteer program grows

The GRCA's new volunteer program has taken root in the Grand River watershed.

In 2016, nearly 2,800 volunteers contributed more than 7,400 hours through the program,



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which was a 25 per cent increase in hours over the first year. Among other activities, they helped out at 42 events organized by the GRCA and partners. These take place at Grand River Parks and on other GRCA properties.

The goal of the program is to increase volunteer opportunities and formalize volunteering at the GRCA. It promotes the work of the GRCA, builds and enhances community partnerships and connects more people to the watershed in a meaningful way.

A focus of the program is working with companies that offer their staff an opportunity to volunteer. Eight companies and 14 organizations participated in the program in 2016.

FSC certified firewood tender awarded

The GRCA sells Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified firewood that has been sustainably sourced during the camping season at its eight parks.

The \$650,000 contract to supply this firewood for the next three years went to J.H. Keeso & Sons Ltd. of Listowell, which also had the two-year contract that recently expired. They will supply wood for the next three camping seasons.

FSC certification is an international program that ensures the wood comes from responsibly managed forests that meet FSC's strict environmental and social standards.

Chair appointed to source protection

Wendy Wright-Cascaden has been appointed as the chair of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

Wright-Cascaden has served as acting chair of the committee since September 2015 and has been a member of the committee since 2007. She is a retired planner with more than 35 years of municipal experience, much of it as a senior manager and department head at the City of Cambridge.

This committee is one of 19 across Ontario that were created under the Clean Water Act.

It updates and reports on implementation of the source protection plan that covers the



Blowing snow on the roads is a danger to drivers, but trees can help. People with a farm or country property can help make winter driving safer by planting living snow fences. Trees improve visibility and reduce drifting snow. There is a program that provides grants for this type of project. Call 519-621-2761 and ask for a forestry specialist to learn more.

Grand River, Catfish Creek, Kettle Creek and Long Point region. The plan is very extensive and was 10 years in the making. This plan came into effect on July 1, 2016.

Managing trees March 4

A trees workshop will answer questions landowners have about trees and help them to develop skills and strategies to maintain and improve their trees.

The event takes place Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the GRCA head office in Cambridge. Participation is free and lunch is included. To register, visit www.managingtrees.eventbrite.ca, email ruralwater@grandriver.ca, or call 519-621-2763, ext. 2262.

Three volleyball courts at Shade's Mills

Three beach volleyball courts will be constructed at Shade's Mills Park this summer, thanks to funding from the Trillium Foundation and a unique partnership with the Scorpions Youth Volleyball Club.

The courts will be used by the Scorpion leagues and park visitors. They will also be available for rent for small tournaments.

The courts will be built with the same quality of sand that is used at the Olympics, and they will be the only public courts with this quality sand in Waterloo Region.

They will be located near the existing beach volleyball court, which will be replaced.

Five more volleyball courts may be constructed at Shade's Mills in the future.

This issue of *GRCA Current* was published in February, 2017.

It is a summary of the January, 2017 business conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority board and committees, as well as other noteworthy happenings and topics of interest.

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Next board meeting:

AGM, February 24 at 9:30 a.m., GRCA Administration Centre

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