



Planning and Protection Committee Action Report
for the February 2nd, 2016 meeting held in
the Council Chambers following Physical Environment Committee

PRESENT: Mayor Antonakos, Deputy-Mayor Flynn, Councillor Black, Councillor Doucett, Councillor Redmond, Councillor Fritz, Councillor Trimble, Duncan Rogers, Clerk. Dave Young, Director of Public Works, Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer

- 1) **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – now or anytime during the meeting**
- 2) **PUBLIC MEETING – NONE THIS EVENING**
- 3) **REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK**
- 4) **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS**
- 5) **IF THERE IS AN ADDENDUM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2.4 (OF STRIKING REPORT) DOES THE COMMITTEE WISH TO APPROVE THIS ADDENDUM?**

The following items are for information only and will not be discussed unless the Committee chooses to do so. The Chair will entertain a motion to receive and file for those items not pulled out for discussion.

COMMUNICATION 127049

Received from Les Reynolds, Director of Protective Services
Addressed to Planning and Protection Committee
Date January 27th, 2016
Topic OWFC Activity Report

SUMMARY

The December 2015 Activity Report is attached.

COMMENT

For Council's Information

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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COMMITTEE DECISION

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COMMUNICATION 127050

Received from Joanna Bowes, Manager of Development Services
Addressed to Planning and Protection Committee
Date January 27th, 2016
Topic Development Services- Planning Activity

SUMMARY

Committee has requested, from the Planning Department, a monthly review of planning matters received or approved within the department. The following outline represents only those matters that were accompanied by a submitted application. The overview does not represent the numerous inquiries received throughout the reporting period, as these inquiries may or may not come to fruition. In addition the accompanying chart does not illustrate the ongoing efforts with respect to various submitted subdivision files.

COMMENT

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TO BE DISCUSSED

COMMUNICATION 127026

Received from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Addressed to Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer
Date January 4th, 2016
Topic 2nd Intake – Small Communities Fund (SCF)

SUMMARY

The Province has advised that the Town's application for Intake Two of the Small Communities Fund (SCF) was not selected because other municipalities have more challenging economic conditions and fiscal situations.

COMMENT

The rejection letter is identical to the rejection letter for our OCIF application and staff have obtained details of how OMAFRA scored Carleton Place (a score of 22 and a rank of 190) which means no funding. We should be concerned with the indicators used for the scoring.

127026 Continued

There is some logic in the first two indicators – Median Household Income and Weighted Assessment per Household.

However, with the Net Financial Assets per Household indicator, a municipality is rewarded if they have no reserves and instead have considerable debt, even if that debt is because of poor management or for say a new arena or city hall. This indicator actually penalizes municipalities that plan for infrastructure needs by building reserves to cover future infrastructure costs. The Town scored fairly well on the 4th indicator, partly because of the significant childcare and recreation user fees we collect, but is it really relevant?

Staff believe the last indicator is very relevant but it only has a weight of 3 instead of 10. This indicator (or some other indicator that actually measures and ensures a municipality is contributing a reasonable amount to their infrastructure) should be the most important indicator with the highest weighting.

If this criteria is not challenged it will no doubt continue to be used for the OCIF and SCF in future years, meaning the Town might as well not bother submitting an application. Perhaps more importantly, these criteria may be applied to future infrastructure programs that may be rolled out by the Federal government.

UPDATE – January 16th, 2016

The Ontario Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure (OCSI) is a group of provincial organizations (Municipal Engineers Association, Municipal Officers Association, Ontario Good Roads Association, Ontario Public Works Association, Ontario Water Works Association and Water Environment Association of Ontario). OCSI continues to encourage the province to distribute infrastructure funding fairly with a predictable long term commitment so municipalities can properly plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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AND WHEREAS some of the indicators used to score municipalities actually penalize a municipality that has planned for future infrastructure needs by establishing financial reserves;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have little ability to alter their circumstances and improve their score or ranking;

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