

February 16, 2012

Special Meeting

7:00 PM

The Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards met on the above date with Councillors John Jeffrey, Ernie Cybulski, Stanley Pecoskie, Carl Kuehl and Debbie Peplinskie present. Mayor Janice Visneskie chaired the meeting, which she opened and called to order. Also in attendance were Lee Lafont, Chair of the Killaloe & District Public Library Board, Board member Megan Hazelton, and Bruce Burnett, volunteer at the Killaloe & District Public Library and member of the Library Building Committee.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest: No pecuniary/financial interest was declared by any of the Council members present.

Purpose of the Meeting: Mayor Visneskie advised that the purpose of the meeting is to receive information relating to the use of wood and wood products.

Delegations: Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards resident Jeff Muzzi and Michelle Maybee, Technical Director of Ontario Wood WORKS were present and were invited to address Council. Mr. Muzzi explained that when he heard that there were plans to build a new library, he recognized this as an opportunity for our municipality to be a leader in the use of wood and wood products for building in our own home community.

Ms. Maybee, a Technical Director with the Canadian Wood Council, gave a slide presentation which outlined information about the Canadian Wood Council and the Wood WORKS initiative. She explained that the Canadian Wood Council is a national association representing manufacturers of Canadian wood products used in construction. It protects the interests of wood and the wood industry by initiatives such as working with code agencies to identify opportunities to make changes to the code that will create more opportunities for the wood industry. She explained the opportunities and threats facing the industry today. Opportunities were identified as code changes, innovation (EWP-engineered wood products & CLT-cross laminated timber), sustainability and the use of wood products by the non-residential building sector continues to grow. Threats include a lack of education curriculum in our schools, environmental misinformation and substitution pressures (replacing wood products with other materials for building). She explained that Wood WORKS' mission is to educate current professionals, influence and provide technical expertise to ensure that sustainable, cost-effective wood systems are considered. Ms. Maybee reviewed several construction projects using wood that Wood WORKS has been involved in. She also provided the following statistics with regard to the Canadian wood culture:

- Forest Product industry employs over 900,000 people
- Canada retains 91% of its original forest area, while having a thriving forest products industry for over 100 years
- Canada has 134 million hectares of certified forest, the largest area in the world
- Over 200,000 working families directly or indirectly rely on the forest sector
- Ontario represents 42% of Canada's non-residential construction market – \$9.2 billion
- Under the current building code there is the opportunity to increase the use of wood 4 times.

Ms. Maybee distributed sample resolutions that the municipality could pass with regard to a commitment to building with wood wherever possible. Mayor Visneskie advised that Council will review the resolutions at the next regular Council meeting. This was followed by a brief question and answer period, after which Council thanked Ms. Maybee and Mr. Muzzi, as well as the other attendees for coming to the meeting. Council took a short recess, then reconvened with the same Council members present.

Correspondence:

Council reviewed correspondence from the County of Renfrew advising of telephone service disruption in certain areas of Renfrew County - filed.

Memo from CAO/Clerk-Treasurer: Information prepared relating to bulk passing of by-laws – filed.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reason(s):

- The security of property of the municipality or local board;
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including employees;
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land;
- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- Litigation or potential litigation;
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege;
- A matter authorized by another provincial statute;
- If the subject matter relates to a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- A matter relating to the consideration of a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- For the purpose of educating or training members of Council.

Carried:

Moved by Stanley Pecoskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to come out of Committee of the Whole. Carried.

Adjournment:

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting dated February 16, 2012. Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer