

UNITED COUNTIES OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE
PROJECTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 6, 2007

The Projects Committee met on November 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 25 Central Avenue West, Brockville, Ontario.

Members Present: Bill Thake, Chair, Waste Management
Frank Kinsella, Chair, Economic Development
John Conley, Chair, 9-1-1 Civic Addressing
Warden J. Douglas Struthers
Mel Campbell, Larry Dishaw, Bill Gooch,
Roger Haley, Ron Holman, Jim Pickard

Staff Present: Steven Silver, CAO
Les Shepherd, Director of Works, Planning Services and Asset
Management
Nigel White, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Dan Chevrier, Manager, Emergency Medical Services
Kristen Hobbs, Manager, Human Resources Department
Geoff McVey,
Vince Germani, Economic Development Coordinator
Lisa Severson, CAO Support (Recorder)

Also Present: Chris Kroeger, Chair, Landfill Liaison Committee
Siobhan Baker, PLASCO Energy Group
Chris Gay, PLASCO Energy Group
Mr. Sayeau, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Councillor
Mr. Cameron, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Councillor

1.0 Waste Management

1.1 Opening Remarks

Mr. Thake welcomed everyone to the Projects Committee Meeting. Mr. Thake stated that item 5.1 In-Camera, would be discussed after calling for disclosure of interest.

Mr. Thake announced that a presentation by the PLASCO Energy Group Inc. on the conversion of waste to energy using PLASCO Energy

conversion technology would take place immediately following the In-Camera discussion.

1.2 Disclosure of Interest

Mr. Haley declared a potential interest in Agenda Item 5.0 relative to his place of employment.

1.3 In-Camera

Motion

**Moved by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mr. Kinsella
THAT the Projects Committee go In-Camera, closed to the public, to consider a personal matter. Carried.**

Motion

**Moved by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mr. Kinsella
THAT the Projects Committee resume. Carried.**

1.4 Additions to the Agenda

1.5 Approval of Minutes – September 4, 2007

Motion

**Moved by Mr. Pickard and seconded by Mr. Holman
THAT the minutes of the Projects Committee meeting held on September 4, 2007, be approved, as amended. Carried.**

1.6 Correspondence, Communications and Petitions - Nil

1.7 Staff Reports

1.7.1 Solid Waste Management Report

Mr. Shepherd provided an overview of the Solid Waste Management Report which outlines different options for ED-19 and the need for expertise in determining what is required and wanted by the municipalities. Mr. Shepherd stressed the importance that members know what they want and what is needed prior to making

any firm commitments related to ED-19. The RFP should not be restrictive and allow for flexibility. As some members do not have the luxury of time it is a necessity to start work on the formulation of an RFP immediately. All partners must be involved in the process. Staff were directed to add Solid Waste Management and the future of ED-19 on the November 21, 2007 Joint Services Agenda.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Holman and seconded by M. Pickard
THAT the Projects Committee recommends to the relevant Joint Services Committee partners that a consultant selection process be initiated in order to acquire expertise appropriate for a Request for Proposal (RFP) development, issuance and assessment related to the development of a waste management strategy including the opening and operation of ED-19. Carried.

PLASCO Presentation

A power point presentation made by Mr. Gay (copies available upon request) was very informative. Key points from the presentation included:

- PLASCO technology - patented Canadian Technology
- Recognized by the province of Ontario – green premium
- A PLASCO facility can be up and operating in twelve months
- PLASCO owns the facility – no risk to the municipality
- Guaranteed tip fee for twenty years
- Sharing of energy with sponsor
- 99.9% of waste used as commercial products with 1% going to landfill
- Discovering new markets for residue (slag)
- Spring of 2009 the Ottawa project will have its trial licensing lifted by the province
- A 400 tonne a day facility will generate 24 mega watts of electricity for local consumers
- Only requires seven acres to build a facility

Questions

What type of Certificate of Approval is required to get a facility started?

The response to this question was a facility would require the same certificate of approval standard for a natural gas plant.

How much waste is required?

A facility can accommodate waste of 100 to 400 tonne per day. The ideal amount is 200 tonne. Anything less than 100 tonnes per day is not viable and over 400 tonne it would be recommended to build another facility.

Is mining existing landfill sites viable?

It can be done, however mining may create more issues environmentally. It would need to be investigated on a per site basis and would bump up costs.

Is there a system in place that could handle all waste streams, including septage?

In Wales PLASCO is involved in an enviropark which combines many different technologies in one place and they work together to recognize as many efficiencies as possible.

Does the system need to run 365 days per year, 24 hours a day?

The system works most efficiently if it runs at all times except for planned maintenance. The system can be shutdown but is inefficient to do on a continuous basis.

How do you sell it to the taxpayers?

The Ontario government may be able to assist with promoting this technology to the tax payers.

Mr. Thake thanked Mr. Gay and Ms. Baker for the presentation.

1.8 Information Items – Nil

1.9 Sub-Committee, Special and AdHoc Committee Reports - Nil

1.10 New Business – Reports from Warden, Committees and Members of Committees - Nil

1.11 Other Business

1.12 Unfinished Business

1.13 Chair's Announcements – Nil

The Waste Management section concluded at 10:50 a.m.

2.0 Projects/Economic Development Initiatives

2.1 Opening Remarks

Mr. Kinsella commented that the Economic Development Sub-Committee with only Counties members was a good meeting.

2.2 Disclosure of Interest - Nil

2.3 Correspondence, Communications and Petitions

2.4 Staff Reports

2.4.1 Physician Recruitment Report

Mr. Silver provided the members with a verbal update on the physician recruitment program being developed by the four CAOs. From a Counties' staff perspective, the process needs to include all areas where residents from Leeds and Grenville may go for medical care (i.e. Smiths Falls and Kemptville Hospitals). A report from this group will be completed and circulated in December or January. It is a proposed four year program with a draft budget of \$100,000. A recruiter would be hired and could be located at 32 Wall Street, Brockville. A student tuition initiative will be put in place with a bursary of \$25,000 per annum to assist in attracting and retaining young physicians.

It was felt by a few members that physician recruitment should be the responsibility of the local hospital or area. Mr. Struthers asked the group to keep an open mind to the project as the program is in the development stage and will benefit all residents in Leeds and Grenville. Further developments will be forwarded to members.

Mr. Conley left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

2.5 Information Items - Nil

2.6 Sub-Committee, Special and Ad Hoc Committee Reports –

2.6.1 Minutes – Economic Development Sub-Committee Meeting of October 25, 2007

The notes from the Economic Development Sub-Committee Meeting for Counties Council were reviewed.

2.7 New Business – Reports from Warden, Committees, and Members of Committees - Nil

- 2.8 Unfinished Business - Nil
- 2.9 Other Business - Nil
- 2.10 Chair's Announcements - Nil

The Projects/Economic Development Initiative section concluded at 11:20 a.m.

3.0 9-1-1 Civic Addressing

- 3.1 Opening Remarks - Nil
- 3.2 Disclosure of Interest - Nil
- 3.3 Correspondence, Communications, and Petitions - Nil
- 3.4 Staff Reports – Nil

A request for a report on 9-1-1 costs to residents was requested by the Committee at the September 4, 2007 meeting. The report was not available for the November 6, 2007 meeting and Mr. White stated a report would be brought forward for the December 2007 Projects meeting.

- 3.5 Information Items – Nil
- 3.6 Sub-Committee, Special, and Ad Hoc Committee Reports - Nil
- 3.7 New Business – Reports from Warden, Committees, and Members of Committees - Nil
- 3.8 Unfinished Business - Nil
- 3.9 Other Business – Nil
- 3.10 Chair's Announcements – Nil

The 9-1-1 Civic Addressing section concluded at 10:25 a.m.

- 4.0 By-Laws (Notice of) – Nil
- 5.0 In-Camera

This item was covered under item 1.3.

6.0 Adjournment

**Moved by Mr. Thake and seconded by Mr. Holman
THAT the Projects Committee be adjourned. Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.