

MUNICIPALITY OF TWEED PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2011

The Minutes of the Persons and Property Committee meeting held Monday, November 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Committee Room.

Attendance: Reeve Jo-Anne Albert
Councillor Don DeGenova
Councillor Jim Flieler
Fire Chief/By-Law Enforcement Officer Don Barnett
CAO/Clerk Patricia Bergeron

Councillor DeGenova chaired the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by J. Albert

Seconded by J. Flieler

That the Minutes of the October 5, 2011 Persons and Property Committee meeting be adopted.
Carried.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Delegations

1. Kim Bering - Tweedsmuir Court surplus property.

Mr. and Mrs. Bering attended the meeting to confirm their interest in acquiring a lot on Tweedsmuir Crescent, which was declared surplus by Council in 2009 and for which an appraisal was obtained. Mr. Bering requested reconsideration of his offer to purchase and indicated that he would like to negotiate a price. He noted his intent to use the lot, which is adjacent to his property, as an extension of his lot to provide room for a garage. Council members agreed to visit the site and to further consider the sale.

2. Bill Duncan - Vanderwater Road livestock.

Bill Duncan, property owner on Vanderwater Road attended the meeting to express his concern with the keeping of livestock on rural residential properties, particularly the keeping of chickens

on the property adjacent to his. He noted that the number and types of livestock on the adjacent property increased substantially since he first moved there, and noted that he purchased a rural residential property with the understanding that livestock, including chickens, were not permitted. Mr. Duncan noted his objection to the keeping of livestock on the property next to his lot.

3. Jordan Prosper, HPE Health Unit - smoke-free by-laws.

Jordan Prosper of the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit attended the meeting to review with the committee the draft smoke-free by-laws and discuss education and enforcement. It was agreed that enforcement of the by-laws would be the responsibility of the Health Unit, with the municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer to assist with warnings and education. Other methods of public awareness and education were discussed, including notification in the municipal newsletter, inserts with tax and water/sewer billings and signage, which is provided by Health Unit. The committee discussed a January 2012 implementation date. It was suggested that notification of the intention to pass by-laws to prohibit smoking within certain distances from playgrounds, playing fields and municipal building doorways should be included in the next news column, with the by-laws brought forth for adoption at the December 13th Council meeting.

Reports

1. By-Law Enforcement - report for October, 2011.

The By-Law Enforcement Officer provided a report on various by-law matters, including livestock on residential properties, property standards, shingles dumped on rural lot and parking on River Street.

2. Fire Chief - report for October, 2011.

The Fire Chief provided a report on fire practices, fire calls and fire prevention for the month of October. The Fire Chief advised that the MNR agreement for protection of properties in the northern part of Elzevir Township requires renewal in 2012. Committee members requested details on the properties which form the agreement.

3. Animal Control.

The Animal Control Officer provided a pound report for the month of October, 2011.

4. CAO/Clerk.

The Clerk reported on office activities.

Unfinished Business

1. Smoke free by-laws.

This matter was addressed during the Health Unit delegation.

2. Ministry of Agriculture - public information session.

Public information sessions are scheduled for November 21st.

3. Animal control statistics.

No further information.

4. Livestock on rural residential properties.

The committee discussed the issue of keeping livestock, particularly chickens, on residential and rural residential properties and agreed to put forth a recommendation to not implement a by-law to allow 'backyard chickens'.

New Business

1. Barry Road - property standards issues.

A letter was received from property owners on Barry Road expressing concern with the condition of a property adjacent to theirs. The By-Law Enforcement Officer provided information on the type and amount of materials that have accumulated on the lot and advised that an order to clean up the property has been forwarded to the owner with followup action to be taken if not complied with.

2. Streetlight request - Deshane Road.

The committee considered a request from a property owner on Deshane for a streetlight to improve safety in the area. The committee agreed that the owner should be advised that the Municipality will not be installing a single streetlight in this area, and suggested that the owner could contact Hydro One for light options on individual properties.

3. Rockies Road - shingles.

The By-Law Enforcement Officer provided an update on the matter of the shingles dumped on a vacant property off Rockies Road. He noted that he had been contacted by the company that had dumped the shingles, presumably with the owner's permission. The committee agreed that a

letter should be sent to the owners advising that permission from the Municipality is required for use of the property as a storage area for shingles, and that the Municipality does have authority to clean up the property and charge the costs to the owners.

Caucus

None.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in January, 2012 with the date to be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.