Tim Hortons to come to Barry's Bay

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After many rumours and much speculation, the Township of Madawaska Valley council was happy to announce plans to bring a Tim Hortons restaurant to Barry's Bay.

In a council meeting this past Monday, a by-law was passed that would allow the township to enter into a site plan agreement with New Urban Retail Incorporated. This agreement would allow plans for a Tim Hortons in Barry's Bay to move forwards, with an eye to a July opening.

New Urban Retail Inc. president Jamie Chisholm was in attendance to help finalize the agreement.

Mayor Dave Schulist thanked councillor Bob Kulas and planning and licensing officer Silas Lorbetski for their hard work at finalizing these plans. "One thing I have to do is thank our municipal staff," added Schulist. " I think that staff did a wonderful job."

Chisholm expressed gratitude for the hard work put in by township and county officials to move this plan forwards. "I'm certainly happy to bring something as iconic as Tim Hortons to the township," commented Chisholm, adding, "Aside from having to place get a coffee or sandwich, you're getting a new partner in Tim Hortons."

Councillor Kulas' agreed, citing the economic benefits the business could bring. "I kept coming back to the number 40 – 40 possible jobs. This economic development could bring other potential development to the area."

Chisholm said that the development would be given to someone with a track record in developing Tim Hortons restaurants. He added that the building would be approximately 2800 square feet and feature a double drive-through. When asked about when the location would open up, Chisholm said, "It's premature to set a date," but added that July 1 "would be a good target."
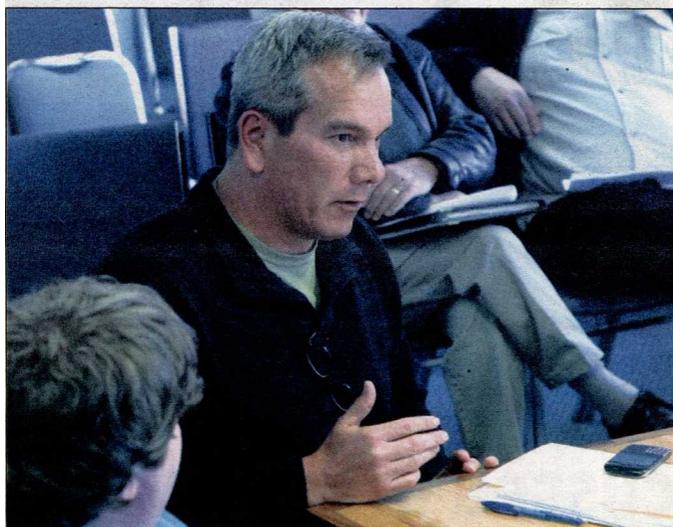
New Urban Retail Inc. president Jamie Chisholm talks to council about development of a Tim Hortons restaurant in Barry's Bay.

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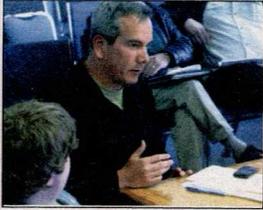
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