

MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, December 13th 2011
MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Town Hall, Council Chambers
PREPARED BY: Jenny Ferraro, Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order

Present: Duncan McKinlay, John McKean, Bob Gamble, Joe Halos, Reg Russwurm, John Caswell, Jim McCannell, Jeff Fletcher, Troy Speck, Michael Martin, Aaron McMullin, Tom Gray, Jenny Ferraro

Guests: Darryl Cowan, Brent Willis, Mark Bourbonnais, Vic Vandergust, Douglas Matthews.

Regrets: Gail Ardiel, Shawn Everitt

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the Agenda of the December 13th 2011, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated, **unanimously CARRIED.**

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Council McKean declared pecuniary interest to Agenda Item D.3 Attachment #1.

A.3 Previous Minutes – November 8th 2011 and November 22nd 2011

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of the November 8th 2011 and November 22nd 2011 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated, **unanimously CARRIED.**

B. Deputations/Presentations

B.1 Gamsby and Mannerow

Re: Slabtown Bridge Replacement Public Information Centre Presentation

Brent Willis of Gamsby and Mannerow, presented to Committee a slideshow presentation on the Slabtown Bridge Replacement Public Information Centre (PIC) #1. Project Engineer Darryl Cowan briefed Committee on the plan for the upcoming PIC which will take place on Saturday, December 17th 2011 10:00am.

Councilor McKean asked if there is a finish on the self weathering steel that will prevent further corrosion. Darryl explained that the natural weathering of the steel is in the composition of the steel itself and it will rust but not deep enough to corrode away.

Councilor Halos asked what the cost difference is between the 3 types of finishes purposed for the bridge and Darryl noted that cost estimates have not been determined yet.

Councilor Gamble asked if the temporary access road would be two lanes and Brent indicated it would be a one lane road.

Councilor McKinlay thanked Daryl and Brent for their presentation noting that although he cannot attend the Public Meeting on Saturday, December 17th 2011, he encouraged the rest of Committee to attend. Duncan noted that the presentation will be on the website and comments are always welcome. It was noted that a closing date for comments is December 31st 2011.

B.2 Mark Bourbonnais, Go Green Contracting Inc. o/a xtremeadventures.ca

Re: Closure of Sideroad 6 From Top of Mountain to Bottom

Mark briefed Committee on his concerns regarding the potential closure of the 6/7 Sideroad as discussed in Report EPW.11.105.

Mark explained to Committee that he uses the road everyday in the summer for his off road hummer tours and if the road was closed entirely it could put him out of the business.

Mark noted that many tourists, both infants and elderly, enjoy the tour he provides and if the road is closed then many groups of people will not be able to experience the Town of The Blue Mountains from that point of view.

Mark noted that many people assume that he causes damage to the road, but Mark explained that he only uses the road going downhill and he avoids spinning his tires creating large holes.

Mark indicated that he does branching and hole filling in the Spring and that he also picks up garbage along the road. Mark noted that any wash outs or ruts which are on the road are caused naturally from rain run-off. Mark indicated that he is careful when touring and the maintenance he does to the area is a benefit to entire tourism area.

Councilor Halos asked Mark if he would be interested opting into a licensing agreement if the road was closed. Mark indicated that he would be interested as long as the Town does not put up any gates, because the gates would take away from the tourism.

Councilor McKinlay thanked Mark for his presentation.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 EPW.11.105 6/7 Sideroad East – Closing of Road Section

Jim McCannell

Jim explained that Staff has met with Douglas Matthews to review the options and come to a preferred solution.

Councilor McKinlay noted that he received a phone call for a neighbouring Municipality asking if any public notices had gone out regarding this closure. Jim explained that this report is the first step in the process to follow regarding closing a road. A formal public meeting is still to be held.

Councilor McKinlay noted that Staff must provide information regarding any decisions made moving forward to the Mayor of the Municipality of Clearview regarding this matter.

Councilor McKean questioned the map on Page 33, with respects to where the rocks are placed and location of the proposed road closure. Jim explained that the intention was to have the road accessible for emergency vehicles and the rocks will be placed similar to the way they are placed on the Georgian Trail. Councilor McKean noted the importance of having access if there was an emergency.

Councilor McKinlay asked how Staff can restrict other vehicles from going down the 'Emergency Vehicle Access Only' portion of the road. Jim indicated that there are challenges with this at every entrance along the Georgian Trail, but placing rocks will limit the number of cars which will pass however an ambulance can get around the rocks.

Councilor Halos noted that Vic Vandergust, legal Council for Mr. Matthews, was a member of the gallery.

Moved by: Joe Halos Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Vic Vandergust be invited to speak and share his comments and thoughts on Report EPW.11.105, 6/7 Sideroad East – Closing of Road Section, **unanimously CARRIED.**

Councilor McKinlay welcomed Vic Vandergust to speak to Committee.

Mr. Vandergust thanked Committee and Staff for the various meetings and time put toward narrowing down the issues on this matter. Mr. Vandergust indicated that Douglas Matthews is a tax payer of the property he uses and he is experiencing difficulty using the road around the subject area. Mr. Vandergust explained Mr. Matthews purchased his property in 1969 and has never had issues with the road, until the Hummer Tours began using it. Mr. Vandergust noted that since these tours have begun the roads have been damaged to a point in which the loggers and tractors cannot get through.

Mr. Vandergust noted that the Hummer creates holes in the road which Mr. Matthews travels on to visit the farm which he pays taxes on.

Mr. Vandergust indicated that Douglas Matthews is in favour of the solution which the Town has decided upon, but suggested that the wording in Report EPW.11.105 be changed from: “The agreements would also require the second party to provide a minimum of \$5,000,000 insurance coverage with the Town named as an additional insured and to indemnify and save the Town harmless regarding their use of the subject road section” to “appropriate insurance on the advice of the Town Solicitor”.

Councilor McKinlay noted that at this time, the Report cannot be changed as he indicated that that the Recommendation being put forward does not address or pass the noted alteration in the body of the Report.

Mr. Vandergust suggested the possibility of a supplementary Report with the change made and Reg noted that the Recommendation presented this evening does not determine the insurance.

Councilor Gamble asked if Mountain Bikers and Pedestrians will be allowed access to the road if closed and Reg indicated that it will be Town owned land, which would permit the use to bikers and hikers but would exclude any motorized vehicles.

To address the concerns of the Mayor of Clearview, Reg suggested revised wording of the Recommendation.

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.11.105, entitled “6/7 Sideroad East – Closing of Road Section”;

AND THAT Council does hereby authorize Staff to initiate the process to consider closing the subject portion of 6/7 Sideroad in Concession 1;

AND THAT Council entertain land use agreements with interested parties who express an interest to use the subject portion of 6/7 Sideroad in Concession 1 for vehicular access under certain terms and conditions in the event the road is closed,
unanimously CARRIED.

**C.2 EPW.11.106 Tender Award 2011-49-T-EPW – Purchase of 5/8” Crushed Gravel
Jim McCannell**

Councilor McKean noted that the prices presented in this Report are very reasonable as it includes the hauling and placement of the gravel.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Report EPW.11.106, “Tender Award 2011-49-T-EPW – Purchase of 5/8” Crushed Gravel”;

AND THAT Council authorize a reallocation of \$8,500 from Spot Improvements to Gravel in the 2012 Roads Operation Budget to increase the Gravel budget from \$140,000 to \$148,500 to allow for the purchase of approximately 17,000 tonnes of gravel as considered in Tender 2011-49-T-EPW;

AND THAT Tender 2011-49-T-EPW be awarded to Dalton R. Lowe and Sons Construction Ltd, for the supply, crushing, loading, hauling, and application of approximately 17,000 tonnes of Granular “A” – 5/8” crushed gravel, at a cost of \$8.58 per tonne, in the amount of \$145,860 excluding HST, plus applicable non-refundable HST for a total cost of \$148,427.14, **unanimously CARRIED.**

C.3 EPW.11.108 TD Green Streets Grant Application

Adam McMullin

Councilor Gamble asked how the Municipal Contribution of \$7,500 is used and Jeff explained that it is a combination of Staff time to manage the program and the volunteers as well. Jeff indicated that Town Staff will be doing the majority of the planting.

Councilor Martin asked where the trees are purchased from. Jeff noted that last year they came from a nursery and they had exceptional prices. Councilor McKinlay asked if Staff had considered the Conservation Authority. Jeff noted that he has looked into purchasing trees from them, but they do not have the sizes required. Jeff further stated that the tree lottery trees are provided by the Conservation Authority. Councilor McKinlay suggested that Staff follow up with the Conservation Authority and Councilor Martin regarding a poll for price.

Moved by: Michael Martin Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Report EPW.11.108 entitled “TD Green Streets Grant Application”; and,

THAT Council support the Town’s TD Green Streets Grant Application; and,

THAT Council, should the grant application succeed, authorize the CAO and Clerk to execute an Agreement with Tree Canada, **unanimously CARRIED.**

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 DOR.11.73 Beaver Valley Kinsmen Club Donation of A New Score Clock For the Beaver Valley Community Centre

Aaron McMullen

Councilor Halos asked Staff what they plan to do with the old clock and Aaron noted that there are some problems with the communication between the box and the control panel. Aaron indicated that there might be some value to it as a disposal.

Councilor McKinlay questioned if the offer was not made at this time would the old clock be at the sunset of its service life anyway. Aaron indicated yes.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.11.73 entitled “ Beaver Valley Kinsmen Club Donation of a new score clock for the Beaver Valley Community Centre” for information purposes only, **unanimously CARRIED.**

D.2 DOR.11.80 Follow up to Correspondence Received From The Royal Canadian Legion – Complaint – Condition of Kitchen Equipment

Aaron McMullen

Councilor Gamble noted that the Report indicated Hobart’s Canada will be repairing the dishwasher and asked Aaron if the repairs would be adequate to bring it to a status which would make the users happy. Aaron indicated that Hobart’s had already come to repair the drain valve and the service was satisfactory.

Aaron further noted that the machine is 24 years old and the specs note it can produce 19 loads an hour. Aaron indicated that it currently does not work to that capacity. Aaron indicated that he plans to present a Report in January providing Recommendations addressing long term needs.

Councilor McKinlay asked if Community Engagement will be part of this process and Aaron said yes, noting that the athletic association will be involved in this specifically.

Councilor Halos asked Staff about the labels on taps being incorrect for hot and cold water. Aaron noted that through replacement of taps over the years and the changes made overtime, there are some issues regarding the hot and cold taps, and although some are backwards, they are labeled properly.

Councilor McKinlay suggested that Staff provide a written response back to the letter and Aaron noted that he plans to respond to the letter tomorrow.

Moved by: Joe Halos Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.11.80 entitled “ Follow up to Correspondence Received From The Royal Canadian Legion – Complaint – Condition of Kitchen Equipment” for information purposes only, **unanimously CARRIED.**

D.3 EPW.11.107 Capital and Development Status Report

Tom Gray

Councilor McKean left the meeting as he declared Pecuniary Interest to Agenda Item D.3 Attachment #1.

Councilor Gamble asked for an update on Plan 915 costs recovery and Reg noted that an agreement has been made regarding fees but the Town is still waiting ‘as constructed’ drawings.

Councilor Gamble noted that the Report refers to Georgian Woodlands Phase 4 Stage 2 as being South of Sleep Hollow Road, but it is actually North. John Caswell confirmed that Councilor Gamble was correct.

Councilor Halos asked Staff if there have been any sales at the Far Hills Club. Reg noted that he does not have any information regarding sales at the Far Hills Club at this time. Councilor McKinlay suggested that Troy look into sales at the Far Hills Club and Report to Committee on initiatives taken.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.11.107 entitled “Capital and Development Status Report” for their information, **unanimously CARRIED.**

Committee Chair McKinlay welcomed Councilor McKean back to the meeting.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 DRAFT Wastewatcher Guide 2012

Jeffery Fletcher

Jeff indicated that the Wastewatcher Guide will be distributed by a mass mailing and will be available in Stores throughout the Community, Town Hall, the Landfill and the Library. Jeff explained that this guide will be the main piece of communication regarding the intricacies of the collection program for 2012.

Jeff noted that an effort is made to have residents use this document and understand the various aspects of the collection program. As many residents come and go from the area, Jeff hopes this guide will find itself on many coffee tables of the part time and rental residents.

Councilor Gamble asked about collection on Labour Day and Christmas Day 2012. Jeff noted that he has an agreement with the contractor to pick up on all Holidays if they fall mid-week in order to avoid confusion with the residents. Jeff noted that there is a premium to this service, but it will avoid any confusion particularly with the part time residents that follows when dates are switched.

Councilor McKinlay thanked Jeff for this piece of information.

E.2 Committee Appointment

Councilor McKinlay noted Committees would be in place for a period of one year and Committee Chairs would also be standing for a term of one-year.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council confirm Councilor John McKean, Councilor Joe Halos, Councilor Bob Gamble and Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay as the Infrastructure and Recreation Committee for 2012, **unanimously CARRIED**.

Troy indicated that he was under the impression that Committee Assignment and Chair Appointment was to be moved at a Council meeting.

E.3 Craighleith Heritage Depot Christmas Lights

Councilor Gamble noted to Committee and Staff that recognition should be given to the company who put up the Christmas Lights at the Craighleith Heritage Depot as he was very impressed with the display.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, January 17th 2011 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, Council Chambers

G. Adjournment

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting of December 13th 2011 is adjourned at 8:14 p.m. , **unanimously CARRIED.**