

MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, October 12th 2010

MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Ravenna Hall

PREPARED BY: Jenny Ferraro, Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order

Present: Duncan McKinlay, John McKean, Bob Gamble, John McGee, Reg Russwurm, John Caswell, Jenny Ferraro

Regrets: Jim McCannell, David Finbow

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Agenda of the October 12th 2010, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated
"CARRIED"

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor John McKean declared a pecuniary interest to item D.1 Construction Status Report item #6 Beaver River Bridge.

A.3 Previous Minutes – September 14th 2010

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of the September 14th 2010 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated
"CARRIED"

B. Deputations/Presentations

B.1 None.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 SRB.10.26 No Parking Request – Highway 26 @ Northwinds Beach

David Finbow

Reg Russwurm spoke on behalf of David Finbow as David was not present for the meeting. Duncan McKinlay indicated that the parking situation also affects the Pinery Plaza as parked cars block the view of the exit. Duncan further questioned how traffic control will be addressed if there are plans to add a 5000 square foot addition to the plaza.

Reg confirmed that there are plans to extend the commercial units, creating a detached building toward the west. Reg indicated to Committee that a traffic study had been submitted and the MTO suggested building a turning lane or lane divider going back toward GR 19. Duncan questioned if there was room for these additional lanes. Reg noted that he had not seen any design plans so he could not confirm if there was room.

Duncan questioned if the recommendation in Report C.1 SRB.10.26 was logical since there are plans to modify the highway.

Bob Gamble noted that prohibiting parking on the weekends might not be ideal. John McGee pointed out that the issues surrounding Northwinds Beach will not be relevant for another four to five months since it is the summer months when the parking becomes an issue. Reg agreed and pointed out that when people park their cars on Hwy 26 it does block sight lines and is an inconvenience to neighbours. Reg also mentioned that David Finbow was the lead and would have more detail on the issue.

Committee was concerned that little public communication had occurred and they suggested that Reg speak with the Planning Department on public consultation and come back to committee with a Report.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Committee concurred to move that the Staff Report SRB.10.26 be tabled for further information and be brought back to Committee for consultation regarding this matter.

“CARRIED”

C.2 EPW.10.084 Contract Extension (TBM-RD-2008-09) Snow Removal – Sidewalks and Various Town

Jim McCannell

Duncan McKinlay asked if the rates have changed. Reg indicated that the rates were the same and had not changed.

Bob Gamble questioned item 13.c Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery. He indicated that he was under the impression that the Recreation Department would be maintaining the cemetery this year. Reg assured Committee that he would confirm with Jim McCannell if Recreation or the snow removal contractor was maintaining the Cemetery.

Reg spoke on behalf of Jim McCannell making mention that trestle bridge over the river may also be cleared and plowed with a trackless machine throughout the winter. The reason for this is due to the construction of the new Town Hall. Staff will be parking on the other side of the bridge and need the walk-way cleared to get to the building while the new building is under construction.

John McGee questioned if consideration will be given to cross-country skiers who also use that path. Reg suggested that they could clear it partially so that cross-country skiers can use it and Staff can make it to the office from that direction.

Bob Gamble would like Staff to ensure that there is no overlap in the Cemetery Maintenance agreement with Recreation and the Contract. Reg agreed to respond to Committee to clarify snow removal at the cemetery and on the trestle bridge.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council approve the Contract Extension for Snow Removal – Sidewalks and Various Town Sites (TBM-RD-2008-09) to Sheridan Management in the amount of \$48.83 per hour for snow removal and \$60.00 for sanding Various Town Sites, and \$60.00 per hour for snow removal and sanding on Sidewalks, excluding HST for a total estimated cost of \$112,596 as outlined in Report EPW.10.084.

“CARRIED”

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 Construction/Development Status Report

Tom Gray

John McKean declared pecuniary interest and left the room for the discussion of this Report.

Bob Gamble asked about the large stones on Lake Drive. Reg will follow up. Bob Gamble would like a response to this as soon as possible.

John McGee asked about Plan 915. He asked when we were going to be substantially complete. Reg indicated that substantial completion would be within a month or so.

Bob Gamble asked about Bay Street because he has heard a lot of complaints regarding dust. Reg agreed that there have been many complaints about dust and it was due to the single surfacing layer being placed late in the season when it was cooler than needed to get the road to set quickly.

John McGee asked why we allowed the contractor to move forward with the single surfacing. He questioned if we should implement a cut-off date when we do not allow them to do tar and chip. Duncan suggested searching for a remedy for this and asked that Reg and Jim follow up and bring a report to Committee regarding this situation. Duncan suggested implementing a cut-off date when Tar and Chip should no longer be used, getting tenders out earlier and perhaps incurring consequences if contracts run late.

Reg briefed Committee and Council on the Beaver River Bridge. He noted that on the week of October 25th the bridge will be closed during the week of October 25th. Weather dependent, the Contractor plans to close the bridge for 2 days. Reg also noted that at the next Council meeting Staff will prepare a report asking for a noise bylaw alteration for selected Saturdays and to permit the night closure. .

Duncan asked if anyone had any questions about the Development Project Update Report. John McGee asked about Blue Mountain Villas at King Street and Landsdown. Reg indicated that Engineering has seen preliminary submissions but that the project has not reached technical submissions, therefore the project is not recorded in the Development projects.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receives Staff Report EPW.10.093 entitled "Construction / Development Status Report" for their information.

"CARRIED"

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 None.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m., Ravenna Hall

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McGee

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting of October 12th 2010 is adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

“CARRIED”