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Minutes: Infrastructure & Recreation Committee



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 10th 2012
MEETING TIME: 7:00pm
LOCATION: Town Hall, Council Chambers
PREPARED BY: Jenny-Maria Ferraro, Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order

Present: Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay, Councillor John McKean, Councillor Joe Halos, Councillor Gail Ardiel, Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, Manager of Water and Wastewater John Caswell, Manager of Roads and Drainage Jim McCannell, Environmental Initiatives Coordinator Adam McMullin, Engineering Design Technologist Tom Gray, Administrative Assistant Jenny-Maria Ferraro

Regrets: Councillor Bob Gamble

- Approval of Agenda

Director of Engineering and Public Works, Reg Russwurm requested Agenda Item E.4 – Unbilled Water, be added to the Agenda.

Committee Chair Councillor John McKean requested the following items be added to the Agenda under New Business:

- E.5 Camperdown Road
- E.6 Construction Projects
- E.7 Slabtown Bridge

THAT the Agenda of Tuesday, July 10th 2012, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda,

CARRIED

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Committee Chair Councillor John McKean declared Pecuniary Interest to Agenda Item D.2 - Capital and Development Status Update. Committee Chair Councillor John McKean asked that Councillor Halos chair the meeting during duration of the Report discussion.

- Previous Minutes

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the minutes of the Tuesday, June 12th 2012 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated, **CARRIED**.

B. Deputations / Presentations

None.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 DOR.12.31 2012 Centurion Event approval requirements

Shawn Everitt

Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt, briefed Committee on the Report and confirmed that Scenic Caves Road will not be used in the 50 mile or 100 mile races and will only be used on Saturday the 15th for the Hill Climb.

Shawn explained that by designating the 2012 Centurion Cycling Event a “Significant Community Event”, the event can apply to get a liquor license, which can be used in the Village core.

Shawn noted that to ensure conformity between communities, all parties involved participate in pre-event meetings. Shawn used the example of roads being closed and ensuring that the OPP are relaying the same consistent message in all areas of the race. Shawn clarified that Centurion is responsible for providing all partners with the same information.

Shawn also noted that there is an estimated 5,000 participants involved this year and last year there were 3,600.

Committee Chair Councillor John McKean suggested that mapping of the route and estimated times be provided to residents in the local news papers. Shawn indicated that there is a plan to provide the public with this information, noting that next week a logistical meeting will be held and once approval is had by all partners, the communication will go out.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.12.31, "2012 Centurion Event approval requirements" for their information; and

THAT Council authorize the Road Use of Gord Canning Drive, and 10th Side road for the 2012 Centurion cycling event, on Saturday September 15th & Sunday September 16th; and

THAT Council Designate the 2012 Centurion Cycling Event as a Significant Community Event; and

THAT Council authorize and support an exemption to the Noise by law for Saturday September 15th and Sunday September 16th, 2012 from 6a.m. until 9p.m. to accommodate the Event Activities, **CARRIED**.

C.2 EPW.12.048 Tender Award for the 2012 Surface Treatment Program, 2012-30-T-EPW

Jim McCannell

Manager of Roads and Drainage, Jim McCannell briefed Committee on the Report.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Report EPW.12.048 entitled "Tender Award for the 2012 Surface Treatment Program, 2012-30-T-EPW"; and

THAT Council award the purchase of Single and Double Surface Treatment to Duncor Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$307,042.10 plus applicable taxes and,

THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute the Contract Documents with Duncor Enterprises Inc, **CARRIED**.

C.3 EPW.12.049 Tender Award for the Supply and Installation of Streetlights on Gord Canning Drive

Mike Campbell

As Construction Coordinator Mike Campbell was not present at the meeting, Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm briefed Committee on the Report.

Reg noted that this award is the last piece to the completion of the reconstruction of Mountain Drive, which is now Gord Canning Drive.

Reg indicated that all of the design work was done by the Town's Construction Coordinator, Mike Campbell with Reg overseeing the project. Reg noted that time has been tracked for the work done and Staff will provide a fee for the service work done by Town Staff.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Report EPW.12.049 entitled "Tender Award for the Supply and Installation of Streetlights on Gord Canning Drive"; and,

THAT Council award the tender for Streetlights on Gord Canning Drive (2012-29-T-EPW) to Langley Utilities Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$162,700.00 plus applicable taxes, which includes a \$20,000.00 contingency allowance; and,

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Contract Documents with Langley Utilities Contracting Ltd, **CARRIED**

C.4 BRWAC.12.001 Beaver River Watershed Advisory Committee Update

Adam McMullin

Environmental Initiatives Coordinator, Adam McMullin briefed Committee on the Report. No questions or concerns were raised by Committee and Council.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report BRWAC.12.001 entitled 'Beaver River Watershed Advisory Committee Update', and;

THAT Council approve changing the Committee's name to 'Town of The Blue Mountains' Watershed Advisory Committee", **CARRIED**

C.5 EPW.12.054 Contract Contingency Increase 2012-08-T-EPW - Slabtown Bridge Replacement

Tom Gray

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay asked Staff to confirm that in order to reface the existing abutments of the bridge, Staff plan to pour concrete in front of it. Engineering Design Technologist, Tom Gray indicated that is what will be done.

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT Council receive Report EPW.12.054 entitled “Contract Contingency Increase 2012-08-T-EPW – Slabtown Bridge Replacement”; and,

AND THAT Council endorse the expenditure of an estimated \$42,302.80, excluding HST, to reface the existing abutments as part of the Slabtown Bridge Replacement;

AND THAT Council approve an increase in the contract contingency value for the Slabtown Bridge Replacement (2012-08-T-EPW) to Maloney and Pepping Construction Ltd., by \$25,000 from \$604,779 to \$629,779, excluding HST, **CARRIED**.

D. Information Reports / Correspondence

D.1 EPW.12.042 Proposed Highway 26 Sound Attenuation

Reg Russwurm

Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm briefed Committee on the Report, noting that this Report was presented for the benefit of Council in order to make them aware of the possible construction of a noise wall on Hwy 26.

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay asked Staff how they plan to deal with other residents along the Hwy 26 corridor, who have tried in the past to put noise walls and the Town has sent By-Law Officers to the property prohibiting them from putting up a fence.

Reg indicated that he has not researched those circumstances.

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay then asked Staff about the option of using natural sources as noise barriers, such as a cedar tree line. Reg explained that a solid 2” piece of wood is required as a standard to block noise.

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay pointed out that if the speed limits were lowered on the Highway, then traffic noise would be lower. Reg noted that there are no plans for highway improvements that will lessen the noise level.

Councillor Halos indicated that he believes it would be a shame to have noise barriers put up along the highway. Councillor Halos also noted that if the cars which are currently being driven are noisy, then some consideration should be given to the future of the vehicles which will be traveling down the road in the future.

Councillor Halos then asked Staff how the Consultants can project the decibels of noise in the future. Reg explained that they work with a computer model that estimates noise levels based on traffic data collected now, accepted design criteria and projected traffic levels.

Reg indicated to Committee that the Edgewater Condominiums, which are also along Hwy 26, do not have a noise wall, but the difference with that development is that the living space of the homes is on the water side, not the road side. Reg explained that many homes on the water of Hwy 26 have their living space on the waterside, therefore the actual house acts like a noise buffer.

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay asked Staff when the noise wall becomes part of the Development Agreement. Reg explained that it is already in the Agreement, and in order to remove it an amendment would have to be made. Reg explained further that construction of the wall is not expected for several years. The Report was brought forward as an information piece to Committee and Council to make them aware of a possible upcoming situation.

Councillor Ardiel noted then spoke of the noise wall which was constructed on Hwy 26 in Wasaga Beach indicating that she does not believe that they look pleasing. Councillor Ardiel also noted concern with the life of the noise wall, noting that in 20-25 years when they need to be fixed it is possible that the homeowners responsible for them will not maintain them and the wall will lose conformity.

Committee Chair Councillor McKean referred to Page 37 of the Committee Package, noting that as a homeowner, he would not want to view the highway from his backyard, and if the noise wall was half as high, it would cover the view of the highway and residents could still view the mountain.

Councillor McKean suggested a 5 foot fence, covered with trees, and if a resident did not want to fix their fence, the trees would cover it and it would not be visible from the highway. Reg clarified that it is height and elevation that matters when achieving noise attenuation.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.12.042, "Proposed Highway 26 Sound Attenuation" for their information, and,

THAT the Report be referred back to Staff to provide information as requested by Committee on the construction of noise walls along the Hwy 26 corridor, **CARRIED.**

D.2 EPW.12.053 Capital and Development Status Report

Tom Gray

As Committee Chair Councillor McKean declared Pecuniary Interest to Agenda Item D.2, Councillor Halos chaired the meeting for the duration of discussion.

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay asked Staff about the Craigeith Ski Club Condos, and if they are currently serviced. Engineering Design Technologist Tom Gray indicated that they have municipal water and sanitary sewers.

Councillor Halos asked Staff about the bumps along the Beaver River Bridge. Tom noted that the Consultants have asked the Contractor about the bumps and he has not heard anything back.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.12.053 entitled "Capital and Development Status Report" for their information, **CARRIED**.

Committee Chair Councillor McKean was welcome back into the meeting.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Euphrasia Townline Bridge

Jim McCannell

Manager of Roads and Drainage, Jim McCannell provided Committee with a copy of a report to the Municipality of Grey Highlands' Council presented at their July 9th 2012 meeting. The Report was written by Chris Cornfield, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services entitled, "Posting of a 50 km/hr Speed Limit on the Euphrasia/Blue Mountains Town Line".

Jim indicated to Committee that the Town does not have any money budgeted for any of the roadworks being proposed, but is fully supportive of the speed limit reduction. Jim explained that any costs which are associated with the bridge or the repair or construction to the approach if the speed reduction is adopted would be the responsibility of the County of Grey.

Councillor Ardiel indicated that she recalls there being gravel on the old bridge, and that the concrete was weathering due to the salt. Councillor Ardiel also noted that she has no concerns about reducing the speed limit to 50km/hr, as it will be a safer to ride horses and move cattle on the roadway. Jim McCannell clarified that the speed limit of 50km/hr will only be for 200 meters around the bridge.

Councillor Halos asked Staff to explain who fixes which part of the road when Grey Highlands and the Town work together on a road. Jim explained to Committee that although the terms and conditions have evolved over time, there is a town line agreement as such where road sections are swapped back and forth equally for maintenance purposes. Capital improvements are cost shared.

Jim further indicated that the bridges on the Town lines are the responsibility of the County. The County also looks after the first 100 feet of the approach on each side.

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay suggested that Staff ask Grey Highlands about the possibility of making the speed limit 50km/h from Heathcote to the Clarksburg Sideroad. Jim noted that although a Report was passed by Council on July 9th, he could inquire.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive the Euphrasia Townline Bridge correspondence for their information, and,

THAT Staff discuss the matter further with the Municipality of Grey Highlands with respect to the limits of the speed reduction, **CARRIED**

E.2 Communication Equipment on Water Tower

John Caswell

Manager of Water and Wastewater John Caswell explained that the Town is moving forward with the installation of the Town's own communication equipment on the Water Tower.

John indicated that he had met with Point to Point and Grey County asking them to remove their equipment from the tower. John noted that Point to Point sent out a letter to all of its users, indicating that any complaints should be directed to the Town. John noted further that the letter neglected to note that they were using the Town's water tower without any agreement to do so.

Councillor Ardiel indicated that she received a letter which indicated that the Town of The Blue Mountains was 'kicking them off'. Councillor Ardiel thanked John Caswell for providing Committee with information to keep them informed and up to date, noting further that she wonders how this could have slipped through Grey County.

John Caswell described the unit, indicating that it is located at the base of the tower, being a box that is about 6 feet wide with a small aerial at the top of the tower.

Committee Chair Councillor John McKean asked Staff how Point to Point was getting into the Water Operations Center yard to service their equipment. John Caswell explained they have not had to access the tower after hours and needed to ask Staff to attend. They do not have keys for the compound or tower door.

Councillor Halos asked about the broadband service and if it is up to standard moving forward. John Caswell explained that the equipment that the Town will put up will potentially benefit other Town divisions and departments.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay indicated that he has no explanation as to what happened in a chain of events with the County, but he supports Staffs direction to use the Water Tower for the benefit of the Town.

E.3 Demolition of Red Shed at Ravenna Hall

Jim McCannell

Manager of Roads and Drainage Jim McCannell indicated to Committee that he has repaired the roof on the Red Shed in Ravenna several times but has been unsuccessful since there is not enough wood left for the nails to bite into. There are severe structural concerns.

Jim briefed Committee on his plan, which is to empty the shed in August and salvage what can be salvaged in September. Jim noted that a storage trailer will be needed on the site to house the sign posts and other items which are stored in the Red Shed.

Committee Chair John McKean thanked Staff for this update.

E.4 Addition - Unbilled Water

Manager of Water and Wastewater John Caswell briefed Committee on the status of unbilled water, noting that a Report will be forthcoming next month.

John indicated that Staff are considering spending time with listening devices after 11:00pm, when they can listen for leaks in the watermains without day time noise.

E.5 Addition – Camperdown Road

Committee Chair Councillor John McKean asked Staff if they were provided any feedback regarding the by-law which was enforced limiting traffic on Camperdown Road this past winter.

Manager of Roads and Drainage Jim McCannell noted that although the by-law helped, it did not solve all of the problems. Jim indicated that the sign has been taken down, and will be re-installed next winter if the bylaw is extended.

E.6 Addition - Construction Projects

Committee Chair Councillor John McKean asked if Staff can take photos of the on-going construction projects and provide Committee a slide show at the end of the season with a suggestion to have the slideshow posted on the website for the public to view as well.

Committee concurred that this was a fine initiative and Staff noted they would look into the suggestion.

E.7 Addition - Slabtown Bridge

Committee Chair John McKean noted that since the work on the Slabtown Bridge is progressing at a steady pace, he asked Staff if there were any other bridges in Town which can be attended to.

Manager of Roads and Drainage Jim McCannell indicated that there are guard rails and approaches that need to be fixed, but he does not know off the top of his head which bridges could be worked on next.

Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm suggested that Staff consider some options and report back to Committee at a later date.

F. Next Meeting Date(s)

Thursday, August 23rd 2012, 7:00pm, Town Hall Council Chambers

G. Closed Session

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT with regard to subsection 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, this Committee do now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

AND with regard to consideration of the Town-owned land and facility inventory,
CARRIED.

Committee moved into closed session at 8:40 p.m
Committee moved into public session at 9:08 p.m.

H. Adjournment

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting of Tuesday, July 10th 2012 is adjourned at 9:08pm, **CARRIED.**