

MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, April 14, 2009
MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Beaver Valley Community Centre – Small Hall
PREPARED BY: Krista Royal, Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order

Present: Duncan McKinlay, John McKean, Bob Gamble, John McGee, Reg Russwurm, John Caswell, Jim McCannell, Jeff Fletcher, Adam McMullin, Darcy Chapman, Krista Royal

Regrets: (none)

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Reg Russwurm noted that Item C.1 Report EPW.09.032 was missing from the digital package and inquired if the Committee would receive report before them or defer to the next I & R Committee meeting.

The Committee concurred to proceed with Report EPW.09.032.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Agenda of the April 14, 2009, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.
“CARRIED”

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

A.3 Previous Minutes – March 24, 2009

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT the minutes of the March 24, 2009 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated.
“CARRIED”

Bob Gamble questioned when Staff will be bringing a report forward to the Committee regarding Clarksburg servicing options.

John Caswell informed the Committee that a report will be coming forward at the next I & R Committee meeting on the 28th of April 2009.

Bob Gamble inquired about the report that Meghan Boyd was working on regarding the billing of unserviced vacant properties and the status of the report.

John Caswell stated that Meghan will be working in conjunction with the Finance Department to prepare a Policy Report within the next month for Committee's review.

B. Deputations/Presentations

B.1

None.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 EPW.09.032 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Intake Protection

John Caswell briefed the Committee on the background of the report and suggested the Committee to take a moment to review.

Committee's Concerns/Suggestions:

- How the program is funded
- Would residents on Cameron Street qualify for funding once they decommissioned their wells
- Informing the property owners of the program if resolution is carried to support the program
- Cost to the property owners and eligibility to receive funding support
- Future cost to connect to Town services.

John Caswell informed the Committee:

- The program is funded by the Provincial Government entirely, with no cost to the municipality;
- Residents on Cameron Street would need to fill out an application to determine eligibility and funding assistance; and
- Grey Sauble Conservation Authority are solely responsible in informing the public of the program, by way of holding public meetings, advertising by way of flyers or inserts in water bills.

Darcy Chapman informed the Committee that the current Development Charges By-Law includes Cameron Street and cost to owners is approximately \$8,000 to \$11,000 for sewer service connection.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council endorses the Intake Protection Zone 1 for the Thornbury municipal water intake as outlined in Report EPW.09.032; and

FURTHER THAT the endorsement is specifically limited to the express purpose of determining eligibility of properties to receive grants under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program.

“CARRIED”

C.2 EPW.09.034 Osler Bluff Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 – Project Budget Initiation

Reg Russwurm briefed the Committee on the background of the report and indicated that the County of Grey is planning to reconstruct Grey Road 21 north from Grey Road 19. An option is put forward to proceed with installation of an orphan sewer line, with two benefits: 1) long term life of the road structure and 2) cost to sewer installation will be less as work will be done simultaneously. Reg advised the Committee that the road never goes back together the same if the Committee decides not to install a portion of the sewer line at this time during County road construction.

Committee's Concerns:

- Questioned if the line being placed in the ground without any connection would it be usable at a later date;
- How much has been spent on this project so far;
- Keeping the commitment of future long term development with developers;
- Are there any funds available from reserves, to install sewer line, without borrowing from outside sources;
- Delaying the County any further on reconstruction of Grey Road 21

Reg Russwurm informed the Committee that a sewer line installed without connection would fill with ground water and no damage will occur.

Reg Russwurm informed Committee that a total of \$6,000 to date has been invested in this project for design work and \$1,100 for C of A application.

Darcy Chapman addressed the Committee that the funding would be financed internally from Development Charges and the Town has enough cash flow to proceed, but cost must be paid back to the specific development at a later date.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council approve the creation of a capital budget entitled Osler Bluff Trunk Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 in the amount of \$300,000.00; and

THAT Council approve retaining C.C. Tatham and Associates Ltd. to provide engineering services to undertake the design and contract administration services for the Osler Bluff Trunk Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 for an upset fee of \$25,000.00, plus a \$3,000.00 fee contingency for a total fee cost of \$28,000.00, as outlined in Report EPW.09.034 "Osler Bluff Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 – Project Budget Initiation".

"LOST"

C.3 EPW.09.035 Pre-Servicing Development Agreement Template

Reg Russwurm informed the Committee of the major revisions in the template agreement and the reason to have authority to make clerical revisions is for house keeping purposes. Any policy changes would be brought back to the Committee for approval.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council approve the Pre-Servicing Development Agreement Template as outlined in Report EPW.09.035, and

THAT Council delegate authority to the Director of Engineering and Public Works to effect clerical revisions to the Pre-Servicing Development Agreement Template.

"CARRIED"

C.4 EPW.09.037 Solid Waste Receiving Area Use of Federal Gas Tax

Jeff Fletcher discussed the background of his report to the Committee and outlined the budget increase and the new design for the Solid Waste Receiving Area.

The Committee discussed the importance of public safety to be incorporated in the new design. Discussion regarding a height of a railing was a concern of the Committee.

Kevin indicated that the design reflect an architectural railing. Reg Russwurm stated dimension is 0.9m or 36".

Darcy Chapman questioned from an insurance point of view, what is the standard height of a railing that other municipalities have in place. Kevin from CC Tatham informed the Committee that he had visited other facilities and there was a block step or nothing in place at all.

Duncan McKinlay stated the design is an improvement to public safety over our previous process.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council approve the use of \$90,131.00 of Federal Gas Tax funding for the Solid Waste Disposal Site's Receiving Area as presented in Report EPW.09.37, "Solid Waste Receiving Area – Use of Federal Gas Tax"; and

THAT Council approve a budget increase of \$15,131.00 over the 2009 Budget amount of \$395,352.00 for a total project budget of \$410,483.00.
"CARRIED"

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 EPW.09.033 2009 Salt Management Plan

Jim McCannell briefed the Committee of his 2009 Salt Management Plan.

Committee would like to Staff to add in the report the school bus priority routes and to calibrate the application rates twice a year as opposed to once a year.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receives the 2009 Salt Management Plan report for their information.
"CARRIED"

D.2 EPW.09.036 Curbside Organics Collection Study Update

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receives Report EPW.09.036 entitled "Curbside Organics Collection Study Update" for their information.
"CARRIED"

D.3 EPW.09.038 Federal Gas Tax Funding Expenditure Update

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receives report EPW.09.038, "Federal Gas Tax Funding Expenditure Update" for information purposes.
"CARRIED"

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Grindings off Hwy 26

Jim McCannell informed the Committee that he has contacted MTO to have two loads at least and will try to acquire more if possible.

Bob Gamble suggested that placement of grindings to be considered at the large parking lot in Tomahawk.

Committee concurred to support Jim McCannell's initiative to acquire truck loads of recycled asphalt from MTO.

E.2 Report EPW.09.034

Reg Russwurm discussed outcome of Report EPW.09.034 with Committee and informed the Committee that a "LOST" vote does not go to Council. Reg Russwurm advised the Committee that he will inform the County and the Developer of Committee's decision.

John McGee stated that the Developer still has the opportunity to come up with the money and present proposal to Council.

E.3 MTO Funding Announcement

Bob Gamble inquired if Staff has been notified by the MTO of funding intentions for the Beaver River Bridge project.

Reg Russwurm advised that MTO still have not announced the overall connecting link funding and Staff will not likely hear anything until late April.

Reg Russwurm also advised that the Town may have to pickup the cost of the railing as the barrier must be strong enough for snow removal equipment and to ensure public safety along the roadway.

E.4 Funding Sources

John McGee inquired on the status of funding sources from Clarksburg servicing.

Reg Russwurm informed Committee that a report has been sent to Helena Guergis, through Mayor Anderson, to utilize funding from the Clarksburg servicing to other Town Projects.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., BVCC Small Hall

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting of April 14, 2009 is adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
"CARRIED"