

MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, April 27, 2010
MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Ravenna Hall
PREPARED BY: Krista Royal, Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order

Present: Duncan McKinlay, John McKean, John McGee, Reg Russwurm, John Caswell, Krista Royal

Regrets: Bob Gamble, Jim McCannell, Jeffery Fletcher, Shawn Everitt

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Committee members advised to additions to the agenda:

With Additions:

1. Canada Post Mail Boxes – Georgian Trail.
2. Unwanted Newspapers

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT the Agenda of the April 27, 2010, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as amended.

“CARRIED”

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor John McKean declared a pecuniary interest to item D.1 on the agenda.

A.3 Previous Minutes – April 13, 2010

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of the April 13, 2010 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated.

“CARRIED”

B. Deputations/Presentations

B.1 None

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 EPW.10.052 Slabtown Access Environmental Assessment – Alternative Selection Criteria

Reg Russwurm reviewed the circulated Staff Report with the Committee in detail. Reg advised that he has met with Michael Cullip of C.C. Tatham to modify the weighting criteria as outlined in Table 1 of the Report. Reg further advised that the key decision is around what relative weight the initial implementation and long-term costs should be. Given the I&R Committee's previous input to the weighting criteria and public involvement, Staff feel that this decision is best left with Committee to assess the relative importance of costs to the Town in the selection criteria. Reg noted that once the decision of the cost factor is determined he will then send the information to Michael to present the scoring.

John McKean questioned if it is the intention that Committee needs to determine the weighting costs to recommend to Council. Reg stated that would be the goal to decide on the weighting to complete this process of the EA.

Deputy-Mayor Duncan McKinlay summarized that originally the EA scoring criteria presented to Committee had the weighting cost at 30%, but with review/input from Committee it was determined that weighting cost should be higher and the decision was to increase the score to around 66%. Duncan noted that input from the PIC held on January 30th as well as presentation/input directly from the residents of Slabtown to the Committee outlined/recommended that the weighting cost is still too high.

Councillor John McGee questioned the overall weight factors for all areas within the EA. John McGee stated that if there are direct costs being incurred by residents and the decision to take into consideration to have a new weighting criteria labeled for Community costs, then shouldn't consideration be given to all future EA to include this new criteria. Duncan asked Michael Cullip to join the Committee in discussion of recognizing a new category for this particular EA and not others.

John McKean stated that if listening to the residents to choose replacement of the bridge option, it would not keep a majority of the costs within the municipality. John further stated that the closest company to prefabricate a bridge would be from Walkerton or a company out of Toronto resulting in not having local contractors doing the project. If the construction of a road is the preferred option it would benefit local contractors which would in turn create an economic boost within our municipality. Duncan questioned Michael if the economic impact has ever been considered as a weighting criteria in other EA. Michael advised that he has not come across an EA that consider it as a criteria.

Reg noted that it is worthwhile to capture the resident's costs as a component and is suggesting a weighting of 5% of the cost score as outlined in Table 2 of the report.

Chair questioned Committee if they wish to engage with the residents present at the meeting to allow additional input. Committee concurred to allow residents to address their concerns with Committee.

Slabtown resident's concerns/suggestions:

- advised that the Agricultural use to access land across the bridge continues today with an exception of having unlimited access during harvest time for sprayers and combines, with some equipment still having the ability to fold up to use the existing bridge
- concerned that if the road becomes the preferred option, that the agricultural land would become subdivided and not used as prime agricultural use
- suggest that the economic benefit would be local as the Walkerton company should be considered as a local contractor
- resident costs should be considered to increase from a score of 1 to 10 due to economic costs to local residents
- no cost factor included to property acquisition issues which is a significant cost

Reg noted that he has spoken with Chris Knott and he continues to have approval from Jim Wilkinson to access the agricultural land that he rents. Reg noted however that continued access is at the pleasure of the property owner of the time.

Reg advised that the overall allowance within the EA factors includes property acquisition costs.

Rosalind Hobart raised a concern about the slope of the road to her laneway. There will be an injurious infection in front to her property by not being able to get out of her laneway in the winter time if the road construction is the preferred option. Reg advised that winter maintenance will need to ensure that she can get in and out of her driveway.

Committee’s concerns/suggestions:

- agricultural should still be considered as a factor even though no one has raised a specific concern
- residents are pre-supposing public planning process that severances will be granted Provincial policy preserves all agricultural land
- no guarantee that local contractors will get the road construction contract, but can guarantee that local contractors will not get the bridge replacement contract
- should revise the wording of the resolution from resident costs to be changed to local community costs

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Report EPW.10.052 “Slabtown Access Environmental Assessment Weighting Factors”, and

THAT Council direct Staff to select the preferred option for the Slabtown Access Environmental Assessment based on the following Economic Environment factors:

<i>Initial Implementation Costs</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Long-term Costs</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Local Community Costs</i>	<i>1</i>

“CARRIED”

John McKean stated that he felt local economic development was not given enough consideration. Duncan noted that it is an important factor to consider, but it is probably too late at this point to be considered. Reg advised that it is possible to address economic development by adding in a line and assigning the points to each alternative. Committee concurred to address this matter by way of motion.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council consider local economic development impact to be added to the weighting criteria and be given a weight of 5 points.

“CARRIED”

Committee thanked the residents of Slabtown in having expressed key points/elements to be considered by Committee during the Environmental Assessment process.

Committee took a five minute recess.

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 EPW.10.047 Construction/Development Status Report

John McKean declared a pecuniary interest to D.1 agenda item, dismissed himself from the meeting and did not participate on discussion nor vote on the matter.

Committee reviewed/discussed the construction/development status report received for circulation.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT Council receives Staff Report EPW.10.047 entitled “Construction / Development Status Report” for their information.

“CARRIED”

D.2 EPW.10.050 Contract Extension TBM-2008-05, Tender for the Purchase of Calcium Chloride (Dust Control)

John McGee questioned if the contract was currently in a tender process as the report states that advertisements were placed in the local papers. Reg noted that it was not currently advertised and that it is a contract extension to the TBM-2008-05 contract as outlined in our purchasing policy. Reg further noted that he will ensure the wording of any upcoming Staff reports will address his concern to eliminate any confusion.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receives Report EPW.10.050 entitled “Contract Extension TBM-2008-05 Tender for the Purchase of Calcium Chloride” (Dust Control) to Da-Lee Dust Control in the amount of \$64,986, excluding GST, for their information.

“CARRIED”

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Hester St. Reconstruction and Parking Lot Update

John McKean declared a pecuniary interest to E.1 agenda item, dismissed himself from the meeting and did not participate on discussion nor vote on the matter.

Reg advised that the Hester Street project will be a standing item on the agenda to keep Committee informed of the status of the project. Reg noted that the closing date was April 15th with the lowest bid received by E.C. King Contracting who was awarded the contract by Council at last evening's Council meeting. Reg further noted that a preconstruction meeting will be held first week of May to commence work.

Reg stated that 70 m of Hester Street will become one way entering from Bridge Street. Reg commented that Mother's Day is an important date for the flower shop that will need access to their deliveries. The Town will ensure that business will be minimally affected during the construction to allow deliveries in and out of their business.

E.2 EPW.10.022 REVISED Lora Bay Service Area Fire Flows

Krista advised that the report had been revised to address Committee's concerns from the last meeting regarding the required changes to the budget impact section of the report to address that construction will not occur in 2013. The report now states that construction is anticipated over 2012 and 2013 however will be somewhat dependent on development activities. Committee concurred that even though the report has been received by Council for their information a resolution should be passed and circulated to Council of receiving the revised Staff report.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

*THAT Council receives Report EPW.10.022 entitled "REVISED Lora Bay Service Area Fire Flows" for their information.
"CARRIED"*

E.3 Canada Post Mail Boxes – Georgian

Duncan advised that Bob Gamble has received correspondence from Murray Harvey dated April 19, 2010 regarding the installation of new mail boxes at Hidden Lake Road by Canada Post. Duncan read the circulated correspondence to the Committee of his concern to the new installation of mail boxes blocking one of the two parking spaces that the Georgian Trail had constructed. He is requesting the mail boxes to be removed to regain the parking spot. Duncan circulated to the Committee the attachment to his email of a photo taken of the Canada Post mail boxes.

Committee concurred to have the matter referred to Reg for follow up to Murray Harvey's concerns and report back to Committee.

E.4 Unwanted Newspapers

Duncan advised that Bob Gamble has received correspondence from John McCallum dated April 26, 2010 regarding the issue of unwanted newspapers. Duncan read the circulated correspondence to the Committee requesting assistance from the Town in regards to the unwanted newspapers from the Enterprise Bulletin (EB) accumulating at the end of the driveways, especially of non-permanent residents. Duncan questioned the status of the concern as it was brought up at the last I&R Committee meeting and has been researched by Stephen Keast in the past. Reg advised that he will have Stephen prepare a report and circulate back to Committee for review.

John McKean addressed the concern of security when unwanted papers are tossed at the end of driveways accumulating over time is a definite indication that no one is home. Duncan stated that papers being left causing snow removal issues, security and the plugging of Town ditches. He would like a letter sent to EB of the concerns brought before Committee and come up with an option in creating a solution to the matter. Reg noted that all points brought up will be addressed in the Staff report that will be brought back to Committee.

E.5 Beaver River Bridge Rehabilitation

John McGee questioned the status of the Beaver River Bridge project. Reg advised that the tender is out and will close on May 6th 2010. Reg further advised that a report will be circulated to Committee on the 11th of May and for award to Council on the 26th of May. John McKean questioned if there were many bid takers. Reg noted that to date there had been 10 bid takers for the project.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Ravenna Hall

G. Adjournment

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting of April 13, 2010 is adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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