

MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, August 11, 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, Krista Royal

Regrets: Shawn Everitt

A.1 Approval of Agenda

With Additions:

1. Craigmere Crescent
2. Maintenance on Unopened Road Allowance
3. Entrance Permits
4. Grier Creek Update
5. Camperdown Contracts
6. Bridge Assessment

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT the Agenda of the August 11, 2009, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

A.3 Previous Minutes – July 14, 2009

John Caswell noted that in the previous minutes regarding EPW.09.057 Report of a small revision to the circulated minutes.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of the July 14, 2009 Infrastructure and Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

B. Deputations/Presentations

B.1 None

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 EPW.09.073 BioWaste Agreement Letter

Councillor John McGee inquired if any other municipalities were considering the option to send their solid waste to the proposed BioWaste Facility.

Jeff Fletcher informed the Committee that the municipality of Meaford is reviewing the option, but the Town of Owen Sound had declined the proposal. Reg Russwurm also advised that municipality of Southgate have signed on as well as the possibility of another municipality also showing interest in the proposal.

Jeff briefed the Committee on the details of his report and the potential benefits to the proposal. Reg Russwurm also informed the Committee that the Town's landfill site will still continue to require disposal of waste for commercial/residential items such as furniture, appliances, large items, etc.

Councillor Bob Gamble was concerned with the type of waste, whether it would be semi-liquid or dried pertaining to 20% waste that the Town will be taking back as our portion of the residual waste. Reg Russwurm advised that the 20% waste received back must be acceptable to our standards at the landfill site. Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay also added that any issues that the Committee have will be outlined in the details of an agreement, but at this time the Committee is recommending to Council to send the BioWaste Agreement Letter to commit in principle.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council agrees to commit in principle to sending all of the Town's municipal solid waste curbside and multi-unit to BioWaste Treatment Technologies, should a plant become operational in the Township of Southgate, Ontario within the next three years.

And that the Mayor is directed to sign the letter of agreement to Mr. Victor Sibilias as outlined in Staff Report EPW.09.073 entitled "BioWaste Agreement Letter."

"CARRIED"

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 DOR.09.040 Youth Friendly Community Recognition Program

Committee addressed concern as to the time/effort spent on getting recognition in a plaque form as opposed to putting the effort involved towards taking care of our youth in the community. Committee agreed that the Staff should provide more details in regards to the number of youth participation at scheduled events/programs put on by the Youth Advisor. The Committee also required for the proposed motion to provide additional information for Council.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 09 040 “Youth Friendly Community Recognition Program” for information purposes;

AND request additional information for Council.

“CARRIED”

D.2 EPW.09.067 MTO Response re Speed Reduction on Highway 26 at Georgian Trail

Reg discussed with the Committee the MTO response to not reduce the speed. Reg indicated that the Town’s Comprehensive Transportation Strategic Plan is to reroute the trail to cross at Grey County Road 2 and that Shawn Everitt is working on options to change the trail crossing on Highway 26 to a preferred location. Councillor John McKean questioned if consideration for an option would be dealt with in the EA Clark Street realignment. Reg stated that the trail reroute will likely not be considered as part of the Clark St EA process.

Councillor Bob Gamble questioned of a possible cost sharing between the Trail Committee, MTO and the Town. Reg indicated that the Trail Board may have funding set aside with the possibility of cost share funding.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receive Report EPW.09.067 “MTO Response re Speed Reduction on Highway 26 at Georgian Trail” for their information.

“CARRIED”

D.3 EPW.09.070 Construction/Development Status Report

Committee discussed status of various Construction/Development Projects within The Blue Mountains.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receives Report EPW.09.070 entitled "Construction / Development Status Report" for their information.

"CARRIED"

D.4 EPW.09.074 Beaver River Bridge Resurfacing Schedule

John McGee questioned what impact would be on the bridge with the relocating of underground hydro. Reg advised that the hydro would not be an issue with the ability of two options; one to put the ductwork in the concrete or hang the line along the bridge. As well, the Bell line will be temporary relocated until the bridge deck has been refurbished.

Reg discussed the details of the report submitted and in particular the work schedule being contracted in two phases.

Committee questioned the design of the railing and cost involved with option #1. Reg informed that Jim McCannell and the Roads & Drainage Division Staff will have the ability to remove the hand railing during winter maintenance and replace the railing back after the winter season.

Reg also advised of an estimated additional cost of \$120,000 to provide the end treatment to the design of the bridge. Reg indicated that he will meet with Rob Potter, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator to explore the possibility of receiving any extra funding from the Tourism aspect to help offset the additional costs and to report back to the Committee.

Reg informed the Committee that the pictures of the proposed bridge design circulated were submitted by Ainley's for Committee's comments. Committee agreed that the proposed design is a concern/safety issue due to the possibility of a younger person having the ability to toe hold and climb the side of the bridge, as well as the spindles being too close together that will obstruct the view of the river/fish ladder by residents/tourists.

Committee directed that Staff to review proposed design with Ainley's to come up with a design that will permit the continuation of viewing the river, but still meeting MTO compliance. Committee would like the new bridge design to benefit the community and to continue to have the current use ability of a tourist attraction.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Infrastructure and Recreation Committee receives Report EPW.09.074 entitled “Beaver River Bridge Resurfacing Schedule” for their information.
“CARRIED”

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Craigmere Crescent

Jim McCannell advised the Committee of the proposal to close a portion of the road that connects Craigmere Crescent to Grey County Road 19. Jim raised concerns with the current road grade, poor site lines and unsafe intersection configuration which does not meet with the current Town road design standards. The Town has the support of the County to proceed with the road closure.

Bob inquired if it is the intent to sell this portion of the land once opened road allowance is closed. Reg advised that sale of the property is not planned at this time, but instead it will become part of the Town’s surplus land inventory with the possibility of it being sold at a later date. John Caswell stated that the Town should maintain an easement on the Craigmere Crescent road allowance for water and wastewater utilities.

Committee reviewed the circulated map and would like Staff to revise the map to show that Settlers Way is closed at the west end towards Grey County Rd 19.

E.2 Unopened Road Allowance

Committee discussed concerns/issues regarding unopened road allowances being used by local farmers who are having difficulty accessing the farmland due to potholes/washouts of the road. Committee also discussed as to whether any maintenance should be performed by Town Staff as it is not consistent throughout the Town regarding other unopened road allowance.

Jim stated that the Roads & Drainage Division currently does not maintain any unopened road allowances as per overall Town practice. Jim advised the Committee he will research what other municipalities have in place, prepare a report to be reviewed by the Committee and submit a copy to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for their comments.

E.3 Entrance Permits

Duncan questioned if the current entrance permit requirements will allow for local farmers to have access to their fields. Jim advised that the entrance permit covers all uses, field entrance, residential, commercial, industrial, and emergency. Jim stated that once the entrance changes its use, a new entrance permit is required for the Town to ensure proper drainage and construction has occurred. In addition, landscaping like headwalls and decorative lights are not on the Town's road allowance.

Duncan required clarification that a field entrance would not become an entrance for new house. John McKean advised that a new entrance for a residential home will be captured during the building permit process.

Jim stated that he is in the process of reviewing entrance permits to increase securities to cover costs from damages that occur during the construction stage to sidewalks, curbs, & asphalt, which is more of a concern in the urban areas, and that he will also be reviewing the entrance permit process with the Building Department.

Duncan requested that if the permit is revised, should the Agricultural Advisory Committee be consulted. Jim advised that issues are not a concern on gravel roads, it depends more on the class of the road and further that the set value of the security will depend on site specific.

E.4 Grier Creek Bridge

Jim informed the Committee that he met with Chris Cornfield of Grey Highlands to discuss the winter maintenance of The Blue Mountains – Euphrasia Town Line. Jim advised that Chris is concerned that the grader will not be able to plow the section of the road by the newly constructed bridge. Jim addressed that the Town currently maintains the road with a private contractor's tractor and blower.

Reg questioned as to why the Town presently maintains the road due to the fact that there is only one resident that actually resides in the municipality of Grey Highlands.

Jim also questioned as to who should be absorbing the maintenance costs. John McGee asked what are the total costs involved per year to maintain this section of the road. Jim stated that approximately \$4,000 plus an additional cost of \$1,000 for sanding.

Committee questioned if there was an agreement in place with Grey Highlands. Jim stated that he wasn't aware of a written agreement, but it's only just been a verbal agreement for the Town to continue to perform winter maintenance.

Jim stated that he will research further to the concerns addressed, prepare a document, provide mapping with the report, and submit back to I & R Committee for comments.

E.5 Camperdown Contracts

Reg discussed with the Committee of the status/progress regarding the two contract/issues with Camperdown. Discussions are ongoing with Drexler Construction Ltd., regarding the resolution of their claim.

The surface of Camperdown Road is expected to be repaired in the next few weeks. The Contractor is requesting the Town pay for 50% of the cost of the repair. Town Staff however feel the road failure is the sole responsibility of the Contractor and any consideration of payment by the Town would be to avoid incurring costs related defending a claim. Reg also informed Committee that an agreement has been reached with the Contractor by Staff that the warranty period for the retaining wall will be extended for 2 years to observe if there is more wall movement. The wall does not meet the contract specifications however it is felt that more damage will be done to remove the wall than just leaving it in place. Ainley & Associates will take measurements now and monitor movement.

Committee concurred that cost sharing for the road repairs may be considered if the Contractor was precluded from bidding on any Town work for a period of 5 years. Similarly the suggestion was made that the Contractor not be permitted to bid on Town projects for the period that the retaining wall is under warranty.

E.6 Bridge Assessment

Jim stated that since 2007, the regulations governing the bridge inspection criteria has changed resulting in increased budgeted costs to an approximate amount of \$15, 000 to \$20,000. Jim advised that he will be providing a report to the Committee for approval to increase the current budget amount.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, September 8, 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 August 11, 2009 is adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

“CARRIED”