

MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, July 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, John Caswell, Shawn Everitt, Jeffery Fletcher, Jim McCannell, Krista Royal

Regrets: Reg Russwurm, Tom Gray

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Additions: 1. Used Tire Program
 2. Sale of Snow Plow
 3. Water Treatment Plant - Open House

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Agenda of the July 14, 2009, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

“CARRIED”

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

A.3 Previous Minutes – June 9, 2009

Councillor Bob Gamble inquired if a meeting has been scheduled with Collingwood Public Utility to discuss the existing/renewal agreement with Collingwood. John Caswell informed the Committee that he has two tentative dates to meet with Collingwood and once finalized he will bring an update back to Committee.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of the June 9, 2009 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated.

“CARRIED”

B. Deputations/Presentations

None.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 DOR.09.036 Victoria's Catering Request At Northwinds Beach

Shawn Everitt discussed the report in detailed with Committee and advised that Terry Green and himself will be preparing a report that will highlight parkland areas that will be acceptable to allow concession services and report will be presented to the Committee for approval.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive STAFF Report DOR.09.036 "Victoria's Catering Request At Northwinds Beach" for the placement of a concession trailer at Northwinds Beach and deny this request.

"CARRIED"

C.2 EPW.09.059 Purchase of 5/8" Crushed Gravel, (TBM-2009-33)

Jim McCannell briefed the Committee of the tendering process to purchase gravel with the lowest tender submitted from Dalton R. Lowe and Sons Construction Ltd. Jim informed Committee that the award has a provision to extend contract for an additional two years, with negotiations each year. Jim also noted to the Committee that the gravel supply from the Town's Landfill Pit is exhausted.

Councillor John McKean inquired if Staff has ever considered the possibility of obtaining gravel from the County of Grey. John stated that the municipality has a 25% interest with respect to the quarry located on Grey Road 40. Committee asked if Jim would research options of utilizing the gravel from the Grey Road 40 quarry. Jim stated that he will investigate with Gary Shaw, Director of Transportation and Public Safety of the County of Grey and report back to the Committee of options for further discussions.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council award Contract TBM-2009-33 to Dalton R. Lowe and Sons Construction Ltd, for the supply, crushing, loading, hauling, and applying of approximately 16,000 tonnes of Granular "A" – 5/8" crushed gravel, at a cost \$7.42 per tonne for an estimated cost of \$107,840.00 + \$5,440 PST and \$5,392 GST for a total cost of \$118,672 as outlined in Report EPW.09.059 entitled "Purchase of 5/8" Crushed Gravel (TBM-2009-33)".

"CARRIED"

C.3 EPW.09.056 Temporary Road Closure, Beaver Valley Fall Fair

Jim informed Committee that the temporary road closure is an annual event. The Works Department Staff will ensure that residents are notified and the proper barricades are in place. Councillor John McGee questioned if Staff have received complaints in the past with the road being closed. Shawn clarified that the only complaints received from residents was when the fair operated without the road being closed, but since the closure of the road, no complaints have occurred.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council approve a by-law authorizing the temporary closing of the portion of Victoria Street South from the southernmost boundary of Alice Street West in the north to the northernmost boundary of Alfred Street West in Thornbury, from 7:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday, September 12, 2009, as outlined in Report EPW.09.056.

“CARRIED”

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 Minutes of Museum Advisory Committee

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receives the Museum Advisory Committee minutes held on May 11, 2009, for their information.

“CARRIED”

Committee discussed concerns/issues of the Depot being opened more often and also having a concession booth available for the public. Shawn Everitt stated that the Town is currently in discussion with the Georgian Triangle Tourism Association to have a signed contract, but nothing is finalized as part of the agreement requires the GTTA to hire TBM students, which is not currently being practice as the students are from Barrie and Collingwood. The Georgian Triangle Tourism Association currently operates the depot on weekends allowing the depot to be opened Saturday and Sundays.

Shawn assured Committee that once contract is complete, it will be brought back to the Committee for review. Shawn also informed that the reason why food is not being served is due to the fact that the existing artifacts will be jeopardized from the bacteria.

John McKean questioned the status of the artifact reserve. Bob Gamble mentioned that the Museum Advisory Committee did not request to Town Finance Staff to put it in this year's budget. Shawn ensured that on a yearly basis \$5,000.00 will be put aside and if funds are remaining at the end of the year, it will be carried over into a reserve for future artifact purchases. Shawn advised that the Advisory Committee has done a Strategic Plan as to what artifact they are proposing to purchase.

D.2 EPW.09.057 Construction/Development Status Report

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

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay advised that he has received emails from residents concerned about the trees within the Plan 915 Reconstruction. Duncan inquired as to whether the owners have been informed on the status of the removal of trees within the Town Right of Ways. John Caswell advised the Committee that Tom Gray and Mike Campbell have discussed removal of trees with various property owners, but advised that there are no guarantees as to how many can or will be saved during construction.

John McGee suggested that the Town should consider preparing a policy to replenish trees removed from future projects to maintain urban canopy.

Committee requested John to inform Tom, Mike and Reg of their concerns.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receives Report EPW.09.057 entitled "Construction / Development Status Report" for their information.

"CARRIED"

D.3 EPW.09.064 Waste & Recyclables Collection Contract Specifications 2009-2015

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

Jeffery Fletcher briefed the Committee on the background of the report, outlining possible new changes. Bob Gamble inquired if consideration to have waste collection every two weeks similar to other municipalities. Jeff stated that he receives lots of complaints already on bag limit and would be concerned if collection were to occur every other week. Jeff stated that maybe in future if new programs can be offered to divert the waste, maybe then it would be relevant to change collection to every other week.

Jeff informed Committee that he is working with John Metras on a contract agreement for another six year term that will allow options/changes each year in the contract to allow flexibility to address existing/new future collections/programs.

John McGee was concerned of the noise pertaining to the garbage truck operating early in the morning, especially the revving of gas and squeal of the brakes. Jeff informed that they are in no violation of the noise by-law. John McGee suggested that within the new contract consideration of the year of the fleet should be specified.

Bob Gamble addressed concern regarding the report to acquire costs for Bulky and Yard Waste Collection. Committee discussed and concurred that the motion should also have an addition to “save and except for recommendation for Bulky & Yard Waste Collection”

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receive report EPW.09.064, entitled “Waste and Recyclables Collection Contract Specifications 2009-2015, save and except for recommendation for Bulky & Yard Waste Collection” for their information.

“CARRIED”

D.4 FIS.09.33 Water Consumption Appeal Process – Clarification

John Caswell updated the Committee that Mr. Bickerton now has his water meter installed. John also advised that the report clearly clarifies that no rebate will occur, as the request for rebate does not comply within the guidelines of an appeal process.

John McGee questioned that once the water meter is connected, does wastewater get charged at the same time. John Caswell advised that most services are typically installed together, therefore yes the wastewater will also be charged at the same time.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report FIS.09.33, “Water Consumption Appeal Process – Clarification” for information purposes.

“CARRIED”

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Used Tire Program

Committee addressed concerns as to whether the Town will be offering the program at the Town’s Landfill Site. Jeff Fletcher stated that the program starts on September 1, 2009 and that it also requires that all existing tires must be removed prior to the program being implemented as the existing tires had a fee originally charged.

Duncan McKinlay asked as to an approximate count of tires within the landfill site. Jeff stated that there are 1,000 to 1,500 tires. Jeff advised that he will be difficult to meet the deadline of having all existing tires removed, but he will be registering for the Used Tire Program.

Committee requested for Jeff to contact Gary Shaw regarding the Tire Program and to keep Committee informed so they can advise the public when questions/concerns are being asked about the new program being offered.

E.2 Sale of Snow Plow

Jim McCannell informed the Committee that the Snow Plow that had been used by the Municipality of Meaford was recently sold in the amount of \$30,900.00 with the funds being placed in a Reserve Fund for future purchase of acquired equipment. John McKean commented that obviously good care/maintenance of equipment pays off for resale.

E.3 Thornbury Water Treatment Plant - Open House

John Caswell discussed August 15, 2009 as a possible date to have the open house of the Thornbury Water Treatment. Committee discussed dates that would allow all members to attend. Committee concurred that Saturday August 22, 2009 would be the best date to have the open house. Committee suggested that a meeting request be sent out to have the event placed in their calendar as a reminder.

Bob Gamble asked John Caswell as to when the trailers on site will be removed. John stated that Wellington has a few minor deficiencies and within a week or two all trailers will be removed from the site.

E.4 Use of Industrial Vinegar for weed control

Jim McCannell added a brief update to the Committee that Terry Green and Jim will be spraying the main street for weeds with Industrial Vinegar and he wanted Committee to be aware just in case of any odour complaints are received from the public. Committee questioned on how this process works. Jim stated that it will kill the plant, but unsure if it actually kills the root.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., BVCC Small Hall

G. Adjournment

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting of July 14, 2009 is adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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