

MINUTES:

INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, June 22, 2010

MEETING TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Ravenna 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, Shawn Everitt, Paul Graham, John Metras, Krista Royal

Regrets: (none)

A.1 Approval of Agenda

With Additions:

1. Staff Report DOR 10 040 Clarksburg 150th and Canada Day July 1st Parade – Temporary Road and Parking Lot Closures
2. Item C.1 SRB.10.16 additional attachment to the Staff Report from OPP dated June 16, 2010
3. Update to the Public Works Day Event – June 16, 2010

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Agenda of the June 22, 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 C.4 and D.2 on the agenda.

A.3 Previous Minutes – June 8, 2010

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of the June 8, 2010 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated.

“CARRIED”

B. Deputations/Presentations

B.1 None.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay questioned if item C.6 should be addressed at this time to allow John Metras and Paul Graham to allow them to meet other evening commitments. Committee concurred to bring item C.6 forward on the agenda to be discussed first.

C.6 EPW.10.080 Highway 26, Grey Road 2, Clark Street and Lakeshore Road Intersection Area Improvement Study and Thornbury Horse Park Considerations

Reg Russwurm briefed the Committee on the background of the Report and the importance to revisit the option for the Town to proceed with a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for intersection improvements with respect to the development of Thornbury Horse Park and expand intersection improvements to Highway 26 and Lakeshore Road. Reg advised that it will be a cooperative funding project with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and County of Grey.

Councillor Bob Gamble noted the EA may be premature as Agenda item D.3 outlines that it would not be a concern until 2028. Reg advised that the Town needs to understand the intersection improvements due to Thornbury Horse Park have triggered the interest to proceed with an EA at this time..

Committee discussed the proposed closure of Lakeshore Road in the recommendation may presuppose any solution in an EA. Committee concurred to remove specific intersections and added *“to address issues as identified in The Blue Mountains Comprehensive Transportation Strategic Plan”*.

Bob questioned what the estimated cost to have an EA completed. Reg advised that Town costs may be in the order in the amount of \$70,000 to \$80,000 with a cost sharing arrangement with MTO and County for an overall estimated cost of \$200,000. Duncan questioned as to when Committee would expect a motion outlining cost. Reg advised that it may not be this fall and may wait until the 2011 budget when a cost sharing arrangement is known.

John Metras advised that it is difficult at this time to determine how much land is needed to be acquired without the site plan and land exchange. John Metras further advised that steps have not been taken as put forward in the Land Exchange Agreement and therefore the Agreement is frustrated. John Metras noted that the land is still owned by the Town and still has property value.

Committee and Staff discussed in detail the necessity to move forward with an EA. Paul Graham advised that by having the EA completed it will act as a tool for the Town to participate and negotiate with the Developer. Paul further advised that the Town will facilitate the proposed development to succeed.

Committee concurred to pass the recommendation as amended.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receive Report EPW.10.080 entitled “Highway 26, Grey Road 2, Clark Street and Lakeshore Road Intersection Areas Improvement Study and Thornbury Horse Park Considerations”; and

THAT Council direct Staff to prepare a project plan to undertake a Class Environment Assessment Study for the intersection areas of Highway 26, Grey Road 2, Clark Street and Lakeshore Road and the Georgian Trail to determine the preferred design alternative for the utilisation of these intersections through build out of the Town’s Official Plan to address the issues identified in The Blue Mountains Comprehensive Transportation Strategic Plan, and

THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement amending the Site Plan Agreement between the Town and the Cedar Run Corporation dated June 2009, in a form approved by the Town’s Solicitor and the Director, Planning & Building Services which deletes reference to the Land Exchange Agreement from the Site Plan Agreement and permits the Town Lands, including a temporary access to Grey Road 2, to be used for temporary horse shows for a period not to exceed 3 years for a nominal consideration; and,

THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute all documents approved by the Town’s Solicitor for the purpose of terminating the Land Exchange Agreement between the Town and the Cedar Run Corporation dated July 13, 2009; and,

THAT Council direct the CAO to send a letter to the County of Grey, after the Site Plan Agreement has been amended, stating that the Town supports the Cedar Run Corporation’s request for a temporary entrance from Grey Road 2 at the location of the Town’s unopened road allowance.

“CARRIED”

C.1 SRB.10.16 No Parking Request – Highway 26 @ Northwinds Beach

Duncan advised that a support letter dated June 16, 2010 from John Trude, Inspector for Ontario Provincial Police has been circulated to Committee as attachment to Staff Report SRB.10.16.

Committee reviewed the circulated report and discussed in detail the safety concerns with pedestrians crossing Highway 26, parking availability to the public, the extension of no parking on Highway 26 in the vicinity of Northwinds Beach to a point of 630 metres westerly from the lights on Grey Road 19 and also the possibility to reducing the speed limit. Committee concurred that more information is required by Staff and report back to Committee to consider extending the area beyond 630 metres with inclusions to extend 50 metres past the Pinery Plaza as well as addressing no parking east of the lights at the Grey Road 19 and Hwy 26 intersection.

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council receive Staff Report SRB.10.16 "No Parking Zone - Highway 26 @ Northwinds Beach" and adopt the following Resolution:

That this Council hereby requests the Ministry of Transportation amend Regulation 604, RRO 1990 respecting parking on the King's Highway, specifically Schedule 30 Section 2, so as to extend the No Parking area on Highway 26 in the vicinity of Northwinds Beach to a point 630 metres westerly from the intersection of Grey Road 19 and Highway 26.

"TABLED"

C.2 DOR 10 39 St. George's Anglican Church Scattering Garden Request

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 10 39 St. George's Anglican Church Scattering Garden Request, and direct Staff to provide St. George's Anglican Church correspondence noting no objection to the application for a Scattering Garden to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.

"CARRIED"

C.3 EPW.10.068 Award of the All Wheel Drive Snowplow Truck Tender No. 2010-23-T-EPW

Jim McCannell discussed the background of his report in detail with Committee. Reg advised Committee that Jim has done an exceptional job in researching the purchase and with his challenges over the last year to make a good purchase. Committee thanked Jim for all his efforts.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council approve the Award of the All Wheel Drive Snow Plow Truck Tender No. 2010-23-T-EPW to Expressway Trucks Waterloo in the amount of \$293,021.43 including HST; and,

FURTHER, THAT Council approve a contingency in the amount of \$10,000 for upgrades approved at the discretion of the Manager of Roads and Drainage as outlined in Report EPW.10.068 entitled "Award of the All Wheel Drive Snowplow Truck Tender No. 2010-23-T-EPW".

"CARRIED"

C.4 EPW.10.072 Single and Double Surface Treatment – Award of Contract

John McKean declared a pecuniary interest to C.4 agenda item, dismissed himself from the meeting and did not participate on discussion nor vote on the matter.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council award the purchase of Single and Double Surface Treatment to MSO Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$105,329.40 plus applicable taxes, plus a \$5,000 contingency for a cost of \$110,329.40 and,

THAT Council authorize the purchase of approximately 1,353 tonnes of crushed stone from the County of Grey for an estimated cost of \$15,373.80 plus applicable taxes, and

THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute the Contract Documents with MSO Construction Ltd., as outlined in Report EPW.10.072 entitled "Single and Double Surface Treatment - Award of Contract".

"CARRIED"

C.5 EPW.10.076 Electronic Waste Collector Contract Phase 2

Jeff Fletcher briefed Committee to Phase 2 to the changes to the landfill being an electronic waste collector site. Jeff anticipates a decrease in Staff time now that transfer bins are available reducing Staff time being spent on sorting and packaging.

Duncan questioned if there is a high value to electronic waste. Jeff advised that cell phones are of high value, but items that we don't want are small appliances and vacuums. Duncan questioned if the bin will be covered during the winter season to keep the snow out. Jeff advised that the Environmental Assessment will require a removable lid.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council approve the Town Solid Waste Disposal Site as a certified Electronic Waste Collector Site for electronic waste generated in The Blue Mountains, as outlined in Staff report EPW.10.076, "Collection Site Operator Agreement";

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the associated contract; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute future amendments or alterations to the agreement upon the recommendation of the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the Town's Solicitor.

"CARRIED"

Item C.6 EPW.10.080 on the agenda was brought forward at the beginning of the meeting to be discussed.

C.7 DOR 10 40 Road Closure and Parking Lot Closure for Canada Day Parade

Shawn Everitt briefed the Committee to the circulated report as an addition to the agenda. Shawn discussed the \$2,500 deposit fee and the \$500 permit fee be waived Council as endorsed Clarksburg 150th and Canada Day Festivities as a Community Event as specified under the by-law.

Bob noted to a couple of minors changes to the Staff Report. Peel Street to be changed to Landsdowne Street and correct the wording to closing the road up to Highway 26.

John McKean questioned if the deposit fee is refunded. Shawn advised that the deposit fee is returned but the permit fee is non refundable. Jim advised that the \$500 fee is to offset Staff time to review various requirements to the permit. Councillor John McGee questioned if the fee is waived will it be covered by general taxation. Shawn further advised that general review will be covered by general taxation.

Committee concurred to pass the resolution as amended to the changes requested by Bob to the circulated Staff Report.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council received Staff Report DOR 10 40 Road Closure and Parking Lot Closures for the June 30th Clarksburg 150th Celebrations and July 1st Canada Day Parade and Festivities, and;

THAT, the deposit fee of \$2500.00 as required in Section 2(o) and \$500.00 Permit fees as required in Schedule "A" of the By-law be waived for the 2010 events.

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 EPW.10.074 Town-wide Speed Limit By-law – June 28, 2010 Public Information Centre

John McGee required clarification to the speed limit along Bay Street by the park. The map appears that it is posted as 70km. Reg advised that the colour does appear similar, but it 25km and not 70km. Jim suggested that it is an area to look at traffic calming and speed of 25 km/hr set in even 10's rather than 25, suggest 20 or 30 km/hr.

Committee requested that Reg expand speed limit feedback to warrant traffic calming to include other streets. Bob addressed concern to the increase in traffic in front of his property due to the changes on Hester Street. Bob suggested for consideration for reduced speed on more streets to improve to more downtown pedestrian atmosphere as well as reducing speed. For example Harbour Street, with the narrow street and parking along the street should be considered to be reduced to 25 km/hr. Jim advised that he will provide Committee a hard copy of the Comment Sheet of the upcoming PIC to ensure their concerns/issues are included.

Bob suggested that before a by-law is created and brought back to Committee, consideration to pedestrians in the downtown core needs to be addressed.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receives Report EPW.10. entitled "Town-wide Speed Limit By-law – June 28, 2010 Public Information Centre " for their information.

"CARRIED"

D.2 EPW.10.077 Construction/Development Status Report

John McKean declared a pecuniary interest to D.2 agenda item, dismissed himself from the meeting and did not participate on discussion nor vote on the matter.

Reg noted that challenges still continue with Plan 915.

John McGee raised concerns with the traffic lights controlling the traffic flow at the Beaver River Bridge construction. Reg advised that the plan is to have the lights synchronized with the Bruce Street lights and are being worked on today to ensure that the lights are synchronized. Reg further advised that Staff is working with the Contractor to have signage corrected for alternative route.

Bob questioned the status of the Peaks Road construction to be started this year or next. Reg advised that he has been talking positively with the Developer. Duncan further advised that until an agreement is signed work will not commence.

Duncan questioned the status of the Landfill Receiving Area. Jeff advised that it will be open in the 1st week of July, all safety measures in place as well as new programs to be offered.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receives Staff Report EPW.10.077 entitled "Construction / Development Status Report" for their information.

"CARRIED"

D.3 EPW.10.079 Receive The Blue Mountains Comprehensive Transportation Strategic Plan

Duncan questioned if there will be a presentation. Reg advised that there will not be a presentation, but can answer any questions Committee would have to the report. John McGee questioned as to once it is received, what will be the next steps. Reg advised that there will be a number of projects that are triggered by various events, will be submitted back to Committee for endorsement, ie Environmental Assessment and policy adoption.

John McGee addressed concern that the motion should be amended to not only be received for their information but to also identify that the Plan is to be used as a driver for investigations in identifying future needs to resolve traffic issues.

Committee concurred to amend that recommendation to address John's concerns.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Report EPW.10.079 entitled "Receive The Blue Mountains Comprehensive Transportation Strategic Plan" for their information, and

FURTHER THAT Council recognizes that the Comprehensive Transportation Strategic Plan provides the background and basis for identifying short, medium, and long-term transportation needs and the planning to address those needs.

"CARRIED"

D.4 EPW.10.081 Environmental Initiatives Temporary Hires

Bob questioned if the students will be using the Town's vehicle to distribute the kits. Jeff advised that it is the intent to hire students that will provide their own vehicle and only as a last resort to consider Town vehicles.

Duncan questioned if the project is within the budget. Jeff advised that it will not have any financial impact to taxation as it is an extension to grant funding.

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receives Report EPW.10.081 entitled "Environmental Initiatives Temporary Hires" for their information.

"CARRIED"

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Beaver Valley Athletic Association (BVAA) – Signage Request

Shawn advised Committee that the BVAA are requesting permission to allow signs being placed at Tomahawk and Moreau Park to recognize their corporate sponsors.

Duncan noted that Committee has received the BVAA letter request for signage and expect that a Staff Report will be brought back to Committee for consideration.

E.2 Nipissing Ridge Residents – Correspondence May 15, 2010

Shawn advised Committee to the increase in families moving/living in the Nipissing Ridge area. The residents have asked for consideration to having a playground for the children. Shawn further advised Committee that it is identified in the 2011 budget to construct washrooms near the tennis courts. Shawn noted that he will prepare a report to address the resident's concerns which will outline the budget implications.

Duncan requested Shawn to contact the representative of the children of Nipissing Ridge advising them that a Staff Report will be prepared to address the matter.

E.3 Ravenna Hall Concerns

Shawn advised Committee that some of the issues have been addressed but he has been discussing the well issue with John Caswell as to the possibility of having a tank installed that will be filled on an as needed basis. Duncan questioned the possibility of having the water from the eaves trough collected in a cistern that will feed the toilets. John Caswell advised Committee that he is seeking prices from Porter and Dan Harrison to submit quotes for a 2,000 to 3,000 gallon tank and is also waiting for a call back from the Grey Bruce Health Unit to receive support to installing a tank. John Caswell further advised that with the high content of sulfur in the water concerns him with using this water as the sulfur will build up around the tank. John suggested pursuing the prices would be the best approach.

Shawn advised Committee that a portable washroom will be delivered to the site. Shawn further advised that he is in the process of converting the lights to the T5 type, which is currently being used at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. The T5 type will provide more light with less energy use.

Shawn discussed that typically all maintenance is done by the Board of Management, but this is not consistent throughout all small halls in the Town. Shawn advised that he will be providing a report that will address consistency throughout. Shawn further advised to the issue of changing the ballast of fluorescent bulbs, Staff had changed them in the past but it now requires an electrician due to Health & Safety issues.

Reg advised Committee to accept DOR 10 040 as item C.7 on the agenda.

E.4 Public Works Day Event – June 16, 2010

Reg advised that it was a great interactive event and spoke highly of Staff's efforts in bringing the event together. Reg noted that he had visited the Beaver Valley Community School to award the winning classes of the Passport Contest a pizza party. All students commented on how much fun they had and how much they learned. Reg further noted that the event had participation from all ages especially the honking of the horns of the equipment throughout the day. Reg advised that Shawn's crew had started at 4:30 am to assist in getting all of the equipment to be ready to on display.

Reg advise Committee that he has been asked by the school if the Town will be hosting another event next year. Reg commented to having a Town-wide Expo Event and visioning the event to start on a Friday for the students and continuing through to Saturday for public enjoyment.

Duncan commented that by continuing to host this type of an event will have a great positive relationship with future ratepayers in knowing what is involved with the Town operations.

E.5 Peter McGee, Youth & Events Coordinator

Shawn advised that Peter McGee started his first day with the Town on the 21st of June. Shawn further advised that Peter's first priority will be organizing the Centurion Bike Event.

Duncan addressed concern that the last article issued advised of a total road closure. Shawn noted that he will speak with Rob Potter and advise the Agricultural Committee on the status. Shawn further noted that there is a strong wish to have a one lane open for use by the Agricultural Group.

John McGee noted that Colorado is hosting the first Centurion Event in July and it would be good to receive feedback from their event for further investigation. Shawn advised that a meeting was held this morning with Rob Potter, Peter McGee, Paul Graham and himself and the concern to definitely have a debriefing of the event in the United States and to have their municipal contacts for reference.

John McKean questioned if the running race on August 22nd will be the same procedure as the Centurion Event. Shawn advised that Charlie Watts read in a magazine that it entails approximately 50 runners with the finishing event happening in our community. Jim McCannell further advised that it is a 24 hour event starting in Barrie with approximately 50 to 55 participants. Shawn stated that it would be a staggered start and will be passint through the Roundabout on Grey Road 19. Gary Shaw and Glen Gibbons from the County are involved with event utilizing the Roundabout.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, July 13, 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 June 22, 2010 is adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

"CARRIED"