

MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, June 9, 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, Shawn Everitt, Meghan Boyd, Dave McGuire, Krista Royal

Regrets: Jim McCannell, Jeff Fletcher, Adam McMullin, Darcy Chapman

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Reg Russwurm noted that missing from the agenda is Genivar’s presentation for Long Term Water Supply. Reg informed that there are also two additions to the agenda:

- Additions: 1. Chervil Noxious Weed
2. Landscaping on public ROW’s

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Agenda of the June 9, 2009, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.
“CARRIED”

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

A.3 Previous Minutes – May 26, 2009

Moved by: John McGee Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of the May 26, 2009 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated.
“CARRIED”

B. Deputations/Presentations

B.1 Craigleith Sewage Treatment Plant Class Environmental Assessment Michelle Albert – Genivar Ontario Inc.

John Caswell introduced the two representatives from Genivar; Michelle Albert and Fatema Khalfan to the Committee. Michelle Albert advised the Committee that the Public Information Centre for both of the Class EA's being presented will be held at the Library on Saturday June 13th from 10:00 to 12:00.

Michelle presented the Craigleith Sewage Treatment Plant Class EA to the Committee. Councillor John McGee questioned the graphs presented only indicates data received up to 2006 and inquired if the graphs could reflect more current year data information. Michelle indicated that this could be changed no problem.

Councillor John McKean questioned if the recommended Stage 3 Expansion Layout map has been submitted/reviewed by the Planning Department to ensure the proposed land used within the buffer zone to be considered a concern/issue for future development. Committee directed Staff to ensure mapping is received by the Planning Department.

Michelle presented the Long Term Water Supply for the Town of The Blue Mountains to the Committee.

Chair Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay questioned if Staff has contacted Collingwood Public Utility to discuss the existing/renewal agreement with Collingwood to maintain the supply of 8000m³/day or discuss other options that would benefit both parties. Committee requested Staff to setup a meeting with Collingwood and report options back to the Committee.

Chair McKinlay thanked both Michelle and Fatema for the work completed/received to date.

Committee took a five minute recess.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 EPW.09.010 Beaver River Ice Management Access Improvements and Debris Removal

Reg Russwurm briefed the Committee on the background of the report acquiring Council's approval to use the unexpended funds for improvements to the Beaver River Ice Management access as well as debris removal from the Beaver River.

Shawn Everitt informed the Committee that he has spoken with Grey Highlands Free Spirit Tours owner and their company has indicated that they would be interested in expanding their river clean-up that already exists to continue further down the Beaver River to the Clarksburg/Thornbury area. They would be able to cleanup areas along the river and compile designated debris piles along the river, but would require equipment assistance to remove the debris from specific locations.

Reg indicated that the Town will tender out again this particular proposal, but no interested parties were received in last year's request.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council approve using unexpended funds from 2009 Beaver River Ice Management budget estimated to be \$30,000 to construct approximately 30m of platform parallel to the existing river access adjacent to Jubilee Drive and to remove debris from the river in strategic areas as outlined in Report EPW.09.010 "Beaver River Ice Management Access Improvements and Debris Removal"

"CARRIED"

C.2 EPW.09.050 Endorsement of the Operational Plan prepared for the Thornbury Water Treatment Plant and Distribution

John Caswell noted to the Committee that the Operational Plan must be received by the Ministry of Environment by July 1, 2009. The Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS) Operational Plan was completed by our own Staff and no outside consultants were needed. John informed the Committee that Staff has completed 20 elements within the DWQMS and the only other item to be addressed is the internal audit must be completed within one year.

Reg indicated that the Ministry of Environment is seeking the assurance that Staff will be implementing the Operational Plan and that it is Staff's key focus to incorporate the standards within their daily core duties.

Dave McGuire indicated that the auditor's cost would be approximately \$135.00/hr, but not sure of their timeframe to complete the audit.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council approve the following resolutions as part of the implementation of the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard:

The Blue Mountains' Council commits to support the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard and acknowledges Top Management will be responsible for the provisions of this document. Endorsement by the Owner and Top Management acknowledges and supports the provision of sufficient resources to maintain and continually improve the DWQMS.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the revised Commitment and Endorsement Statement of the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard Operational Plan on behalf of the Owner of The Corporation of The Town of The Blue Mountains, as outlined in EPW.09.050.

“CARRIED”

C.3 EPW.09.052 Provision of Engineering Support Services – Consultant Selection

Reg Russwurm informed the Committee that the process was followed by way of the Request for Proposal. The Selection Committee chose three consultants to be obtained to provide the Town with Engineering Support Services from time to time. Reg advised by way of Consultant selection it allows not only the Engineering and Public Works Department to utilize their services, but also other Departments within the municipality can obtain their quoted rates for any upcoming projects within their department.

John McKean questioned if the firms that were chosen have different skill sets. Reg stated the Ainley’s and CC Tatham have similar qualifications and Greenland’s qualifications are more specific to Water Resources and Storm Water Management.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council approve retaining Ainley & Associates Ltd, C.C. Tatham & Associates Ltd. and Greenland International Consulting Ltd to provide Engineering Support Services for a period of two years with option for two one-year renewals as outlined in Report EPW.09.052 “Provision of Engineering Support Services – Consultant Selection, and

THAT Council to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Engineering Agreement for these assignments.

“CARRIED”

C.4 EPW.09.053 Assumption Bylaw for RP’s 1115 and 1120 (Historic Snowbridge Subdivision Ph 1 & 2A)

Duncan questioned if the Town will be continuing to plow the roads within the Subdivision. Reg Russwurm stated that the Town will assume Phases 1 and 2A, but Phase 2B will be the responsibility of the Developer, therefore anytime spent by Town Staff to plow Phase 2B will be invoiced back to the Developer.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McGee

THAT Council enact a By-law to approve full acceptance and assumption of the public works constructed and installed for Registered Plans 1115 and 1120 otherwise known as Historic Snowbridge Subdivision Phases 1 and 2A as outlined in Report EPW.09.053 “Assumption Bylaw for RP’s 1115 and 1120 (Historic Snowbridge Subdivision Ph 1 & 2A”

“CARRIED”

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 Emergency Purchase Report for Craigleith Main Wastewater Pumping Station – Drive #2 Replacement

John Caswell stated that unfortunately the drive needed to be replaced immediately as no replacement parts were available. John indicated that the year of the pump was 1986 and the parts to replace were obsolete. Committee commented that obviously the pump doesn’t owe the Town anything.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report No. EPW.09.038 “Emergency Purchase Report for Craigleith Main Wastewater Pumping Station – Drive #2 Replacement” at a cost of \$10,970.92 for their information.

“CARRIED”

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Chervil Noxious Weed

Reg Russwurm indicated that there is no report to circulate to the Committee, but that Shawn Everitt is providing a verbal on the status of the weed. Duncan briefed the Committee about the discussion at the Agricultural Advisory Committee pertaining to the chervil noxious weed spreading up and down the Town’s roadways, especially the 10th Side Road, by the time the Town cuts the ditches it has gone to seed so it’s actually spreading the Chervil.

Shawn reported that he has researched the weed and the best solution is to cut the weed early in the season and cut often. Shawn stated that Jim McCannell's crew has cut the 10th line ditches taken a broader cut and has done a good job to mulch the weed. Shawn stated that he is working on an "Integrated Pest Management" Policy to ensure that all weed spraying/maintenance is within policy guidelines. Shawn stated that he will present this policy to the Committee for approval.

Shawn also noted that by putting information/details of the Chervil weed on the Town's website, will market the noxious weed to property owners' awareness of what the weed looks like and how to prevent the spreading of this particular weed.

E.2 Landscaping on Public ROW's

Reg Russwurm discussed with the Committee concerns relating to landscaping, in particular, large stones being placed in the Public Right-of-Ways. The Committee agreed that any landscaping that causes a valid Engineer concern/issue i.e. height interference, ditching, water flow, snow removal etc needs to be addressed. Committee would like Staff to address the landscaping issues within the ROW's.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, June 23, 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 June 9, 2009 is adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

"CARRIED"