

## MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



**MEETING DATE:** TUESDAY, March 23, 2010  
**MEETING TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** Ravenna Hall  
**PREPARED BY:** Krista Royal, Administrative Assistant

### A. Call to Order

**Present:** Duncan McKinlay, Bob Gamble, John McKean, John McGee, Reg Russwurm, Jim McCannell, Shawn Everitt, Krista Royal

**Regrets:** John Caswell, Jeff Fletcher

#### A.1 Approval of Agenda

Reg Russwurm and Committee members advised to additions/changes to the agenda:

With Additions/Deletions:

1. Item D.3 EPW.10.022 to be deleted from the agenda as John Caswell was unavailable to attend the meeting due to personal matters.
2. Landfill Site Expansion
3. Organic Waste Diversion PIC
4. Simcoe County Road 91 Closure

*Moved by: Bob Gamble      Seconded by: John McKean*

*THAT the Agenda of the March 23, 2010, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as amended.*

**"CARRIED"**

#### A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

#### A.3 Previous Minutes – February 23, 2010

*Moved by: John McGee      Seconded by: John McKean*

*THAT the minutes of the February 23, 2010 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated.*

**"CARRIED"**

## **B. Deputations/Presentations**

### **B.1 Access to The Community of Slabtown – Peter Brown, Robert Burcher, Mary-Jane Decoste**

Peter thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Slabtown residents. Robert Burcher presented hard copies to a large spreadsheet banner to review with the Committee. Robert reviewed the details of the banner to Committee outlining a dollar value comparison for Option “C” replacement of the bridge to Option “F2” construct a road to Grey Road 13. Robert advised that he has reviewed with Michael Cullip of C.C. Tatham & Associates the figures for a 50 year forecast. Robert further advised that the amount that the Town would be saving over 50 years would be \$44,000 dollars which works out to be a cost of \$880 per year. As an aside, Robert noted that the Committee has recently approved the snowplowing of the Kolapore parking lot at a cost of \$900 per year.

Robert stated that even though the Town would be saving costs to construct an alternate route, it will create extra costs to the residents of Slabtown. Robert further noted that over a period of 20 years not 30 years as indicated on the spreadsheet will cost the residents a total of \$202,800 which consists of 17 residents travelling daily with a fuel cost of \$2 per litre. Robert also stated that the land acquisition/expropriation costs and the turn around to be built without the approval of the owners was not included in the figures displayed on the spreadsheet. (Note by Town Staff: The cost presented by Tatham included an allowance for land procurement.)

Mary-Jane Decoste circulated to Committee a hard copy of her presentation. Mary-Jane noted to Committee the focus to her presentation is the disconnect the residents see between the way costs were weighted and what the Environmental Assessment Act calls “indicators” for the criteria. She addressed concern of the re-weighting of the evaluation criteria, a “redefinition” not a refinement as reflected in the January 26, 2010 minutes noting the “Committee concurred to revise the chart requesting that the weighting factors be changed to reflect a higher weight on cost within the presentation”. Mary-Jane noted that the residents were not aware of the preferred solution being presented to Committee on January 26, 2010 and in the future would expect to be advised of the next steps in the process. Mary-Jane discussed her report in detail to the Committee concluding that the residents feel that the process to date as flawed and recommend most strongly that Alternate C be the preferred solution at Slabtown, as was first recommended.

Duncan thanked the residents in attendance of the meeting. Duncan advised that the Committee appreciates their community input to the EA process, which is still ongoing and will direct Staff to ensure their presentation will be forward on to Michael Cullip. Duncan further advised that the final decision will be the one which is the right outcome for all taxpayers. The decision is not predetermined and there is more room for discussion on of how cost will affect the overall scoring.

Reg noted to the residents that he is very glad the residents are taking a big interest in the community to achieve the best outcome.

Reg further complimented the residents of the good communications/feedback as other EA's that he has been involved with wasn't has easy to engage with the residents. Duncan noted that he wishes other communities were engaged more in during EA process.

Peter Brown thanked the Committee to allow the residents to have an extended time to address their concerns.

Reg advised that there is no set timeline with the EA but wishes to wrap up the formal public engagement by the end of March. Reg further advised that he will then be meeting with the Consultant to compile the information, prepare a report back to Committee to finalize the scoring chart and then with recommendation for Notice of Completion. Reg assured the residents that they will be invited when the recommendation will be presented to the Committee and apologized for the oversight of not informing them of when the PIC Report was being presented to the Committee.

Duncan advised the residents that when the report is presented back to the Committee for discussion it will only be discussed amongst Committee and will not be engaging with the audience unless the Committee concurs to hear from them.

## **C. Staff Reports as circulated**

### **C.1 EPW.10.030 Closing of Craigmere Crescent**

Councillor Bob Gamble addressed concern to the closing of Craigmere Crescent due to observing how many residents must enter into Craigmere. Bob suggested having a One-way entrance to permit traffic to come into the crescent. Bob further addressed concern of traffic issues for emergency services having the ability to mobilize throughout the Town which would benefit by having as many entrances and exits as possible. Bob noted the narrowness and deep ditches to the road. Jim McCannell addressed safety concerns/issues with the intersection of Craigmere onto County Road 19. Jim noted that having a One-way entrance may not alleviate the safety concerns of this intersection into the subdivision.

Councillor John McGee questioned if the north end is narrow compared to other roads. Jim advised that it is a standard 6m width road. Duncan noted that other roads may have wider shoulders than Craigmere. Duncan further noted of the deep ditches along County Road 19.

*Moved by: John McKean    Seconded by: John McGee*

*THAT Council enact a By-Law to permanently close that portion of an open highway connecting Craigmere Crescent to Grey County Road 19, as detailed in the Staff Report EPW.10.030 entitled "Closing of Craigmere Crescent".*

**"CARRIED"**

## **C.2 EPW.10.034 Mill Street Reconstruction – Creation of 2010 Capital Budget**

Bob questioned that the amount of the sanitary sewer costs of \$28,000 appears to be an additional fee to the budget. Reg advised that by including the sanitary fee into the project costs will alleviate having to come back to the Committee if a problem should arise once the video is reviewed to request additional fees to the project.

John McGee questioned when the project was expected to start in 2011 or 2012. Reg advised that Mill Street project was to start in 2013 and finished in 2014 for the road reconstruction and watermain.

John McKean questioned if the project, being concurrent with the New Town Hall and the Beaver River Bridge, would be held up. Reg advised that the same overall contractor for the New Town Hall will also be the contractor for Mill Street, therefore will be able to utilize the entire area to work in. Duncan noted that it eliminates the closeness within other contractors.

*Moved by: John McGee    Seconded by: John McKean*

*THAT Council approve the creation of a 2010 Capital Budget for the reconstruction of Mill Street from Highway 26 to the Georgian Trail in the amount of \$126,000 as outlined in Report EPW.10.034, "Mill Street Reconstruction – Creation of 2010 Capital Budget".*  
**"CARRIED"**

## **D. Information Reports/Correspondence**

### **D.1 DOR 10 07 Share the Road Campaign**

Duncan noted of the work involved of Shawn to compile as well as the campaign to be a great move in the right direction. Shawn Everitt highlighted his report to the Committee advising the need to have appropriate signage for motorists and bicyclists to work together to be courteous, cooperative and safe on sharing the road.

John McKean stated that he has no problem, but indicated of agricultural issues with cyclists to ensure they ride in single file. John suggested that it would be ideal to also have signage for cross country and snowmobiles sharing the trail. Shawn noted that now is the time to provide signage for all multi-use trails and include everything at once.

Duncan stated that the signage infers as a reminder on both sides to get along. Bob questioned if the signage promoted requires a by-law to determine the route. Shawn noted that ideally the signage will be on the County roads as they have already been widened through construction. Shawn further noted that he will be discussing with the public of the possibility to have the 10<sup>th</sup> line and the 21<sup>st</sup> side road as part of the campaign. Shawn advised that our Town website will be accessible for local/visitors in our area to go online to pick a route that will outline the elevation, terrain and distance, as well as the ability to download a trail map. Shawn further advised that having the public input will be another tool to utilize our website and advertise our "Share the Road" campaign.

John McKean suggested that points of interests be noted on the map. Shawn commented that Lindsay Gosnell, GIS Coordinator will create a map indicating points of vista on different routes.

John McGee questioned as to how many signs will be created and the budget costs involved. Shawn stated that there will be around 30-40 signs in total and that it is included in his overall capital projects for signs. Shawn further stated that the signs will be a 50/50 partnership campaign with the County of Grey.

Bill Abbotts was in attendance of the meeting and noted to the Committee that Ellen has received a report that outlines additional funding from the Province once the HST becomes in effective as of July 1, 2010. Committee requested Shawn to research the report to access additional funding. Shawn advised that he will look into acquiring additional funding via the HST and provide a further report back to Committee to be endorsed by Council.

*Moved by: John McKean    Seconded by: Bob Gamble*

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 10 07 "Share the Road Campaign" for information purposes.

**"CARRIED"**

## **D.2 DOR 10 28 Partnership with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority**

Shawn briefed the Committee on the proposed Day Camp offered by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) for an opportunity for them to host their day camp program in The Blue Mountains during the week of July 26 to July 30, 2010. Shawn advised of utilizing the GSCA criteria with the pilot program being revolved around the Beaver River will be a benefit for local kids. The program will be staffed and operated by GSCA with a minimum of 13 participants to operate the camp, but the Town will be responsible for the recruitment and registration aspect of the program.

Duncan questioned as to which facility will be used to operate the day camp. Shawn noted the location will be the Lions Park, but will be meandering along the new trail system to take in the Harbour and Bayview Park. GSCA commented that they are excited to have a change in their program and having the trail to be a part of their day camp.

Bob addressed a concern regarding the safety of the children being near water with one Staff member responsible for nine campers. Shawn addressed that any of the site visits will not be near deep water, mostly 1 to 1 ½ ft of water. Duncan stated that the Town would want to minimize the risk but realize that GSCA are familiar with working around children.

Bob questioned how the children know of the day camp program. Shawn advised that he will be advertising on the Town's website and contacting the school to circulate notification prior to the kids leaving for summer vacation.

*Moved by: John McGee    Seconded by: John McKean*

*THAT Council receives Staff Report DOR 10 28 "Partnership with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority" for information purposes.*

**"CARRIED"**

### **D.3 EPW.10.022 Lora Bay Service Area Fire Flows**

Item EPW.10.022 is deferred to be addressed at a future I&R Committee meeting.

### **D.4 EPW.10.033 Construction/Development Status Report**

Bob questioned if the Mountain Drive project had any financial problems with the contractor. Reg advised that the issue is not with the Town, but with a subcontractor that placed a formal lien against the work. The subcontractor has sent notices to Tectonic but have yet to be paid by them. Reg noted that the Town do have a holdback for the project and are waiting for Tectonic to clear up the liens before paying them or for the lien process to move on.

Bob commented that he has received an email regarding hydro issues within the Plan 915 project. Reg advised that there are some challenges with "brown outs" or "burn outs" occurring with Hydro One lines. Reg noted that Hydro is being encouraged to put new wiring as the contractor is having challenges. There are also issues for the contractor with not just hydro but also Union Gas.

Committee advised of the importance to satisfy the customers. Reg noted that it is the Town's intent as best we can to satisfy the residents.

John McKean questioned the status of Grey Road 2 entrance. Reg advised that until Grey County gets an Impact Study no decisions can be made. Duncan noted that he will bring up the discussion at the County level.

*Moved by: John McKean    Seconded by: John McGee*

*THAT Council receives Staff Report EPW.10.033 entitled "Construction / Development Status Report" for their information.*

**"CARRIED"**

### **D.5 EPW.10.038 Engineering and Public Works Consultant Selection Process Overview**

Duncan commented on the excellent report received outlining the selection process. Committee discussed the methodology of using 75% quality and 25% fees when scoring the consultant. Reg noted that he has been working with the Manager of Purchasing to develop a Town-wide formal Consultant Selection Process. Reg further advised that having the quality a factor of 75% reduces the risk of a company under bidding the project and then have the Town struggle with the overall project during construction and taking up too much Staff time. Reg commented that he is hoping in the future to do a forensic on the previous projects to see how the process has performed.

Duncan questioned if there were any problems in the past. Reg noted that consultants are aware of the scoring process and have had few debates/issues in the past. Duncan advised to the concern of the Committee to ensure the methodology on the selection process is adequately protecting the rate payer/user.

*Moved by: John McGee    Seconded by: Bob Gamble*

*THAT Council receive Report EPW.10.038 "Engineering and Public Works Consultant Selection Process Overview" for their information.  
"CARRIED"*

## **E. New and Unfinished Business**

### **E.1 Landfill Site Expansion**

Bob noted of an article in the Owen Sound Times of Hanover was proceeding with an Environmental Assessment (EA) process for their landfill expansion. A sudden interest from the First Nations has delayed the EA. Bob questioned if the First Nations have been notified in regards to the Town's landfill expansion. Reg stated that they have been contacted. Duncan also questioned if the Metis Nation had been contacted. Bob requested for Jeff Fletcher to check into the seriousness of the Hanover/Brockton issue with their landfill expansion.

### **E.2 Organics Waste Processing for the Community PIC**

Duncan read an email received advising Committee to the upcoming Organics Waste Processing for the Community Public Information Centre (PIC) being held on the Thursday March 25, 2010 at 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Waste Disposal Site – Operations Building #788090 Grey Road #13.

John McGee questioned if there was any new information on the Southgate composting and incinerator. Reg advised that he has not heard of anything in the past year, but the municipality of Chatsworth and Georgian Bluffs are proceeding with their expansion.

John McKean noted that West Grey municipality are currently discussing a proposed incinerator project.

Duncan advised that the Committee would like a report prepared by Jeff to bring the Committee up to date on the research of other expansions in the area over the next 15 years.

### **E.3 Simcoe County Road 91 Closure**

Bob questioned the status of the closure to Simcoe County Road 91 in regards to an article he had read noting that Grey Highlands had concerns of the closure. Reg advised the Committee that he has met with Steve Sage from Clearview to discuss the Town's concerns/issues.

Steve advised that Clearview does not want to pave the 26/27 sideroad as it will encourage traffic whereas the Clearview residents in the area do not want a lot of traffic on the 26/27 sideroad.

Reg further advised that he has met with Gary Shaw from the County of Grey, Mayor, Deputy-Mayor and CAO of Grey Highlands, Paul Graham, Robert Gamble and Cam Kennedy to discuss matters with the County of Grey. Reg noted that the proposed closure is before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Reg further noted that Paul and Mayor Ellen Anderson will also be meeting with Clearview.

#### **F. Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, April 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 March 23, 2010 is adjourned at 8:35 p.m.*

***“CARRIED”***