

MINUTES - Engineering & Public Works Committee



MEETING DATE: March 28, 2006
LOCATION: Council Chambers
PREPARED BY: Carolin Moran, Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order

Chair McKinlay called the meeting to order with all members in attendance.

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT the Agenda of March 28, 2006 be approved as circulated.

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No member declared a pecuniary interest with regard to any matter on the Agenda.

A.3 Previous Minutes – March 14, 2006

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Minutes of March 14, 2006, Engineering and Public Works Committee meeting be adopted as circulated, Carried.

B. Deputations / Presentations

None.

C. Staff Reports

C.1 EPW.06.84 Beaver River Siphon Tender Award

Paul Graham and John Caswell presented Report EPW.06.84 to the Committee as previously distributed.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council award the contract for the construction of the Beaver River Siphon and related works to 1288808 Ontario Ltd. in the estimated amount of \$1,399,970.00 being the lowest price meeting all the requirements of the tender documents,

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement, Carried.

C.2 EPW.06.82 Fall Protection Purchase

On behalf of Dave McGuire, John Caswell presented Report EPW.06.82 to the Committee as previously distributed.

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council authorize the purchase of two Lifeline Retrieval Systems from Shepherds Utility Supply at a cost of \$6,207.59 all taxes included, Carried.

C.3 EPW.06.86 Highway 26 from Thornbury to Meaford

Paul Graham presented Report EPW.06.86 to the Committee as previously distributed.

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council support the intersection improvements and realignment of Peel Street north of Highway 26, as outlined in a January 16, 2006 presentation to Council by the Ministry of Transportation and Stantec Consulting Limited outlining the Highway 26 preliminary design and environmental assessment from Christie Beach Road to the Thornbury west limits., Carried.

Chair McKinlay expressed concern regarding the number of deer auto collisions especially around Lora Bay Drive where there have been some rocks placed for drainage purposes. Chair McKinlay clarified that because the deer are afraid of the rocks they are discouraged to get back across the rocks. The Committee agreed to monitor the situation and suggested that a wood bridge may be installed accessible to the deer.

D. Information Reports / Correspondence

D.1 EPW.06.85 Diesel Generator Room Ventilation

Paul Graham presented Report EPW.06.85 to the Committee as previously distributed.

The Committee suggested that those staff members be congratulated for their initiatives in saving the Town approximately \$20,000.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Report EPW.06.85, entitled "Diesel Generator Room Ventilation" for their information, Carried.

D.2 EPW.06.83 Clearview / Blue Mountains Townline – Adopt-A-Road

Paul Graham presented Report EPW.06.83 to the Committee as previously distributed.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Report EPW.06.83, entitled "Clearview / Blue Mountains Townline – Adopt-A-Road" for their information, Carried.

Don Hutchinson will forward a letter to Clearview Township to confirm the Town's agreement with this request.

D.3 EPW.06.87 On-Street Parking – Craigleith Road

Paul Graham presented Report EPW.06.87 to the Committee as previously distributed.

The Committee agreed that Mr. Graham send the draft letter as attached, with a minor corrected (delete "the" second last sentence in first paragraph).

Moved by: Bob Gamble

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Report EPW.06.87, entitled "On-Street Parking – Craigleith Road" for their information.

D.4 EPW.06.81 Construction Projects - Status Report

John Caswell presented Report EPW.06.81 to the Committee as previously distributed.

Moved by: Bob Gamble

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Report EPW.06.81, entitled "Construction Projects – Status Report" for their information.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 A meeting is being set up with MTO to discuss access to the Park on the north side of Hwy 26 and east of Georgian Peaks.

E.2 Don Hutchinson confirmed that the loggers working in the Town of The Blue Mountains had obtained a Municipal Lands Work Permit.

E.3 The County's Road Rationalization Study was discussed. The County did not provide the rationalization criteria. Paul Graham is meeting with both the Ainley Group and the County prior to submitting the Town's proposal.

E.4 The recently announced funding for municipal roads and bridges was discussed. This Committee should have some input as to how that money gets set up. The engineering assessment should be completed on the bridges in the Four Year Capital Budget prior to finalizing a decision on how to utilize this new money. The Chair observed that we must also find out rules or conditions associated with spending this money.

E.5 A report regarding Lora Bay Servicing Phase 1B will go directly to Council. The Chair requested that a map be included in the report identifying the affected areas.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 6:00pm

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Bob Gamble

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT this meeting adjourn at 8:30p.m., Carried.