

B. Deputations / Presentations

None

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 DOR.12.22 Event Road Closures for 2012

Shawn Everitt

Shawn noted that this is the second year a Report of this nature has been presented to Committee, indicating that the Rodeo Weekend Street Dance is a new addition to the list presented in his Report.

Shawn explained that if passed, Staff will move forward with the road closures following the steps in the Event Notification Process.

Councillor Gamble noted concern with having Louisa Street closed at the bottom of the hill for the Peak to Shore Festival, the Rodeo Weekend Street Dance and the Old Fashioned Christmas. Councillor Gamble asked Staff how traffic will be notified of the closure, indicating that he prefers to close the road at Alice Street.

Shawn explained that detour signs were placed at Alice Street last year to provide advance notice of the closure and they will be put up again at Alice Street a week or a week and a half before the event this year.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 12 22 entitled "Event Road Closures for 2012" for their information, and

THAT Council authorize the Closure of specific areas as outlined in this report subject to the approval through the Event Notification process, and

THAT Council authorize the Closure of specific areas as outlined in this report, and

THAT Council authorize Town Staff to proceed with the application process to the County of Grey for the associated County Road Closures, being:

1. July 1st - **Canada Day Parade** – Marsh Street from John St in Clarksburg and north on Bruce Street (Grey Road 13 to Highway 26) to the Thornbury Harbour from 12:00pm to 2:00p.m, as well as Hester Street parking lot from 9a.m. to 4p.m..
2. July 14th - **Peak to Shore Festival** – Bruce Street south of Highway 26 (Grey Road 13) to Louisa Street from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

3. August 24th – **Rodeo Weekend Street Dance** - Bruce Street south of Highway 26 (Grey Road 13) to Louisa Street from 4:00pm to 11:00pm

3. December 8th - **Old Fashioned Christmas** – Bruce Street south of Highway 26 (Grey Road 13) to Louisa Street from 9:00am to 11:00pm.

C.2 EPW.12.029 Options for Landscaping & Outdoor Watering

John Caswell

John Caswell briefed Committee on his Report, noting that it was written at the request of Committee as a result of a Deputation from Mr. John Leckie on January 17th 2012.

John confirmed that the bylaw would be for residential applications only and not for commercial enterprises clarifying further that condominium corporations are considered commercial enterprises.

Councillor Halos asked if Option #4, as presented in the Report, would allow a resident to apply after the fact. John explained that as presented Option #4, would allow someone to do that, suggesting further that there be a permit created through a combination of Option #3 and Option #4.

Councillor Halos asked if Option #3 would be in the best interest of someone who landscaped every year and how much would it cost. John estimated the cost to be between \$750 and \$1,000.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that water meter devices cost approximately \$425 to \$450 and Back Flow Prevention Devices cost approximately \$200 to \$250. Deputy Mayor McKinlay also indicated that since it is a testable piece of equipment it should be certified on a regular basis.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay also noted that it would be up to the Town to decide if someone could apply who waters large landscapes year after year or if someone can apply for it once, while they are getting their landscape established.

John Caswell reminded Committee that through the Ontario Building Code, if a resident wants to install another meter and connect it to an underground sprinkler, it is necessary to have a back flow prevention device on the system.

Councillor Halos noted that he believes that Option #4 is a reasonable solution.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted agreement with Councillor Halos, indicating that Option #4 is an option to consider and that he understands why John is recommending the Town take an extra level of safety when water is used for filling pools and the maintenance of landscaping.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that he supports Option #4 as a seasonal deal, but if it extends beyond a season then Option #3 should be considered, noting that the by-law would have to frame that idea.

Reg noted to Committee that there would be a large administrative cost associated with these options and that he would like to have a conversation with the Finance Department before moving forward with Option #4.

Reg further noted that if any resident has a pressurized system they would require a backflow prevention meter.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay clarified that Staff will converse with the Finance Department and provide Committee with a draft policy and costs associated with option #4.

Reg noted that general endorsement is necessary in order for Staff to move forward and mature the policy.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that he believes a distinction needs to be made between a resident who is establishing landscaping on their property and a resident who waters their landscape year after year or washes car after car.

Councillor Ardiel asked Staff how many residents are in this category, and if the Town will be inundated with people applying for these types of permits. John Caswell noted that he does not suspect there will be a lot of people, but it depends on how the policy is finalized.

Councillor Halos indicated that he would like to see Option #3 and Option #4 discussed and examined a bit more, as he sees value in Option #4.

Committee Chair McKean asked Staff to review Option #3 and Option #4 and to consult with the Finance Department on the financial implications and report back to Committee at a later date.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.12.029, entitled "Options for Landscaping & Outdoor Watering", and

THAT Council direct Staff to prepare a policy for Committee's Review based on options #3 and #4 as presented in the Report, **unanimously CARRIED.**

C.3 EPW.12.031 Grey County – Lower Tier Cooperation Opportunities

Reg Russwurm

Reg briefed Committee on his Report.

Councillor Gamble noted concern with hiring a full time employee as opposed to a contract employee as it is difficult to commit to the cost of a full time person, when they might not always be busy.

Councillor Ardiel asked if the County has an Engineer who is responsible for bridge work and if so, could they be contracted out to work for all of the Municipalities within the County when bridge work is required.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that the idea presented in the Report arose because many Municipalities within the County have been using different Consultants to do similar work in the area and this idea would have the Municipalities working together sharing similar resources.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that the intention is not to build an empire at the County, but rather to work together.

Councillor Ardiel thanked Deputy Mayor McKinlay for his insight on the initiative, noting that it is a great idea.

Moved by: Joe Halos

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT Council supports Engineering and Public Works Staff coordinating with the County and other lower tier municipalities in the County to develop the concepts of greater coordination for municipal structure inspection, electrical expertise and sign reflectivity testing, **CARRIED.**

Committee then dealt with the Addition to the Report presented by Engineering Design Technologist Tom Gray, EPW.12.035 Award of Tender 2012-08-T-EPW –Slabtown Bridge Replacement.

C.4 EPW.12.035 Award of Tender 2012-08-T-EPW –Slabtown Bridge Replacement Tom Gray

Tom Gray briefed Committee on the Report.

Tom indicated that, with approval from the Director of Engineering and Publics Works, the Contractor has the option to begin bridge construction in either 2012 or 2013.

Reg explained that because Staff are still waiting on a land transfer permit and two easement applications to come through, Reg would like them signed and finalized before the Town awards the Contract.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked Staff if this includes the commissioning and decommissioning of the route, and Tom indicated that it does.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay then asked if Staff have set a term in the contract that focuses on what will happen if the concrete work is not up to the integrity which might be discovered during demolition.

Tom noted that there is no specific line item in the contract, but if there is an issue with the abutment, then Staff would have to address it at that time.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay indicated that no one can predict what is under the bridge and he wants to ensure that Committee understands the concern when dealing with the unforeseen.

Councillor Ardiel noted the difference between the lowest and the highest bid and asked Staff if something is missing in the lowest bid, and if there is the possibility of the low bidder coming back to ask for more money. Reg explained that the difference in the bids rests in the price of the super structure itself. Reg explained that because a construction date was not set, then perhaps the contractor could construct the bridge when the season is slow, allowing flex time and a better rate.

Councillor Halos asked where the company Maloney and Pepping Construction Ltd were from and if Staff were confident in their bid. Tom noted that they are from the Guelph area and although Staff have not worked with them before, the Consultants, Gamsby and Mannerow have worked with them before and they have reviewed all of the tender documents, along with Staff and cannot see any concerns. Committee Chair Councillor McKean noted that although he has not heard of the company it could be one of those situations in that the timing works well, and since there is not a lot of bridge work out there, they are confident with their pricing.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay commended Staff for their work during the tendering process, and thanked Reg and his department for providing the flexibility of working on this project over a two year period.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Report EPW.12.035 entitled Award of Tender 2012-08-T-EPW – Slabtown Bridge Replacement; and,

AND THAT Council approve the award of the Slabtown Bridge Replacement Tender (2012-08-T-EPW) to Maloney and Pepping Construction Ltd., in the amount of \$604,779, excluding HST; and,

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Contract Documents for 2012-08-T-EPW upon the recommendation of the Director of Engineering and Public Works, **unanimously CARRIED.**

D. Information Reports / Correspondence

D.1 EPW.12.026 Beach Certification Participation

Jeffery Fletcher

Jeffery Fletcher briefed Committee on his Report.

Councillor Ardiel asked Staff how many Municipalities on the shore line are participating in the Blue Flag Program. Jeffery noted that Sauble Beach and Wasaga Beach were involved in the past, but that he was not sure who is participating this season at this time.

Councillor Ardiel noted that she believes Staff have done a great job being involved in the program and if the Town misses one year, it is not as though the Town cannot participate again in the future.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that the Town is on track and have developed a program to stay on track and will not be diminishing their services in any way. It was made clear that the Town is simply missing a promotional tool, while still providing a safe environment at the beaches we provide.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.12.026, entitled Beach Certification Participation, for their information, **unanimously CARRIED**.

D.2 EPW.12.032 Capital and Development Status Report

Tom Gray

Committee Chair Councillor McKean declared Pecuniary Interest to this Agenda Item and left the meeting room for the duration of discussion. Deputy Mayor McKinlay chaired the meeting at this time.

Committee dealt with the Report. There were no questions or concerns raised.

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.12.032 entitled "Capital and Development Status Report" for their information, **unanimously CARRIED**.

Committee Chair Councillor McKean was welcomed back to the meeting.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Infrastructure Tour Map Review

Jim McCannell

Jim McCannell presented Committee with a Draft Roads-Tour Map, depicting the locations Committee and Council will visit during the Infrastructure Tour taking place on Tuesday, April 17th 2012. Jim asked Committee if they had any suggestions regarding the Tour.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay suggested touring roads which do not have a road allowance. Jim noted he would review and make the changes.

E.2 Slabtown Bridge Update

Tom Gray

Committee discussed this Item earlier in the meeting as Agenda Item C.4.

E.3 Yellow Fish Road Program

Jeffery Fletcher

Jeffery Fletcher indicated that the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority had contacted him proposing the Yellow Fish Road Program, which is an opportunity to educate the public on catch basins which drain into the lake and avoiding hazardous waste from going into the lake through the catch basins.

Jeffery indicated that Yellow Fish would be painted on the drains and on the road around the drains. This work would be done by school children and incorporated with an educational and promotional program within the County and Municipality.

Jeffery expressed the importance of Traffic Safety during the launch of this project if they move forward with the application. Jeffery explained that he has requested that Staff are kept up to date with the progress of the program, noting that Staff will provide Committee with an update on any information they receive.

Councillor Ardiel noted that she believes it is a great initiative. Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that he supports the project as well.

E.4 Department of Defense and Clendenan Bridge

Jim McCannell

Jim McCannell indicated that The Armed Forces are on the move again. Jim explained that he was contacted and notified that they have a brigade coming through Town and they propose crossing the Clendenan Bridge.

Jim noted that they are starting in Petawawa and moving toward Meaford and they plan to set up a temporary bridge to move their vehicles over top of the Clendenan Bridge, moving a convoy of 175 vehicles with the heaviest being 38 tonnes.

Jim explained that the event will last 24 hours and that they will be arriving on May 9th at 4:00pm to set up between 4:00pm and dark and the convoy will arrive overnight in Clarksburg and by May 10th they will be done with plans to pick up the bridge and vacate Town.

Councillor Halos asked how a bridge over a bridge works and Jim indicated that they will actually be making a structure that sets on the embankments and spans over the existing bridge.

E.5 Options for May 8th I&R Meeting

Reg Russwurm

Reg noted to Committee that on Tuesday, May 8th both he and John Caswell will be away at the Ontario Waterworks Association meeting, therefore will be unable to attend the May 8th I&R Meeting.

Reg noted the possibility of holding the meeting on May 1st which is the week before, but Shawn Everitt is not available and if held on Wednesday May 9th Reg would not be available.

Councillor Ardiel suggested holding the meeting on Tuesday, May 15th following the 2:00pm Finance and Admin meeting at Town Hall.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that he is available at 4:30 or at 7:00 on May 15th and he is okay with a day time meeting. Councillor Halos noted that he is also okay with an early meeting on May 15th.

Councillor Gamble indicated that he is unable to make the May 15th 2012 meeting and that there is the possibility of him being unavailable for the next four to five weeks.

Committee conquered that the next I&R meeting will be held at 4:30pm on May 15th. It was requested that Jenny send a meeting request to all.

Reg added two more items to the Agenda.

ADDITION: E.6 – Rotary Club – Charity Road Toll

Reg briefed Committee on a meeting he had with the Rotary Club, indicating that he requested the Rotary Club to prepare a plan for the Charity Road Toll which has been proposed to be held between Mill Street and the Health Center in Town. Reg indicated that he is seeking feedback from Committee on the proposed event.

Reg noted that traffic congestion, setting a precedent and the general inconvenience to the travelling public are factors which should be considered.

Councillor Gamble asked Staff which type of a charity they would be raising money for. Reg noted that although he did not have the information, he knows that it is not for general revenue and that those who donate will be given a card noting where the money is going.

Councillor Gamble noted that if Council knows which charity it is for that would help in the decision making process.

Councillor Halos noted that traffic would have a great impact as residents can get frustrated if they are being stopped, suggesting that they should partner with the Town Ride Program as cars are already being stopped.

Councillor Halos also noted that he would hate to see the road backed up. Reg noted that if there are too many cars backed up then they have to let them through.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that it would be a pilot project, and a review of the implications would be necessary.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay also noted that Committee could entertain the idea as a one-time deal, with no plans to hold annual Rotary Toll Days.

Committee Chair Councillor McKean indicated that anytime you occupy a road where traffic control is needed there has to be training involved.

Councillor McKean also noted that drive-thru's are frowned upon within the Town and with the price of gas at a high, people might not be very pleased with stopping.

It was also suggested by Councillor McKean that signs be put up more than 2kms outside the highway giving drivers the option to drive around it, suggesting further to have it be taken to Clark Street on the Rodeo weekend, rather than on a provincial highway route.

Councillor Gamble indicated that this past weekend, with the sun shining, the traffic was stopped at least a full block, noting that on a busy weekend there could be approximately 12,000 to 15,000 cars going through that intersection.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that there is no flavour for endorsement based on the discussions thus far and suggested that Staff let the Rotary Club know.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked if there are certified members in the Rotary Club who are trained to direct traffic and Reg noted that when he met with them they discussed training, but they did not discuss certification.

Jim McCannell indicated that he will be meeting with the Rotary Club on Friday morning and would be happy to pass along Committees feelings on the event.

Councillor Ardiel noted that with the time of year of the event they will have to pay off duty police officers as well.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that if the risks are too great the Town would not be doing them any favours moving forward with this.

Councillor Halos asked why the Town has to grant the permission if it is proposed to take place on a Provincial Highway and Jim explained that the Town has the ability to pass a bylaw on the connecting link which is under the Town's jurisdiction.

ADDITION: E.6 Municipal Works Day

Reg briefed Committee on the upcoming Municipal Works Day which will be taking place on June 1st 2012. Reg indicated that the event is open to the Public all day and that the Grade 10 High School civics and career classes will also be joining. Reg invited Committee and Council to come out to the event.

Councillor Ardiel noted that she believes it is a great idea for all kids to see what the Town does.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay suggested that Jenny send meeting request to Council.

Councillor Ardiel asked Staff how she can request a road to be closed for the upcoming Heart and Stoke Fundraiser with a possible date of May 10th. Jim McCannell suggested that he speak with Councillor Ardiel after the meeting to discuss specifics such as the intersections in question.

F. Next Meeting Date(s)

Tuesday, May 15th 2012, 4:30pm, Town Hall, Council Chambers

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting of Tuesday, April 10th 2012 is adjourned at 8:34pm, **unanimously CARRIED.**