

MINUTES: INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE



MEETING DATE: **TUESDAY, September 22, 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, Jim McCannell, Jeff Fletcher, Shawn Everitt, Liz Thompson, Paul Graham, Krista Royal

Regrets: John McGee, John Caswell

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Reg Russwurm informed that there are additions/changes to the agenda:

With Additions:

1. OWWA Conference

Reg noted that the presentations will move from the beginning of the meeting to the end to accommodate Staff timelines.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Agenda of the September 22, 2009, Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

“CARRIED”

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

A.3 Previous Minutes – September 8, 2009

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the minutes of the September 8, 2009 Infrastructure & Recreation Committee be adopted as circulated.

“CARRIED”

B. Deputations/Presentations

B.1 EPW.09.090 Town of The Blue Mountains Comprehensive Transportation Strategic Plan – October 3, 2009 PIC Presentation – Reg Russwurm

Following Staff Reports, Reg presented to the Committee the slides for the upcoming Public Information Centre.

Reg outlined to the Committee several roads that are being proposed to be closed or limited to one entrance only. Paul Graham questioned if the Town of Blue Mountains Fire Fighters are aware of the proposed roads being closed or roads limiting traffic to one way entry. Reg stated that they have not seen slides, but it is outlined in our Engineering Standards that a secondary access must be in place where 20 or more lots exist.

Discussions and questions were addressed by Staff and Committee during the presentation. Reg Russwurm stated that the next step is an open discussion with Ministry of Transportation Central, long-term study and engage long-term by-pass around Thornbury.

Bob Gamble questioned if the traffic count on Hwy 26 has decreased due to the decrease in the industry in the past two years. Reg noted that MTO may have put a traffic counter on the road, but the Town has not placed our own traffic counter over Hwy 26. Jim McCannell stated that it is possible to place the Town's traffic counter to get a consensus of how much traffic is utilizing the connecting link portion of Highway 26.

Committee/Staff discussed changing slide 20 to be revised as intersection improvement proposed. Reg assured that all changes will be made and forwarded to Aecom prior to the October 3, 2009 PIC.

B.2 EPW.09.091 Draft 2010 Capital Plan – Engineering & Public Works Department – Reg Russwurm

Committee concurred to defer the Draft 2010 Capital Plan to be presented at the next scheduled I & R Committee Meeting to be held on October 13, 2009.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 EPW.09.071 Purchase of Granular products from Grey County

Committee questioned Jim McCannell as to how much gravel would be purchased from the Grey County quarry. Jim noted that the amount of gravel that is anticipated to be purchased from the County this year is approximately 500 tonnes due to housekeeping and the storing of winter sand. Jim stated that in the past approximately 40,000 tonnes were purchased every year for gravel, but the number has been reduced to 16,000 tonnes/yr due to budget reductions/inflation.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council approve the purchase of Granular products from the Grey County quarry for use on roads and highways within the Town, and

THAT these purchases be approved under the Procedures for Procurement Policy, FS.08.08 Schedule E, Standardization Procurement Procedures of a Particular Product, Service or Support Activity for the reasons outlined in Report EPW.09.071 entitled "Purchase of Granular products from Grey County".

"CARRIED"

C.2 EPW.09.020 Repeal of Snowmobile Prohibition on 12th Sideroad

Councillor Bob Gamble questioned if any particular house would be subject to increased noise. Shawn Everitt advised that there may be one home affected by some noise. Shawn advised that signs will be going up to mark that area as a Community Safety Zone, which will cause fines to be doubled as well as the Snowmobile trail route will go behind the deviation which will be significantly safer, sightlines are better, and trail is already cut.

Reg suggested that if the By-law is repealed for one year it provides an assurance to the residents that it will be brought back to Committee for review.

Councillor John McKean questioned the impact of the culvert and spring run-off. Jim noted that it is a concern that the ditches are being filled in, but the Clubs use their groomer to open up the trail in spring.

Reg suggested that the motion be changed to ensure that the By-Law of Snowmobile Use on 12th Sideroad to be brought back to Committee as referenced in the second part of the motion.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

That Council approve that a by-law be passed to repeal the prohibition of snowmobile use on the 12th Sideroad, By-Law 2000-32, as outlined in Report EPW.09.020, "Repeal of Snowmobile Prohibition on 12th Sideroad" and,

THAT Council Direct Staff to reconsider the continued use of the 12th Side Road by snowmobiles prior to September 2010.

"CARRIED"

C.3 EPW.09.083 Highway 26 Water & Wastewater Extension – Spence/Turner

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.09.083 entitled "Highway 26 Water & Wastewater Extension – Spence/Turner" and;

THAT Council approve the award of Highway 26 Water & Wastewater Extension – Spence/Turner (TBM-2009-50) to Arnott Construction in the amount of \$79,500.00, excluding GST, subject to the provision of adequate security by Spence/Turner to undertake works as approved by the Director of Financial and Information Services and;

THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute the Contract Documents for TBM-2009-50.

"CARRIED"

C.4 FIS.09.51 Georgian View Estates and Area Wastewater Extension

Elizabeth Thompson reviewed the entire Report with the Committee members as the report was not available at the time of the package distribution for advanced review by the Committee members. Elizabeth outlined options regarding funding contributions for the benefitting property owners within the report. Committee discussed the details of the report and noted at this time to receive Staff's report for information purposes.

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report F.I.S.09.51 "Georgian View Estates and Area Wastewater Extension" for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

Duncan noted that all Council members were in attendance at the August 29, 2009 Public Information Centre and thanked all Committee members for their presence. Duncan further directed Staff to ensure all upcoming events are sent by a meeting request so the event is noted in each Council member's calendar.

D. Information Reports/Correspondence

D.1 DOR.09.046 Depot Days Summer Camp Summary

Moved by: Bob Gamble Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receives Report DOR 09 046 "Depot Days Summer Camp Summary" for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

D.2 DOR.09.048 Plunge Aquatic Center

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 09 048 "Plunge Aquatic Center" for information purposes.

"CARRIED"

Shawn advised the Committee that he met with the management of the Plunge and they have made every effort to keep the swimming lessons being offered at their facility at an affordable cost. It is a community benefit, since the pool in Clarksburg closed. Shawn noted as well of the importance to help/assist with marketing the Plunge facility.

D.3 EPW.09.088 Construction/Development Status Report

Paul Graham discussed item #12 - Clark St EA, and the importance of setting up a meeting with Peter Lush, sooner in a supportive way to deal with issues before decision is made by Committee. Duncan was concerned of the EA being necessary and funded by way of Development Charges prior to development starting. Paul stated that if a road improvement is needed, it must coordinate with the Development/Project at the same time. Duncan noted he needed assurance that the road isn't being improved ahead of development starting. Paul advised that the EA needs to be done to finalize with the master site plan submitted by the Developer.

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Bob Gamble

THAT Council receives Report EPW.09.088 entitled "Construction / Development Status Report" for their information.

"CARRIED"

Duncan noted the news of the Slabtown EA and the broadcasting of Reg's interview over the radio in regards to the project.

Paul also added that announcement was made on the news of the Simcoe County Council's decision to turn down Site 41 as the proposed future development for a landfill site.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Ontario Water Works Association News

Reg advised the Committee that the annual meeting held by the OWWA in 2011 will be coming back to The Blue Mountains resulting from good feedback received from the last meeting held in our municipality. Reg also advised that he will send the good news on to the Mayor.

E.2 Temporary Road Closure for Apple Harvest Festival 2009

Jim noted as for information purposes to the Committee that the temporary road closure for the upcoming Apple Harvest Festival will be going directly to Council due to the timelines to pass the By-law.

E.3 Request to change the I & R Committee on November 26, 2009 due to conflicts with the proposed date for Budget meeting

Reg asked for Committee to consider changing the upcoming date of the I & R Committee meeting held on November 26, 2009 to accommodate for Budget Meetings being held. Committee concurred to change the date, but requested Staff to send out a tentative date via meeting request.

E.4 Landfill Tipping Fee Holiday for Tornado Relief

Jeff Fletcher advised the Committee that September 22, 2009 is the final day to have a holiday of tipping fees in relation to the Tornado aftermath. Jeff outlined with the Committee of the total debris received at the landfill site. Jeff advised that he still needs to chip the brush at an estimated cost of \$6,000. The highest expense from the Tornado relief was the debris from 144 Wensley Drive at a cost of \$16,000. Jeff enquired to whether the Committee will be extending the date for the tipping fee holiday. Committee noted that they will not be recommending any extension. Duncan announced that he was pleased that all items received at the landfill from the community had been sorted clean debris.

Paul advised that property owners who still have debris remaining can apply for ODRAP assistance (Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program).

E.5 New Employee for the Split position of Roads and Landfill

Reg announced that Jim has hired a new employee for his department. Jim noted to the Committee that he is please to have Bruce Fasken working under the Roads & Drainage Department for 70% and Bruce will then work for the Solid Waste Department for the remainder 30%. Jim advised that Bruce was previously working for Recreation and Roads Department.

Committee took a five minute recess before the BMTP presentation presented by Reg.

Committee asked to receive an update from Staff on the status of the organics collection.

F. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, October 13, 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 September 22, 2009 is adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

“CARRIED”