



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:

C. Patterson	Mayor
D. Foster	Deputy Mayor/Chair
M. Bercovitch	Councillor
N. Bifulchi	Councillor/Co-Chair
G. Watson	Councillor
S. Wells	Councillor
G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
K. Lalonde	Director of Public Works
M. Pincivero	Public Works Engineer
S. Chapman	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Foster called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Foster pointed out he has a disclosure of pecuniary interest from Councillor Bifulchi with respect to the Public Works Accounts for May and June 2013, cheque #014518, as it pertains to a family member. Deputy Mayor Foster declared no other disclosure of pecuniary interest. He advised Committee that if they have a disclosure of pecuniary interest during the meeting, they can come forward at that time.

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- a) **Mr. Jim Williamson from 164 Shore Lane will be in attendance to present Shore Lane Traffic Issues.**

Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that Mr. Williamson is in attendance to outline concerns with respect to Shore Lane traffic issues. He mentioned that Mr. Williamson may also want to speak to the petition he has gathered, from the surrounding residents in the area. Mr. Lalonde noted that the petition has been passed along to the Clerk's Office. Mr. Williamson was then welcomed to the meeting.

Mr. Williamson thanked Committee for allowing him to conduct his presentation. He informed Committee that he did take some pictures that he would like to present to Committee, in the area of Shore Lane between 14th and 15th Street. He noted that this section of roadway is only eleven feet wide. He further stated that the pictures were taken on a Sunday morning, which shows the normal traffic flow during this time of day. He stated there are many pedestrians, bicycles and families walking with children and dogs in this particular area. He pointed out that the pedestrian traffic must move onto the shoulder of the road, and in some cases residential properties to get out of the way of traffic. He stated there is not enough room for two cars to pass in this area.

Mr. Williamson stated he is requesting to inspire the Public Works Committee to consider road safety for this area. He indicated this section of Shore Lane is not a through road and there is no need for vehicular traffic to speed along this section of roadway. He stated he contacted the Ministry of Transportation with respect to the width of this section of Shore Lane and was inquiring what the speed limit would be warranted for a roadway of this width. He noted that he did not hear back from the Ministry of Transportation regarding his request. He mentioned that this area of Shore Lane, as Committee may be aware, is part of a bike path. He indicated he did include with his letter to Committee some reference material on a study conducted through Ryerson University on the increase in bike traffic. He stated many individuals are commuting to work on bikes. He stated you cannot compare this area to cities such as Toronto or Vancouver. However, this area is extremely busy on the weekends and that appears to be when the problems occur. He noted it appears drivers that are maybe not familiar with the roads are cutting through this area and are lost and frustrated, and are driving too fast for conditions in this area.

Mr. Williamson then spoke to the area of Shore Lane and 16th Street, where there is a fence on the corner that is a hazard and is a sight problem. He stated if you are in a truck, it is not a problem, but in a car or on a bike you cannot see around the fence. He asked Committee if options could be looked at in respect to this? Mr. Williamson pointed out that in the reference study information he provided, it indicates that by reducing the speed limit to 30 kms, it reduces the risk to cyclists by half. Mr. Williamson stated the residents in this area would like to see something done. He then spoke to an incident that occurred last year with a garbage truck and a cyclists in this area. Deputy Mayor Foster stated he is well aware of the situation, as he has travelled this area by bike. Councillor Watson stated he has lived in this area for more than forty years, and is advocate of this and feels that this area, as well as Old Mosley Street, should be considered for a reduction in speed limit. Deputy Mayor Foster than thanked Mr. Williamson for attending the meeting.

Mr. Lalonde stated he will address the fence issue at the corner of 16th Street and Shore Lane. He stated there are requirements regarding fence heights and sight lines. He stated there is not a lot of flexibility regarding right-of-way pavement widths between 15th and 16th Streets. He stated to widen this area they would have to go from property line to property line (only a 6 metre wide road allowance) and there is always the issue of drainage.

He noted as far as posted speed limits, the statutory speed limit for the Town of Wasaga Beach is 50 km/hr. Mr. Lalonde indicated that the Public Works Department has traffic counter equipment that he can have set up along this section of roadway to conduct traffic counts, speeds, etc. He noted the equipment should be set up for an extended period of time to compile data, similarly the same as they have done in the past with other sections of Shore Lane. He noted traffic speeding falls under the jurisdiction of the O.P.P. and, if this is the case, they could be requested to conduct further presence in this particular area. Mr. Lalonde suggested gathering data from the traffic counter and bringing this information back to Public Works Committee for further discussion. Committee concurred. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-01

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the correspondence from Mr. Jim Williamson with respect to Shore Lane Traffic Safety for residents, pedestrians and cyclists, for information.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Report on Revised Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways, Updated Winter Control Policy and anti-icing/pre-treatment techniques for winter control operations - *PW Feb7, 2013, PW Feb16, 2012.*

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works

- a) **Mr. Pincivero to provide Engineer's Report on Capital Works Project Status Report.**

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion.

Mr. Pincivero spoke to additional information with respect to his Project Status Report dated July 15th, 2013. He stated with the Knox Road East Servicing Project; the directional drilled installation of the watermain, forcemain and hydro conduits underneath the Nottawasaga River has been completed as of yesterday. He noted that the final certificate and maintenance holdback for the Sunnidale Road Water Tower Repainting has now been released and the contract is closed. He then referred to the Sturgeon Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Contract 2 Project; noting that a final inspection must be conducted with the Contractor by Town staff, either with Mr. Reu or himself.

He then reviewed the new Shore Lane and Betty Boulevard Drainage Outlet Improvements project, which runs through the property at 2222 Shore Lane. He informed Committee that the existing CSP pipe was badly deteriorated and it was decided that the pipe needed to be replaced with a new alignment.

Mr. Pincivero then spoke to the Design Projects. He stated with the Robinson Road and Mapleside Drive Area Servicing project; a separate report is included on the Agenda regarding the Public Meeting held June 22nd, 2013. With the River Road West Widening-Brillinger Drive to Powerline Road project; a separate report is also included on the Agenda with respect to the Interim Improvements, including Full Signalization at Powerline Road and River Road West. Mr. Pincivero noted that the Bay Colony Area Drainage Improvements Detailed Design project will be taken off his report, as the design component is complete and he will be speaking with the Executive of the Homeowners Association in September. He then spoke to the Powerline Road Geometric Improvements and Klondike Park Road Watermain Project; He stated Mr. Lalonde, Mr. Reu and himself had recently met with Mr. John Fisher, Park Superintendent with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) regarding property issues. He indicated that another meeting will need to be scheduled with Infrastructure Ontario, and the MNR, to discuss property issues further.

Mr. Pincivero noted that the Request for Pre-qualification for Engineering Consulting Services for Municipal Infrastructure Projects will also be removed from his report, as the recommendation for award of the General Engineering Consultant is under a separate report on the Agenda.

He then referred to the new Constance Boulevard, at Thomas Street, Drainage Improvements Project; He noted that the Town's General Engineering Consultant will be engaging in the survey and detailed design of the drainage corridor.

Mr. Pincivero then outlined the Nottawasaga River Crossing Environmental Assessment Study. He stated there are a couple of options that are being considered, such as consideration for twin bridges (i.e. one for pedestrians/multi-use and the other for vehicular traffic) and the use of roundabouts. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-02

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the July 15, 2013 Engineer's Status Report on Capital Works Projects, as information.

CARRIED

b) Robinson Road Area Servicing Public Information Update Meeting – June 22nd, 2013 – Summary Report.

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Councillor Bifulchi thanked and commended Mr. Pincivero for answering questions addressed at the Public Meeting. Mayor Patterson agreed it was handled quite well. Mr. Pincivero pointed out that from the (100) surveys mailed out, he has received (51), of which 29 responses indicate that the owners do not wish to proceed with road construction at their own expense and (22) positive responses that they would like the Town to proceed at the owners' expense. The CAO then inquired what the next step is for this project? Mr. Pincivero stated there is no majority of interest at this point, therefore, it does not appear that the project may proceed as a local improvement as there would need to be a petition come forward from the majority of owners. He stated he has not broken the responses down into phases to see what the majority interests are, but he suggested waiting for potential grant funding to become available, and then look at this again at that time. Mr. Lalonde suggested providing the residents until the end of the summer to send in their surveys and to be mindful of any subsidy opportunities that may arise. Councillor Bifulchi inquired if the residents will be notified at the end of the summer on the outcome? Mr. Lalonde suggested that he will speak with Mr. Gregoris first before any notices are sent out to the residents.

Councillor Bercovitch inquired about one property owner not being able to access their property in this area and asked if this could be rectified? Mr. Pincivero informed Committee that the owner was referring to pond material that was excavated and placed on Robinson Road, creating an embankment in front of their lot. Councillor Watson stated years ago fill was placed in and around this area to prevent individuals from dumping garbage back in this area. Mr. Lalonde stated there have been recent issues of garbage dumping and posts with chains have been installed on the unopened road allowances at 45th Street South and just east of 58th Street and other access locations. He further stated that Wydunas, in the east end of town, is another example of an unopened road allowance where they have had similar issues. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-03

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Summary Report for the Robinson Road Area Servicing Public Information Meeting held June 22nd, 2013, as information.

CARRIED

c) Ministry of Transportation Notice of Study Commencement – Pavement Rehabilitation of Beachwood Road (formerly Highway 26) from the Mosley Street Roundabout to Highway 26.

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Mr. Lalonde mentioned that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has not formally notified us with respect to downloading old Highway 26, but this is the first step with the road surface being improved. Mr. Lalonde stated he has drafted a letter to the (MTO) with response to this Notice of Study Commencement. He suggested requesting paved shoulders when they reinstate, as there are gaps in the link of trail system in the area of Constance Boulevard and the Bluewater Development. Discussion then ensued with respect to a recent Bill that was going through either first or second reading, recommending one meter of paved shoulder. Mr. Lalonde suggested there is an opportunity to have this work done now and stated there is room for negotiation in costs and suggested tabling this item with them. Councillor Wells pointed out that the reference material that Mr. Williamson just presented completely conflicts with roadside bicycle lanes. Mayor Patterson informed Mr. Lalonde that he can address the request for paved shoulders through the County if necessary. He stated that there is a significant amount of funding for future maintenance that can be negotiated. The CAO then spoke to the drainage issues that the Town identified and noted that they were not included in the list. Following further discussion, Mr. Lalonde suggested waiting to hear back on their response, before issuing another statement. Committee concurred. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-04

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Ministry of Transportation Notice of Study Commencement, dated July 5th, 2013, re: Pavement Rehabilitation of Beachwood Road (formerly Highway 26) from the Mosley Street Roundabout to Highway 26, as information.

CARRIED

d) Request for Proposal for Engineering Consulting Services re: Nottawasaga River Dredging Environmental Assessment – ‘Draft’ Terms of Reference.

Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that with going through the Nottawasaga River Dredging Environmental Assessment process, it would be beneficial to take into consideration of looking at the bigger picture, and to incorporate not just the mouth of the river, but also Snake Island, the 23rd Street area, and the launching ramp. He stated through the public consultation, he is looking at combining the whole concept, including the isolated dredging upstream to expand the scope of the work to be from the mouth of the river to Schoonertown Bridge. He stated the Environmental Assessment is valid for ten years.

He mentioned that after speaking with Mr. John Fisher, Park Superintendent with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), if the Environmental Assessment was established as a Category C, it may take five months for approval. There was also mention that if the dredging were completed during the months of January and February, the EA would be classified as a Category B and the MNR would allow access to the mouth from the “spit”, as the ground would be frozen. He stated this is an option that the consultants may consider, which is a different approach.

Mr. Lalonde informed Committee that he has purchased depth sounding equipment to measure the depths of the water levels in the river, as this information tracks the highs and lows, and the information is then recorded and sent into the Collingwood Office. Councillor Bercovitch mentioned that the dredging has begun in the harbour in Thornbury this week. Mayor Patterson suggested staff meet with Department of Fisheries and Oceans to look into pursuing funding opportunities, as they have done in the past. Mayor Patterson pointed out that Kellie Leitch is currently looking into the water level issue. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-05

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the ‘Draft’ Terms of Reference for the Nottawasaga River Dredging Class Environmental Assessment, for information.

CARRIED

e) General Consulting Engineering Support Services (RFP# PW2013-12).

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Committee had no comments. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-06

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council that RFP# PW2013-12 for General Consulting Engineering Support Services be awarded to Ainley Group;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary and relevant documents and agreements.

CARRIED

f) Powerline Road and River Road West Intersection – Interim Improvements, including Full Signalization.

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Mr. Lalonde informed Committee that there would be a challenge in having the asphalt placement done before November 2013. Councillor Bercovitch inquired if this component for the costs will come off of the River Road West/Powerline Road Widening Project? Mr. Lalonde concurred. Mr. Pincivero indicated that the granulars could be reused following pulverizing of the road. Discussion then ensued whether or not this project work could commence in 2013, rather than waiting until the Spring of 2014. Mr. Pincivero explained that it would be an open trench for the hydro crossings, which would require paving for the winter. Mr. Lalonde suggested this project could be staged. He recommended having Mr. Pincivero prepare the Tender package and advertising in the fall. Inform the Consultant to initiate and undertake design and complete specs, based on staging construction, with the under ground and asphalt works to be done in the Spring of 2014. Mr. Lalonde indicated he will bring this back to the next Public Works Committee meeting. He stated the design will be similar to the River Road West/Westbury Road intersection complete with a left turn lane. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-07

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the River Road West and Powerline Road Interim Traffic Signals Report for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the estimated cost of \$253,000 for installation of the traffic signals and associated intersection improvements be considered for the 2014 Public Works Capital Works budget.

CARRIED

g) The Purchase of a New Laptop and Diagnostic Software for Vehicle and Equipment Diagnostics.

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Councillor Bercovitch commended the employee (Mr. Don Laverdure) for his work ethics in bringing in his own computer equipment to be utilized. Mr. Lalonde stated Mr. Laverdure offered his equipment and it was a great tool and worked well. He pointed out that it is necessary that the Town of Wasaga Beach acquire their own equipment.

It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-08

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it authorize the Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO) to purchase a new laptop for vehicle and equipment diagnostic purposes, together with related software and adapters, at an estimated cost of \$2,600.00;

AND FURTHER THAT this expenditure be allocated to Account 02-300-6500-65110 (Computer & Office Equipment).

CARRIED

h) Public Works Department – Statement of Operations – 2nd Quarter Financial Report.

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Mr. Lalonde commented on the line painting/pavement marking contract. He noted that the Contractor has not followed the prescribed timelines as specified in the Contract, as the center and edge lines were to be done before the May long weekend and the plastics for the crosswalks, parking lots, etc. were to be done before the July long weekend. Therefore, their payment has been withheld until this work is completed.

Mr. Lalonde then spoke to a number of odour complaints that have come in from Bridgeview Court area. He stated the complaints have been directed to Mr. Sorge at Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) to deal with. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-09

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Public Works Department – 2nd Quarter Financial Report, for information.

CARRIED

i) River Resources Committee – Minutes of Meeting May 2, 2013.

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Committee had no comments. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-10

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the River Resources Committee Report of May 2, 2013, as circulated.

CARRIED

j) Public Works Accounts – May and June 2013.

Councillor Bifulchi declared a disclosure of pecuniary interest with respect to cheque # 014518 as it relates to a family member. She then left the table. Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Committee had no comments. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-11

RESOLVED THAT the May and June 2013 Accounts, as reviewed by the Public Works Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

Councillor Bifulchi then returned to the table.

6. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

Transit

a) Wasaga Beach Transit Report – May and June 2013 and Monthly Ridership Statistics.

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Committee had no comments. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-12

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Wasaga Beach Transit Report for May and June 2013, for information.

CARRIED

b) Wasaga Beach-Collingwood Link Ridership-May and June 2013 Statistics.

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Committee had no comments. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-13

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Wasaga Beach - Collingwood Link Ridership Statistics from May and June 2013, for information.

CARRIED

c) A letter from Dr. Farel Anderson, President of E3 Community Services- Requesting a reduction in transportation rates be considered for the Wasaga Beach to Collingwood transit pass.

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. The CAO spoke to this item. He mentioned he received two (2) separate requests. One was with respect to a reduction in transportation rates for residents in Wasaga Beach with developmental disabilities (the letter from E3), and the other request was for increased transportation options for youth in the Town of Wasaga Beach (letter from United Way, item 6.d below). He stated it is a “feels good” public initiative. He then asked Committee if they support him in making decisions on both these requests as well as other similar future requests, as there are costs for this and it involves a reduction in revenue for such concessions? He then asked for Committee’s confirmation to continue to make these types of decisions. The CAO further stated that the reduction in transportation rates would be for Wasaga Beach residents only. Councillor Watson then inquired if consideration has been looked into for government grant funding subsidy programs for the disabled, relating to transportation service? The CAO stated he will look into this and see if subsidy is available. Following discussion of the two requests, Committee was in support of a rate reduction for the transit service for those individuals. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-14

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the correspondence from E3 Community Services Inc., dated August 12th, 2012 with respect to a reduction in transportation rates for the Wasaga Beach to Collingwood transit pass, for discussion.

CARRIED

- d) A letter from Joslyn Biggins, Community Impact Coordinator with United Way-Support for increased transportation options for youth in the Town of Wasaga Beach.**

Deputy Mayor Foster then read the motion. Committee previously discussed this under item 6. c). It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-15

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the correspondence from United Way, dated June 27th, 2013 regarding support for increased transportation options for youth in the Town of Wasaga Beach, for discussion.

CARRIED

7. CLOSED SESSION

- a) Litigation including matters affecting the municipality, with respect to the Mosley Street Reconstruction Contract.**
- b) Proposed Property Acquisition of land by the municipality regarding Knox Road East Area.**

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-16

RESOLVED THAT pursuant to *Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*, the next portion of the Public Works Committee meeting be closed to the public to consider a litigation matter affecting the municipality with respect to the Mosley Street Reconstruction Contract, and matters regarding a Proposed Land Acquisition regarding the Knox Road East Area Servicing.

CARRIED

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-17

RESOLVED THAT the closed session of the Public Works Committee meeting adjourns and the open session resumes.

CARRIED

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06-18

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby confirm the direction given to the Director of Public Works during the Closed Session regarding the Mosley Street Reconstruction Contract and Knox Road East Area Servicing.

CARRIED

Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that he is away tomorrow and then off for two weeks on vacation. He stated if there are any questions that arise relating to capital projects, Mr. Pincivero can be contacted. He stated if any questions come up relating to Public Works operations, Mr. Duni can be contacted.

Councillor Wells inquired about the Knox Road West road resurfacing, as he indicated the roadway is getting worse. Mr. Pincivero stated he received the first submission for the alignment for the forcemain work proposed by the Township of Clearview, and it will be an open cut with full resurfacing and they are looking at the spring of next year for this work to commence. Councillor Watson inquired if sidewalks or paved shoulders will be considered? Mr. Lalonde stated the work slated for this area is simply removal and reinstatement of one lift of asphalt, the full urbanization, with curb and gutter and sidewalks is not slated until approximately 2022.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 22nd, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom at the Town Hall.

Deputy Mayor Foster stated he will not be available for the August meeting and then asked Councillor Bifulchi if she could sit in for him.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.