



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:

D. Foster	Deputy Mayor/Chair
N. Bifulchi	Councillor/Co-Chair
S. Wells	Councillor
G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
K. Lalonde	Director of Public Works
M. Pincivero	Public Works Engineer
G. Duni	Public Works Superintendent
H. Kenney	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 declared no 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. and Mrs. Orsi from 542 Oxbow Park Drive will be in attendance to appeal the zoning requirements associated with driveway location and setbacks related to an outstanding Road Occupation Permit for a recent driveway construction.**

Mr. Lalonde introduced Mr. and Mrs. Orsi and spoke to the history of their outstanding Road Occupation Permit. In 2008 the Orsi's applied for a Road Occupation Permit for one entrance, in 2011 staff met with Mr. and Mrs. Orsi on-site to review their driveway that was constructed in non-compliance with the approved Permit. Staff also went over the zoning and width requirements for a circular driveway. Subsequent to that site meeting, Mr. & Mrs. Orsi met with the Director of Public Works and he also advised the homeowners of the non-compliance issues, together with the permitted setbacks and widths associated with a circular driveway per

the zoning by-law. Mr. & Mrs. Orsi were to return with the proposed amendments to meet compliance. Recently the Orsi's requested a final inspection, upon the inspection staff determined the majority of the frontage had been paved with patio stones and the existing conditions still did not meet the zoning requirements nor the conditions described to them in the past. Attached to the Agenda is a schematic with the existing conditions. The distance between the two driveways does not comply with the Zoning Bylaw of 7.6 metres and also the two driveways combined width is not to exceed 30% of the lot footage. Mr. Lalonde stated that staff are looking for compliance before allowing release of the road occupation deposit, however are willing to support the reduction of the unimproved portion between driveways from 7.6 to 6 metres, but not as is.

Mrs. Orsi stated that if they were asked to remove the stones around the hydro pole they would comply. Deputy Mayor Foster indicated that part of the concern is drainage and run-off and how the water would flow off of the property, onto the right-of-way and possibly onto the neighbouring property, depending on the grade of the street.

Mr. Lalonde recommended that staff meet with Mr. and Mrs. Orsi again and he will spray paint what the requirements are (in the field) in order to meet the Zoning By-laws. He advised that, if the owners continue to dispute the zoning requirements, the matter should be taken to the Committee of Adjustments if they wish to take it farther. Councillor Wells commented that the issue includes the side yard setbacks to respect the neighbour's property, as well.

Mrs. Orsi indicated that they have not received complaints with regards to snow removal. The CAO noted that it may be beneficial to go to the Committee of Adjustment for approval, prior to work being completed.

Mr. Lalonde verified he and/or staff would meet with Mr. and Mrs. Orsi.

- b) Michael Cullip from C.C. Tatham & Associates Limited will be in attendance to present the 'Draft' 2013 Roads Needs Study, for information.**

Mr. Cullip was unavailable to attend the meeting.

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.*

Refer to Agenda Item 5(c)

- b) Report on Staging Construction for Interim Intersection Improvements, including Full Signalization, at Powerline Road and River Road West.
- c) Traffic Speed Study – Shore Lane between 14th Street and 16th Street

Deputy Mayor Foster stated there are two parts to this issue, one - reducing the speed limit and two being the site line on Shore Lane between, 14th Street and 16th Street. Mr. Lalonde spoke to the survey that took place over a 2 week period; he noted that the average speed is approximately 30 km/h, Mr. Lalonde felt there is no concern of speeding, and that he is comfortable with the current posting as is. Mr. Lalonde indicated that the concerns with the fence site line issues were being addressed this week, with the letter being hand delivered and mailed. He stated that full compliance and full removal of the fence will be expected due to sightline visibility and safety concerns.

Mr. Lalonde informed Committee that staff will be undertaking speed studies throughout town as we now have the appropriate traffic counters to utilize and will be monitoring and maintaining a database. Deputy Mayor Foster asked if this information would be posted on the town website. Mr. Lalonde stated that a separate map will be created to identify the average annual daily traffic (AADT) data, which is useful for staff and developers, and this will be posted on the website.

Mr. Pincivero spoke to the request for the lowered posted signs as it relates to the Highway Traffic Act.

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07-01

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Traffic Speed Study for Shore Lane between 14th Street and 16th Street for information;

AND FURTHER THAT no further action be taken with regard to reducing the existing speed limit of 50 km/h.

CARRIED

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works

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

Mr. Pincivero spoke to the additional information with respect to the Construction Projects. He stated that with respect to the Shore Lane Drainage – 68th, 69th and 70th Street North, the

Ministry of Natural Resources ecologist has estimated a cost of \$3,000.00 for landscaping through the 67th Street outlet. Finalization of the drainage easement from the Ministry of Natural Resources is still pending.

He then indicated that the Knox Road East Servicing is moving along well and on schedule. He stated that legal advice is being obtained with regards to property issues. He also noted that they now need to shift Knox Road East to the north, around Schooner Drive; there also is a hydro pole in conflict, which is being reviewed.

Mr. Pincivero noted that the Shore Lane and Betty Boulevard Drainage Outlet Improvements have been completed and that Bart Chapman, owner of 2222 Shore Lane has placed the house on the market.

He informed Committee that with regards to the Trillium Creek Flow Containment Berm; there is a new property agent, Derek Barkley; he appears to have the qualifications as he was previously a Senior Property Officer for the Ministry of Transportation.

Mr. Pincivero indicated that a final letter will be delivered to all residents with regards to the Robinson Road and Mapleside Drive Area Servicing. He stated that the letter will explain that the project will require a majority of owners to petition to the Town in order to move forward. He stated he met with the Treasurer and Clerk and it was decided that deferring payments was not an avenue the Town wanted to take part in at this time. This has been communicated to the owner who made the original inquiry regarding a possible ‘moratorium’.

With regards to River Road West and Brillinger Drive Widening, Mr. Pincivero indicated that locates have been ordered to expose the gas main to confirm whether or not relocations are required; they are trying to avoid the high cost to relocate the gas main. He commented that RJ Burnside have explained that it is more cost effective to carry out the full installation of traffic signalization at Powerline Road next spring, rather than phasing the works.

Mr. Pincivero informed Committee that the RFP for the Nottawasaga River Dredging Environmental Assessment will be issued tomorrow, Friday September 5, 2013.

He then reviewed the Beach Area 1 Pedestrian Crossing Locations Study; the General Engineering Consultant, Ainley & Associates are confirming the overhead crossing sign requirements, together with preferred locations. It is recommended that the intersection improvements adjacent to Festival Square, opposite the Main Street Bridge, be considered as part of the overall road reconstruction design as part of the Revitalization of Beach Area 1.

Mr. Lalonde indicated that the concern is the crossing to the future Festival Square, for safety reasons we do not encourage crossing at a bend. It is anticipated that the only solution is to install full traffic signalization at that location which creates further challenges due to cue lengths generated from the stop control on a red light. This will be reviewed in the future as part of the revitalization designs.

Deputy Mayor Foster recommended improved signs be posted for the pedestrians to use the cross walk.

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07-02

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

CARRIED

b) Flos Road 6 West Boundary Road with Springwater Township – Culvert Replacement

Mr. Lalonde spoke to the Springwater Township and The Town of Wasaga Beach Boundary Road of Flos Road 6 West. He stated that during a recent structural inspection it was noted that there was a culvert failure and immediate priority given for replacement. Under the current Agreement, the Township of Springwater is responsible for the year-round maintenance; however, capital expenditures would be shared equally. Springwater Township was not anticipating this failure and would prefer to replace or reline the culvert than post a load limit restriction over the fall and winter season. Springwater has indicated that it would front-end the full amount with cost recovery from Wasaga Beach in 2014. Mr. Lalonde indicated that he has met with the Treasurer and the preference would be to finance this project under the current budget with the costs reallocated from the Miscellaneous Bridge Fund Accounts and 2013 reserves.

Councillor Bifulchi agreed to this and asked if the conditions from the boundary agreement would apply at the east end, including Deerbrook Drive. Mr. Lalonde believed it does and noted that he will engage Springwater in a similar fashion when it comes time to undertake capital improvements in this area.

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07-03

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council to authorize the replacement of the Flos Road 6 West culvert that is situated along the Boundary Road with the Township of Springwater;

AND FURTHER THAT the estimated replacement cost of \$200,000, including engineering, be equally shared with the Township of Springwater in accordance with the Boundary Road Agreement (By-law #2006-85);

AND FURTHER THAT the capital expenditures associated with the same be drawn from the following Miscellaneous Bridge Accounts, totaling \$70,000:

- 02-310-3201-04900
- 02-310-3201-05250
- 02-310-3201-05525

AND FURTHER THAT any expenditure exceeding the said accounts be drawn from the 2013 Reserves at the discretion of the Treasurer.

CARRIED

c) Town of Wasaga Beach – Winter Control Policy Update

Mr. Lalonde stated that the Winter Control Policy has been updated to reflect the recent changes to the Minimum Maintenance Standards and further that the Policy, once approved, would be posted on the town website. He spoke to the various winter response techniques, including direct liquid application, anti-icing and de-icing operations that are being considered as part of the Public Works commitment for continuous improvement. He commented that every year we continue to improve on our services, and this year will be no different as pre-treated salt is being considered for a pilot project along the arterial corridor. This product effectively allows staff to treat icy road conditions at temperatures lower than -12oC and in some cases as low as -20oC provided certain variables are met (i.e. traffic volume, sunlight, etc.).

We do not have to retrofit the fleet to accommodate the pilot project; however, the material cost is approximately 25% greater than straight rock salt. Neighbouring municipalities and Counties have been successful with this product. Deputy Mayor Foster stated that the report was well written; therefore further discussion is not required. It was noted that the Policy will be posted on the website once the various mapping has been completed.

Mr. Lalonde commented that winter maintenance in the vicinity of Highway 26 New will continue status quo with 2012, including the Town performing winter maintenance along Lyons Court. The Ministry of Transportation has yet to initiate formal discussions with respect to the downloading of Beachwood Road.

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07-04

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the updated Winter Control Policy (Rev. No. 1), dated September 2013, for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council to adopt the Winter Control Policy (Rev. No. 1) dated September 2013.

CARRIED

d) Public Works Accounts – July 2013.

Councillor Bifulchi declared a discloser of pecuniary interest with respect to cheque #14632 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 D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07-05

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

CARRIED

Councillor Bifulchi returned to the table.

6. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**Transit****a) Wasaga Beach Transit Report – July 2013 and Monthly Ridership 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. 2013-07-06

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

Deputy Mayor Foster indicated that Route 3 trial period is over and that a decision is to be made. The CAO stated that a report is coming forward in the October committee meeting. Councillor Wells stated that Route 3 was not well prescribed, and that the numbers do not appear to justify the continuance of this route. On the report, Councillor Wells would like to see the percentage of loss on the operating cost of Route 3 compared to operating costs of the other two routes.

CARRIED

b) Wasaga Beach-Collingwood Link Ridership - July 2013 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. 2013-07-07

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

CARRIED

Councillor Wells suggested a proposal for consideration to create a four way stop at Cherry Sands Crescent and Ramblewood Drive. He commented that this is the last intersection before entering the business park, and this is a transition location between the residential area and commercial. Although Councillor Wells indicated that a four way stop may not be warranted under Provincial guidelines, he stated that this would reduce the likelihood of through traffic, common sense warrants a four way stop. This will not impact the people at Cherry Sands Crescent, only traffic coming from Lyons Court and back. Deputy Mayor Foster indicated he would like to hear from the residents first before moving forward. Councillor Bifulchi agreed and commented that the Fire Chief indicated there was a large group of residents that were happy the road was opened up. Mr. Pincivero stated that he had received speed information and briefly outlined the results to Committee. Deputy Mayor stated that according to the Ministry of Transportation this intersection may not justify a four way stop; however, it was decided that Mr. Lalonde is to wait for further direction from Committee prior to starting the process to establish a four way stop.

After further discussion it was also noted that Mr. Lalonde is considering the installation of School Zone flashers in the vicinity of St. Noel Chabanel, this would make it consistent with the other schools. Mr. Lalonde indicated this would be a \$15,000 - \$20,000 per flashing light and would be introduced as part of next year's budget discussion.

Councillor Wells commented that Community Safety Zone signs are still posted at Silvercrest School indicating this is designated a Community Safety Zone, which is not appropriate any more. Mr. Lalonde stated he would look into this as a Bylaw amendment to remove the Community Safety Zone would have to be approved. This will be undertaken as part of the installation and commissioning of the new flashers at St Noel Chabanel, if approved for 2014.

Councillor Wells voiced concerns with the perception that the new pavement markings are not standing up very well. Mr. Lalonde stated that there were no concerns with the quality of the line painting, however the timing was a concern as the contractor did not meet the prescribed deadlines. Mr. Duni indicated that the quality is there, however warm weather, dirt and oil will

make it look older. He stated that the timeframe in which the painting was completed could also make a difference; if a whole intersection was not completed at one time. He noted that, in some instances, the contractor would paint the crosswalk lines one day, only to return several days later to complete the arrows, stop blocks, etc. This gives the impression that one has faded sooner, but in reality they were not placed at the same time.

The CAO questioned if the turn around on Poplar Street is a formal entrance and an informal exit? Mr. Lalonde stated that historically this opening has been used as an exit by the local residents, but will confirm who owns this property. It is believed to be private property.

Councillor Wells indicated that the large Ministry of Transportation sign on Highway 26 to Collingwood is not the proper configuration, as the ramp is not depicted. Mr. Lalonde stated that this has not been addressed; however this can be reviewed as part of our deficiency inspection next week.

The CAO commented about sodium content testing in the water supply wells, as the use of salt in the winter may affect this. Mr. Lalonde indicated that we have had no issues with sampling and further that OCWA has not indicated concerns. It was further noted that straight salt is not applied to all streets, but rather the arterial road (i.e. Mosley Street between Riverbend and Hwy 26 and River Road West). Councillor Wells stated that this is also considered as part of the Source Water Protection Plan, which has yet to be approved.

Deputy Mayor Foster asked if there would be a truck rodeo this year. Mr. Lalonde stated that he would notify Committee in advance.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 3rd, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom at the Town Hall.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 9:35a.m.