



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:

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| D. Foster | Deputy Mayor/Chair |
| M. Bercovitch | Councillor |
| N. Bifulchi | Councillor |
| G. Watson | Councillor |
| S. Wells | Councillor |
| G. Vadeboncoeur | Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk |
| K. Lalonde | Director of Public Works |
| M. Pincivero | Manager of Engineering Services |
| 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 - None

Deputy Mayor Foster declared no disclosure of pecuniary interest and advised Committee that if they have a disclosure of pecuniary interest during the meeting, they can come forward at that time.

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Follow-up report to concerns addressed from residents from the Melrose Avenue area – *PW-Dec 5, 2013*
- b) Transit Service – Report regarding future planning and alternatives related to specialized transit systems and route additions/extensions – *PW-Dec 5, 2013 and PW – Feb 6, 2014.*
- c) Nottawasaga River – By-law prohibiting the dumping of foreign material in the Nottawasaga River – *PW-March 6, 2014*
- d) Summary Report related to the current Infrastructure Inventory – *PW-March 6, 2014.*

Mr. Lalonde spoke to Beachwood Road-Paved Shoulders as an additional item under Unfinished Business. He stated the 'Draft' Ontario Traffic Manual (Book 18) related to bicycle facilities is near complete awaiting final approval by the Minister.

He indicated that once the provincial guidelines are established for bike lines he will bring forward a summary report outlining the document, together with recommendations related to the delineation of existing paved shoulders throughout Town.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works

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

Deputy Mayor Foster read the motion. Mr. Pincivero briefly highlighted on two projects. He stated with the Knox Road East Servicing project, there were complaints received with respect to pot holes. He mentioned the Contractor was contacted to grade and scarify this area, and the contractor has agreed to keep the equipment on site. He then spoke to the Schoonertown Bridge project, pointing out that the critical work is completed, including the rock removal out of the waterway.

Mr. Pincivero informed Committee that the River Road West – Brillinger to Powerline Road Signalization Tender Recommendation will be going to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, due to one of the Contract Bidders requesting an extension. Mr. Lalonde noted the project will still be completed by July as anticipated. Discussion then ensued as to the reason for an extension and how it affects other bidders, bidding on the contract. Mr. Lalonde indicated that requests such as this are common in instances where addendums are done and notices are conducted to notify all bidders of the extension. Committee concurred.

Councillor Bercovitch commented on how quickly staff addressed concerns that came from the Knox Road East residents. He then referred to the Nottawasaga Shorewall Design Standards Project and inquired what affect this will have with residents living on the river. Mr. Pincivero stated with having this design in place, it will help expedite the permit process.

Mr. Pincivero stated that the conceptual design for the Powerline Road Geometric Improvements will be brought to Public Works Committee before RJ Burnside moves forward on this project.

The CAO then spoke to a vibration complaint that was received from a property owner with respect to potential damage to their property, as a result of the Schoonertown Bridge Widening Project. Mr. Pincivero stated that the CAO, Mr. Lalonde, an Ainley Representative and himself met with the property owner regarding the complaint. The CAO informed Committee that there may be a claim submitted to the municipality and that staff will response accordingly when the notice is received. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-01

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the March 24, 2014 Engineer's Status Report on Capital Works Projects, for information.

CARRIED

b) Navigable Waters Protection Act.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the motion. Councillor Bifulchi informed Committee that she did not vote in favour of this request at that time, as she felt that other municipalities in the watershed, including Wasaga Beach, needed to review and assess the implications to their respective municipality. She inquired if a response could be submitted back to the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) advising the board members of Committee's decision. Mr. Pinicivero stated it is recommended, Committee support this Navigable Waters Protection Act, and he indicated he will forward a letter outlining our position on the matter and include Mr. Lalonde's Staff Report dated April 3rd, 2014. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-02

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Staff Report related to the Navigation Protection Act – Addition of Nottawasaga River, for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the request for support from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) to add the Nottawasaga River and its tributaries to the list of waterways to be regulated under the new Navigation Protection Act.

CARRIED

c) Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Wastewater Inspection Report – Water Pollution Control Plant.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the motion. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-03

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Wastewater Inspection Report for the Water Pollution Control Plant dated March 26, 2014, for information.

CARRIED

d) Schoonertown Bridge Widening (Contract No. 109045) – Fourth Avenue Boat Ramp Realignment.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the motion. Councillor Bercovitch inquired why engineering costs were high for such a small project? He then inquired why options for this particular piece of property were not provided, such as consideration to purchase and placing a parkette, etc? Mr. Lalonde indicated that this option, among others, was reviewed with Committee in the past and the decision was to negotiate with the owner, who has since sold the property. Mr. Lalonde indicated that the engineering fees associated with the retaining wall realignment were reviewed and considered reasonable based on the effort required for this project. Discussion then ensued as to whether this project could be handled in-house.

Mr. Lalonde stated that the Ainley Group are the general engineering consultants with structural engineers on staff. Mr. Lalonde stated that Public Works do not have available resources at this time to design and administer this project due to other priorities. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-04

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the existing boat ramp at Fourth Avenue, adjacent to Wasaga Marine, be realigned as part of the Schoonertown Bridge Project (Contract No. 109045) to eliminate private property encroachments;

AND FURTHER THAT the engineering detail design and reconstruction be undertaken as a Contract Change Order to the Schoonertown Bridge Project (Contract No. 109045) using available contingency funds.

CARRIED

e) Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Watershed Flood Potential Update.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the motion. Discussion ensued with respect to the Fire Chief and Public Works Staff working closely monitoring the potential for flooding. Councillor Wells inquired how residents can obtain access to the Public Works Yard to obtain sand bags and sand after hours? Mr. Lalonde indicated as outlined in the Flooding Literature posted on the website, residents can call through the Answering Service after hours and their call will be directed to an on-call Foreman, so residents can obtain access to sand bags and sand. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-05

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Watershed Flood Potential Update (Effective March 24-31, 2014), for information.

CARRIED

f) Public Works Accounts – February 2014.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the motion. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-06

RESOLVED THAT the February 2014 Accounts, as reviewed by the Public Works Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

6. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

Transit

a) Wasaga Beach Transit Report – February 2014 and Monthly Ridership Statistics.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the motion. Deputy Mayor Foster stated he spoke with Mr. Lalonde regarding the issue with snow banks, at transit stops, over this winter and suggested this be discussed further prior to next year. Mr. Lalonde informed Committee that the Transit Request for Quotation Services closed two weeks ago and five (5) quotations were received. They are currently reviewing the technical component and the recommendation will be coming forward at the April 15th, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-07

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Wasaga Beach Transit Report for February 2014, for information.

CARRIED

b) Wasaga Beach-Collingwood Link Ridership – February 2014 Statistics.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the motion. The CAO informed Committee that the Town of Collingwood has extended the trial period service to August, as they have had a great demand for the service. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-08

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Wasaga Beach-Collingwood Link Ridership Statistics for February 2014, for information.

CARRIED

Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that effective Monday, April 7th, 2014, the Winter Operations morning shift staff will resume back to their 7:00-4:00 shift, but the staff on evening shift from 2:00-11:00 p.m. will continue for another week, to monitor drainage issues. Deputy Mayor Foster then asked if Council can be notified on substantial flooding concerns? Mr. Lalonde stated he will keep Council informed on any flooding issues as they arise.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.