



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Thursday, June 5, 2014 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
G. Watson	Councillor
S. Wells	Councillor
T. Nicholson	Clerk
K. Lalonde	Director of Public Works
S. Chapman	Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
M. Pincivero	Manager of Engineering Services

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. 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) A letter from Allenwood Beach Ratepayers' Association regarding Traffic lights and signage on Eastdale Drive and River Road East.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that the two letters he received from the Allenwood Beach Ratepayers' Association, were received in April, but did not meet the deadline for the May Public Works Committee Agenda. Mr. Lalonde informed Committee that he has made an amendment to the recommendation for item 5 e) identifying the intersection of River Road East, at Eastdale Drive, as an all-way stop intersection, as part of item 3 a). He indicated that this should have been included in the original report based on discussions from the last Public Works Committee Meeting. He advised Committee that with respect to the second letter requesting installation of a guard rail on the north side of Eastdale Drive between River Road East and Twin Pines Drive, that this matter has been discussed for the last couple of years and he is recommending that this request be included in next years' budget deliberations.

It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-01

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the correspondence from the Allenwood Beach Ratepayers' Association, dated April 19, 2014, for information.

CARRIED

b) A letter from Allenwood Beach Ratepayers' Association regarding future budget consideration for the installation of a guard rail on the north side of Eastdale Drive between River Road East and Twin Pines Drive.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. There was no further discussion. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-02

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the correspondence from the Allenwood Beach Ratepayers' Association, dated April 19, 2014, for information.

CARRIED

Mr. Lalonde spoke to item 4.c) regarding the Nottawasaga River pamphlet that was previously prepared. He indicated it will be circulated with the June tax bills. As far as the drafting of the By-Law prohibiting the dumping of foreign material in the Nottawasaga River, he stated they are awaiting the Solicitor's response.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Follow-up report to concerns addressed from residents from the Melrose Avenue area – PW-Dec 5, 2013

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. There was no further discussion. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-03

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Melrose Avenue Speed and Sight Visibility Concern Response to Resident's Various Concerns for information;

AND FURTHER THAT two "Checker Board" (Wa-8) signs be installed at the north bend on Melrose Avenue as well as two additional stop signs be installed at the intersection of Melrose Avenue and Springdale Avenue to create an "ALL-WAY" stop control at the intersection;

AND FURTHER THAT a By-Law amendment be passed defining the location of the new STOP signs at the intersection of Springdale Avenue and Melrose Avenue.

CARRIED

- 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.***
- e) **Paved Shoulders - Summary Report outlining the updates to Provincial Guidelines, together with recommendations related to the delineation of existing paved shoulders throughout Town – *PW–March 6, 2014.***

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works

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

Mr. Lalonde spoke to the Nottawasaga Shorewall Design Standards. He stated the study was deferred for presentation to the July Public Works Committee meeting.

Councillor Wells then inquired about the Schoonertown Bridge Widening works, on the west end of abutments, and whether this work will be left until September? Mr. Lalonde indicated this work will not commence until September. Councillor Bercovitch noted he had received a couple of phone calls with respect to salt material running into the river when it rains. Councillor Bercovitch indicated he had spoken with Mr. Gerald Reu regarding this and he assured him that there was no issue and that it was not dangerous. Mr. Lalonde stated the application of calcium Chloride is utilized for dust control. He stated there are only two alternatives, that being one and the other is applying water. He indicated that the water is not as effective and is only effective for a couple of hours or less, until it dries, at which time another application is required, which creates greater traffic issues. Also, he indicated that it does not tighten up the gravel base and therefore, results in raveling and a greater number of pot holes, etc. He stated from an environmental perspective, the calcium chloride is acceptable. He stated the Ministry of Environment Inspectors have been out on site conducting inspections and there have been no issues addressed. Mr. Lalonde further mentioned that there is a Material Safety Data Sheet for this product. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-04

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the May 26, 2014 Engineer’s Status Report on Capital Works Projects, for information.

CARRIED

b) County of Simcoe Notice of Funding Commitment – Trails Connecting Communities Program 2014 – Beachwood Drive Cycling Lanes.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. Mr. Lalonde stated he appreciates the County of Simcoe providing this funding to assist with the Trails Connecting Communities Program for the Beachwood Drive Cycling Lanes Project and partnership with the Town of Collingwood. Councillor Watson stated he is happy to see this. Discussion then ensued with respect to the size of the paved shoulder that will be implemented along this stretch of Beachwood Drive. Mr. Lalonde indicated a meter and a half will be added to the existing partial shoulder. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-05

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the County of Simcoe Notice of Funding Commitment dated May 13th, 2014, for information.

CARRIED

c) Ministry of Natural Resources – Wasaga Beach Provincial Park Request for Waste Management Support Services for 2014.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. There was no further discussion. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-06

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the letter from Mr. Greg Forbes, Assistant Park Superintendent – Wasaga Beach Provincial Park, dated May 12th, 2014 regarding waste management support;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works to provide a quotation for waste management services to Wasaga Beach Provincial Park for their consideration, including full cost recovery;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council that waste management support services be provided to Ontario Parks for 2014, provided that all terms and conditions are agreed upon by the Director of Public Works.

CARRIED

d) Request for Proposals (RFP#PW2014-11) for Engineering Services Main Street Bridge – Structural Inspection, Cost Benefit Analysis and Detailed Design.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. Mr. Lalonde pointed out to Committee that in his Staff Report he had added the allowance for the sub-consultants in error and this allowance was already accounted for in the fee proposal as outlined in the table of the report. Therefore, he has made changes to the Resolution to amend this amount, less \$20,000. Mayor Patterson mentioned he was glad to see this bridge priority moving forward. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-07

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Consulting Engineering Services for the Main Street Bridge Structural Inspection, Cost Benefit Analysis and Detailed Design (RFP# PW2014-11) be awarded to C.C. Tatham & Associates Ltd., in the amount of \$124,750.00, which includes disbursements and sub-consulting fees, plus a contingency amount of \$5,000, excluding HST.

CARRIED

e) All-Way Stop Control – Various Intersections.

Deputy Mayor Foster pointed out that Wasaga Beach has some very unique intersections and residents that have lived in this area for quite some time understand how they work. He feels that changes to these intersections need to be well advertised in the newspaper and on the Town's website to prevent confusion. Mr. Lalonde stated installation and advanced notification signage will be based on the requirements, as defined in the Ontario Traffic Manual. In addition, notice will be placed in the local newspaper and the Town's website advising of the proposed changes. Councillor Wells expressed he was pleased to see these all-way stops being implemented. He then spoke to red LED flashing solar lights he observed on top of the stop signs in the Alliston and Innisfil areas. He suggested this is something that could be considered in the future. He mentioned that the LED light has a unique flash pattern, bringing the drivers attention to the sign. Mr. Lalonde suggested this could be considered for intersections where there are concerns with the approach, including vertical curve challenges and intersections that may have a higher accident rating. Mr. Lalonde stated he will look into this.

It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-08

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council that additional stop signs and pavement markings be installed for the creation of “All-Way” stop control conditions at the following intersections:

- River Road East at Deerbrook Drive;
- River Road East at Albert Street;
- Mosley Street at 18th Street/Old Mosley Street;
- Mosley Street at 18th Street/Dunkerron Avenue;
- River Road East at Eastdale Drive; and

AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Public Works be authorized to accommodate payment for the purchase and installation of the intersection improvements under the Public Works Operations budget.

CARRIED

f) Exemption to Noise By-Law re. Night Time Paving Operations – Mosley Street and River Road West.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that with the on-going construction activities along the arterial corridor, he is recommending the exemption to the Noise By-Law to facilitate night-time construction works at various areas along the arterial corridor. He mentioned it will help expedite the construction process, reduce the length of time of lane closures, and limit concurrent traffic disruptions and inconvenience the travelling public would encounter. He further mentioned that specific works to be undertaken is for the milling of the asphalt and the re-paving operations of the milled sections of road. He indicated that there will still be works being completed during the day, particularly along Mosley Street, to accommodate the catchbasin and manhole adjustments. He stated the night-time operations are anticipated to be completed in two (2) nights, weather permitting. He stated they are considering two nights mid-week, the week of June 23rd, 2014, and that is the reason no date was placed in the resolution, it all depends on the weather. Deputy Mayor Foster suggested circulating a notice door-to-door to those residents fronting the area of works. Councillor Bercovitch agreed with placing the notices door-to-door, as he feels the residents would appreciate that.

The Clerk asked that when specific dates are chosen, that the By-Law Department be notified, as any complaints will arrive at their department. Councillor Wells further recommended placing a radio announcement as well. Mr. Lalonde agreed. Mayor Patterson agreed with the door-to-door notification.

It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-09

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council to authorize an exemption to the Noise By-Law to facilitate night-time grinding and paving operations along Mosley Street and River Road West, under the direction of the Public Works Department.

CARRIED

g) Beach Area 1 – Pedestrian Crossings and Main Street/Mosley Street Speed Limit Reduction.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. Councillor Watson stated he is happy to see this move forward. He expressed that there are also other areas in Town that need to be considered for speed reductions to 30 km/hr, such as Shore Lane. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-10

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Beach Area 1 Pedestrian Crossovers and Main Street/Mosley Street Speed Limit Reduction Report for information;

AND FURTHER THAT a By-Law be passed defining the locations of the above noted pedestrian crossovers;

AND FURTHER THAT a By-Law be passed to reduce the speed limit along Main Street from River Ave Crescent to Mosley Street and along Mosley Street from Main Street to 5th Street, from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr.

CARRIED

h) West Nile Virus Program Planning – 2014.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that once again Pestaldo's services for standby are in order should direction be given from the Medical Officer of Health. Deputy Mayor Foster suggested placing this information on the website. Mr. Lalonde indicated that the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has quite a bit of information on their website and suggested cross referencing this information on our website. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-11

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) dated April 30, 2014 pertaining to West Nile Virus Program Planning for 2014, for information.

CARRIED

i) Public Works Accounts – April 2014.

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. There was no further discussion. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY M. BERCOVITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-12

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

CARRIED

6. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

Transit

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

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. There was no further discussion. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-13

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

CARRIED

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

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. There was no further discussion. It was then;

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH

SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-14

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

CARRIED

Mayor Patterson spoke to the Strategic Planning Meeting recently held at the County of Simcoe. He pointed out interesting statistics and savings with the implementation of the Collingwood to Wasaga Beach Transit Link Service being a \$640,000.00 savings, which is huge. Ontario Works and other related programs can now rely on Public Transit, rather than the taxi service, which is considerably more expensive to subsidize. He indicated that the \$900,000.00 surplus will be placed in reserves to go towards municipal Transit Systems.

7. CLOSED SESSION**a) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality – Klondike Park Road.**

Deputy Mayor Foster read the resolution. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-15

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 regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality with respect to Klondike Park Road.

CARRIED

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-16

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

CARRIED

MOVED BY M. BERCOVITCH
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05-17

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby confirm the direction given to the Director of Public Works during the Closed Session regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality with respect to Klondike Park Road.

CARRIED

Councillor Wells then inquired about an update on the sweeping operations? Mr. Lalonde indicated the sweeping program normally takes 6-8 weeks to complete the whole entire town. He stated in previous years we were able to start earlier with the operations, but this year it did not start until the end of April/early May, due to the late spring start. He then outlined the areas of town that have been done and the areas staff are currently working on. He indicated it will still take approximately another three weeks before everything is completed, weather permitting. He pointed out that our sweeping resources have had to address other priorities by the May 24th weekend, as well as, have the Beach area cleaned up for a Special Event. We continue to accommodate, where possible, other requests for sweeping related to special events. He stated there have been no additional shifts introduced for sweeping; however, if Committee wishes, this is something that could be reviewed for next year. He noted that he did have notices posted in the newspaper and the website, advising residents prior to the sweeping operations commencing, the duration of time it takes to conduct the work. Councillor Wells suggested having a discussion around special events, recommending they look at adding the cost to the organizer of the event and having a private contractor come in to accommodate their event, rather than utilizing the town forces, where it impacts the services to the community. Committee concurred.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 24 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.