



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:

B. Stockwell	Councillor/Chair
N. Bifulchi	Deputy Mayor/Co-Chair
S. Bray	Councillor
R. Ego	Councillor
B. Smith	Mayor
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

Councillor Stockwell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Stockwell informed Committee that Deputy Mayor Bifulchi has declared a Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest with respect to item 5) of Public Works Accounts – December 2014 and January 2015, cheque #017350, as it pertains to a family member.

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- a) **Mr. Soren Klemmensen and Mr. Ron Wheadon in attendance to present opportunities associated with All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Recreation in Wasaga Beach and requesting consideration to establish a By-law to permit ATV's to operate on certain municipal roads in Town.**

Mr. Klemmensen and Mr. Wheadon were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Wheadon advised Committee that he has been involved in the trail system since the early 60's. He stated Mr. Klemmensen is the Director of the Central Ontario ATV Association and is here to present opportunities associated with All Terrain Vehicle Recreation in Wasaga Beach. He pointed out their goal is to utilize more trails across the county. He stated they are a key player and have the experience and knowledge in handling it properly. Mr. Klemmensen then presented a slide show prepared by the Central Ontario ATV Club, which was founded in 1999. He stated they have 300 members, which support all types of trails. He explained to Committee what they are responsible for, creating trails, providing liability insurance, enquire about grants available for trail maintenance and development, having OPP on duty to ensure safe trails, as well as Trail Wardens monitoring to educate the public.

He further stated they have groomers to groom the trails, as well, they are responsible for removing trees that have fallen onto the trails, rocks, etc. They raise funds at various community events they host and work with the Fish and Game Club and the Scouts. Mr. Wheadon then spoke to the Club House located at the Klondike Sports Park, indicating that they have asked the Scouts to help with painting the Club House as one of their fun project events, so this will allow them to have a place where they can call “Home”.

Mr. Klemmensen described the various types of ATV's and outlined the Rules for Operating an ATV, as defined by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) Regulations. He stated their Plan is to provide access to fuel, food, accommodations and service, giving the town and mainly off season tourism a boost. He would like to see as many businesses and local residents benefit with business opportunities and trail access as possible. Mr. Klemmensen provided Committee with a short term plan, as well as a long term plan, as outlined in their presentation. He mentioned that they would like to see Wasaga Beach as the hub for connecting neighbouring trail systems, including Anten Mills and Tiny County Forest. Mr. Wheadon expressed that this would provide the greatest riding potential north of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and the best riding opportunity in Central Ontario. Mr. Klemmensen noted it is important that they have connection to the town, as the trail system has to lead out to managed trails. He then outlined the current trail system, which runs from Sauble Beach to Quebec. Discussion then ensued as to the roadways that would need to be considered. Mayor Smith asked how fast this sport is growing in comparison to snowmobiling? Mr. Klemmensen stated it is two or three to one compared to snowmobiling, as it is a longer season and more versatile use. Mr. Wheadon noted that there are five thousand registered members, but there are approximately 300,000 users in Ontario. Mayor Smith stated he supports this venture and stated it is extremely important. Deputy Mayor Bifulchi then asked if financial support is required? Mr. Wheadon explained that they need no financial support, they are self-sufficient, but private lands would need to be negotiated and a By-law would need to be established in allowing access to the certain municipal roadways. Following discussion, Deputy Mayor Bifulchi asked that this go back to staff for further review and comments. Discussion then ensued with respect to restrictions on the roadway. Mr. Klemmensen stated under Regulation 316, ATV's cannot travel on the roadway, unless a By-law is passed allowing permission to travel on stipulated roadways. He further stated that if there are shoulders, then they must stay on the shoulder closest to the right side of the roadway. Councillor Bray stated she is very happy to see this come forward to Committee and is amazed there is very little cost to the town. Mr. Lalonde then asked Mr. Klemmensen and Mr. Wheadon whether they have consulted with the neighbouring municipalities as the linkage will be critical through their jurisdiction? Mr. Klemmensen indicated that Springwater currently has an agreement By-law in place with the ATC Association, but certain roads would need to be added. He stated they have not had any discussions with them to date, as they wanted to pursue the Town of Wasaga Beach's interest before they contacted the surrounding municipalities. Mayor Smith indicated that identifying certain roads and timeframes in the By-law would be necessary. Committee concurred.

It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY
SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-01

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the information provided by Mr. Klemmensen and Mr. Wheadon re: opportunities associated with All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Recreation in Wasaga Beach, for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Public Works Committee recommends to Council that this matter be referred to staff for review and comment.

CARRIED

b) Ms. Aimee Hennessy from the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) is in attendance to provide an overview of OCWA's responsibilities as the Town's Operating Authority for the well supply system, wastewater treatment plant and sewage pumping stations, for information.

Ms. Hennessy, Business Development Manager, Ms. Lorente, Senior Operations Manager and Ms. Broeckel, Operations Manager, were welcomed to the meeting. Ms. Hennessy stated their presentation provides an Overview of the Ontario Clean Water Agency responsibilities in working with the Town of Wasaga Beach. She stated they are a Provincial Crown Agency, in the water and wastewater business for over twenty years, providing a full range of technical and advisory services to over two hundred municipal clients and known best for in class compliance and safety records and ensuring continuous facility operations. She then reviewed OCWA's position in working with the Town of Wasaga Beach. She outlined the Water and Wastewater Facilities within the Town of Wasaga Beach. Ms. Hennessy provided information on the total flows for 2014, displaying the treated water, raw sewage, and the maximum capacity volumes, pointing out that we are well within the capacity. She then reviewed their Community Involvement, noting that OCWA believes in sustainable local communities, where we live and work, and that they have conducted a number of events, such as tours for schools, service clubs and the public, as well as hosted Hands on Waste Water Training. She stated they piloted a Water Literacy and Educational Outreach for grade 8 students at a local school, which was very successful for the students, teacher and the OCWA operators. Ms. Hennessy then briefly spoke to the Managing Risk and the Safe Drinking Water Act Statutory Standard of Care, pointing out the responsibilities for Members of Council and Staff. She invited Committee to take a tour in the spring and she will work with Mr. Lalonde in organizing this tour. Discussion then ensued as to how many staff are operating at the Wasaga Beach location and the areas they cover. The CAO asked if the slide presentation could be shared with the public, as it is a very informative presentation? Ms. Hennessy then provided Committee with some literature on the information they presented, which Committee will find helpful in responding to questions and answers they may receive from the community. Committee thanked Ms. Hennessy, Ms. Lorente and Ms. Broeckel for their presentation.

It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-02

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the information provided by Ms. Hennessy from the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) re: OCWA's responsibilities as the Town's Operating Authority for the well supply system, wastewater treatment plant and sewage pumping stations, for information.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works

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

Mr. Pincivero advised Committee that he has one item to add to his report under Construction Projects; 71st Street South & Lyons Court Sewer and Water (DAS External Servicing). He mentioned that a pre-construction meeting was held and the Developer is scheduled to commence the Brock's Creek service crossings on Lyons Court February 23rd, 2015. He indicated no road work will be done until the spring. Committee had no further questions, it was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-03

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the February 2, 2015 Engineer's Status Report on Capital Works Projects, for information.

CARRIED

b) Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS) – Commitment and Endorsement.

Mr. Lalonde briefly explained that with the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS) – Commitment and Endorsement, it sets out the policies and procedures with respect to the quality management system as it relates to the Town's water distribution system in accordance with the requirements of the Province of Ontario's Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS). He further outlined the necessary requirements in order to obtain a Municipal Drinking Water License from the Province of Ontario, including an Accepted Operational Plan, Accredited Operating Authority, Drinking Water Works Permit, Permit to Take Water and Financial Plan. Mr. Lalonde noted that, with the recent changeover in Council, endorsement from the Mayor and the CAO is required to satisfy Element 3 of the updated DWQMS Operational Plan. He also stated that an upcoming Audit is scheduled for February 26th, 2015.

Mr. Lalonde pointed out that the Audit is conducted annually, sometimes external and others internal, and is a great tool and safety feature, in ensuring confidence in the Town's drinking water quality. Committee concurred. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY
SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-04

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS) Operational Plan for the Water Distribution System (Revision 7), for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and CAO be authorized to endorse Element No. 3 (Commitment & Endorsement) of the Quality Management System & Operational Plan.

CARRIED

c) Water Conservation Rebate Program.

Councillor Stockwell then read the motion. Mr. Lalonde expressed this program is a great incentive in promoting water conservation. He noted the Town of Wasaga Beach has rebated approximately \$178,000.00 to residents and business owners over the past five and a half years since the program has been in place. Committee concurred. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-05

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the 2014 Water Conservation Rebate Program statistics for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the Water Conservation Rebate Program continue in 2015 and that it be reviewed at the end of the year to determine if it should continue in 2016.

CARRIED

d) 2014 Water and Sewage Flow Summary Report.

Mr. Lalonde briefly outlined the information report and informed Committee that a more comprehensive Summary Report is forthcoming in March or April. He noted there has been a 28% reduction in water conservation, since the water metering program has come into place. He indicated the sewage flow is seasonal, pointing out that there are typically spikes in the system concurrent with seasonal changes and spring melting periods. It was then;

MOVED BY R. EGO
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-06

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Wasaga Beach water and sewage flow data for 2014, for information.

CARRIED

e) 2014 Risk Management Official Annual Report.

Mr. Pincivero provided Committee with an overview with respect to the responsibilities involved in the Risk Management reporting. He informed Committee that these responsibilities resulted due to the Walkerton tragedy and that the goal is to protect the water at the source where we draw at municipal well sites. Mr. Pincivero stated he has been appointed as the Risk Management Official for the Town of Wasaga Beach and Ms. Patti Kennedy, Engineering Technologist, has been appointed as the Risk Management Inspector. He mentioned they both took courses for these roles.

Mr. Pincivero noted that not all the fields in the form were completed on the 2014 Risk Management Official's Annual Report, as he was told they did not need to be completed if there were no changes from the previous year's reporting. Mayor Smith recommended for future reporting that the report be filled in completely rather than leaving areas blank. Mr. Pincivero stated the only areas he had left blank were in the staffing requirements section of the report. He further informed Committee that the Source Water Protection Plan for the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region has received approval from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to further protect local sources of drinking water approved by the Minister effective July 1st, 2015. Mr. Pincivero indicated this allows us to engage in potential threats that harm ground water and to address these issues. He further stated that he has received a circulation from the Source Protection Region inviting Council and Staff to attend a workshop on either March 4, 2015 in Sharon or March 5, 2015 in Orillia. He mentioned that if anyone wishes to attend, he could provide them with this information. Discussion ensued with respect to Mr. Pincivero's responsibilities as it relates to new development applications, as well as existing properties that fall within wellhead protection areas and their possible requirement to establish Risk Management Plans for their properties. Following discussion, it was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-07

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend that Council receive the 2014 Risk Management Official Annual Report for information.

CARRIED

f) Public Works Accounts – December 2014 and January 2015.

Councillor Stockwell asked Committee if they have any questions on the Public Works Accounts for December 2014 and January 2015. Committee had no comments, it was then;

MOVED BY R. EGO
SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-08

RESOLVED THAT the December 2014 and January 2015 Accounts, as reviewed by the Public Works Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

6. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**Transit****a) Affordable Community Transportation for Youth (Pilot Project).**

Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that this Pilot Project has been very successful, with 304 youth passes sold during the six month period. He stated it allows youth to participate in more recreational and social activities, provide better access to health services and more importantly, open up their employment opportunities. Deputy Mayor Bifulchi thanked staff for providing this project and providing youth this option to utilize this service. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
 SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-09

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the results relating to the 'Affordable Community Transportation for Youth' Pilot Project;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the continuation of the Wasaga Beach Transit \$5.00 Monthly Youth Pass on a permanent basis; subject to annual rates and fees review.

CARRIED

b) Wasaga Beach Transit Report – January 2015 and Monthly Ridership Statistics.

Mr. Lalonde introduced Mr. Shane McLaughlin from Sinton Landmark. He stated Mr. McLaughlin is a great resource and has been very supportive since implementation as the new bus provider. Councillor Ego inquired about the possibilities with providing a bus link from Wasaga Beach to Barrie, as there is the Hospital and College that residents may wish to get to? Mr. Lalonde indicated this is more of a regional responsibility. He stated if Council wishes to explore this venture further, he could look into costs; however, this will most certainly be cost prohibitive. The CAO stated further to the Director's comments, that this has been discussed at the County level as part of their Transportation Master Plan to provide County wide transit service through pilot projects. He pointed out that Clearview Township is currently considering a pilot project. The CAO suggested the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, our representatives at County Council, could bring this forward. Mayor Smith advised Committee that he has addressed this with Mr. Marshall, Warden with the County of Simcoe, and stated it is a plan to link connecting communities, but it will be one community at a time. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY
 SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-10

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Wasaga Beach Transit Report for January 2015, for information.

CARRIED

Mayor Smith inquired as to the ridership statistics for the link from Wasaga Beach to the Blue Mountains? Mr. Lalonde stated that there are no statistical data at this time, but a survey could be conducted to confirm how many riders are commuting to the mountain. Mr. McLaughlin stated other than the information he receives from the transit drivers, they have indicated that there has been a significant increase in ridership from Wasaga Beach, however, he has no numbers on how many are travelling to the mountain at this point. Mr. Lalonde noted that originally when the Connecting Link was established with Blue Mountain Resort, the resort was one of the key drivers behind this initiative, as they had several people that required transportation to the mountain on a daily basis from Wasaga Beach. He suggested conducting a survey would be the best response in finding out some of the trends in ridership.

c) Wasaga Beach-Collingwood Link Ridership – December 2014 and January 2015 Statistics.

Councillor Stockwell read the motion, Committee had no comments, it was then;

MOVED BY R. EGO

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-11

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Wasaga Beach-Collingwood Link Ridership Statistics for December 2014 and January 2015, for information.

CARRIED

7. CLOSED SESSION

a) Potential litigation matter regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality – Trillium Creek Berm.

b) Potential litigation matter regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality – Freethy Road.

Councillor Stockwell read the motion. Committee moved into Closed Session at 9:45 a.m. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-12

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 potential litigation matter affecting the municipality regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality with respect to the Trillium Creek Berm and Freethy Road.

CARRIED

Committee adjourned from Closed Session moving into Open Session at 10:00 a.m.

It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY R. EGO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-13

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

CARRIED

MOVED BY R. EGO
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-14

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby confirm the direction given to the Director of Public Works during the Closed Session with respect to the Trillium Creek Berm and Freethy Road.

CARRIED

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Stockwell adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.