



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Wednesday, August 12, 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 Pecuniary Interest with respect to item 5)e Public Works Accounts – July 2015, cheque #18264, as it pertains to a family member. Councillor Stockwell advised Committee that if they have a disclosure of pecuniary interest during the meeting, they can come forward at that time.

3. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

a) Mr. Ray Heyne is in attendance to speak to traffic issues on 40th Street South.

Councillor Stockwell welcomed Mr. Heyne to the meeting. Mr. Heyne thanked Committee for allowing him to speak at the meeting. Mr. Heyne stated he has traffic concerns on 40th Street South, as well, he has received comments from fellow neighbours on the street. He informed Committee that he has been in contact with Mr. Doug Vincent, MLEO and logged formal complaints on parking issues in front of the Worsley Elementary School. He indicated that a response was provided in an email from Mr. Vincent on July 7th, 2015 with respect to complaints logged, which he circulated to Committee. Mr. Heyne stated he is attending the meeting today to have additional questions he has, answered. He stated he had requested Mr. Doug Vincent from the By-Law Department, as well as someone from the Planning Department, be present for this meeting today and pointed out that he does not believe anyone from these two departments are present. The CAO stated Mr. Vincent is not in the office today, but stated he will check with the two departments to ask if staff can be present.

Councillor Stockwell then asked Mr. Heyne if he could step aside for a moment until staff could attend and then he will be asked to return to the table to address his concerns. Councillor Stockwell then asked Committee to proceed to item 3) b on the Agenda.

b) Mr. Paul Hausler, RJ Burnside & Associates, in attendance to present the River Road West (Brillinger Dr to Powerline Rd) 90% Detail Design Submission, for information.

Mr. Ron Kerr, Regional Manager and Mr. Paul Hausler, Project Designer with RJ Burnside & Associates were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Kerr conducted a short presentation review on the River Road West (Brillinger Drive to Powerline Road) 90% Detail Design submission. Mr. Kerr stated in April 2009, the Town initiated a Schedule C Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the urbanization of River Road West from Brillinger Drive to the eastern Town limits. He stated the EA identified the road and intersection improvement needs for this section of River Road West for the next 20 years. He then identified the following; Widening of the existing River Road West from Brillinger Drive to Powerline Road to provide for three lanes with 3.5 m wide centre left turn lane, 3.5 m wide curb lanes, 1.5 m wide bike lanes with 0.5 m concrete curb and gutter, 1.8 m wide sidewalks and street lights, as necessary, as well as traffic signals and intersection improvements, at River Road West and Powerline Road.

Mr. Kerr stated on July 29th, 2011 R.J. Burnside and Associates Limited presented the Town of Wasaga Beach with a successful proposal to complete the detailed design of River Road West. He stated in his presentation to Committee, he will outline the objectives, project overview, boulevard options, and next steps and will address any questions that Committee may have. He noted at present the detailed design is at 98% and changes can be made if necessary. He stated this project will be ready to proceed to Tender in the next couple of years, when budget permits. He then displayed a key map, outlining the area and pointing out that the recent road work that has been done at the Schoonertown Bridge will line up with this project. He reviewed the typical road cross-section, and noted that during detailed design it was determined that relocating hydro poles to property line would cause significant impact to the existing tree canopy along the roadway. Therefore, the cross section design was revised to locate hydro poles between the curb and sidewalk, resulting in a narrow boulevard between the curb and sidewalk that will require hard surfacing. He then displayed a picture of a typical three lane road cross-section and stated the typical road cross-section would look similar. Mr. Kerr spoke to the options for possible boulevard finishes such as asphalt, paving stones and coloured concrete. He outlined the next steps, such as completing utility relocations, obtaining approvals from the Ministry of Environment (MOEE) and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). Mr. Kerr then asked Committee if they have any questions. Mayor Smith inquired about the cost difference between asphalt and concrete? Mr. Kerr stated the asphalt costs are \$80,000, concrete is \$200,000 and paving stones \$70,000. Mayor Smith further inquired why we are choosing three lanes as opposed to four lanes, as he is concerned we will be coming back to the table later? Mr. Lalonde stated through the EA process, comments received, and conducted traffic counts, all has been taken into consideration. The design warranted a three lane cross section, plus bike lanes in each direction, all within the curb section of the road. He indicated that as traffic volumes increase and the need for four lanes becomes apparent, it is proposed that the bike lanes would be deleted and the resulting additional pavement width be used to provide for a four lane cross section, resulting in the conversion being carried out using revised pavement markings only.

With respect to the boulevard treatment, Mr. Lalonde indicated that the tender will include an asphalt apron, however, the other two options can be included as provisional items for future consideration; once actual costs have been received. Committee agreed, and then thanked Mr. Kerr and Mr. Hausler for their presentation.

Councillor Stockwell then asked Mr. Heyne to come forward to the table to address his concerns. Mr. Heyne inquired as to meetings that have been attended, to address these areas of concern? Mr. Pincivero stated both himself, Mr. Lalonde and Mr. Vincent met following concerns addressed at a Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Pincivero indicated the plan is to move forward and on the west side of 40th Street, have “No stopping” signage placed. He further stated that staff has initiated a meeting with the School Board staff next Wednesday and the CAO was also invited to discuss change in the signage prior to the start of the new school year, as well as, to notify the parents of these changes. He further stated that discussion at this meeting will also include the buses that are queuing up on 40th Street and how this can be dealt with to make the traffic maneuverable. Mr. Heyne then asked if there have been any discussions with Mr. John Dance at the School Board with respect to these concerns, as neighbours had been speaking with him and he wondered why he wasn’t invited to attend this meeting? Mr. Lalonde stated that Mr. Dance will be in attendance at the meeting with the School Board, as well as a representative from the Student Transportation Consortium.

Discussion then ensued with regards to when signage will be placed. Mr. Pincivero stated following the meeting, signage will be placed and letters will be sent out to parents to obey the signage before the school year begins. Discussion then ensued as to a timeframe placed on the signage. Mr. Lalonde stated there is no time specified on the signs, but this can be discussed, as there are signs that can be ordered depicting a timeframe, including Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm. Mr. Heyne questioned if residents could attend this meeting with the School Board? Councillor Stockwell then asked if the meeting is open to the public? Mr. Lalonde indicated it is a technical meeting for staff, but indicated that a summary report will follow at a subsequent Committee meeting. Councillor Anderson expressed that no matter what signage is placed, he does not believe this will stop cars from parking in this area. Mr. Heyne then spoke to the signage being placed; Mr. Vincent has made it clear he is not going to enforce it. He then questioned when permits were taken out for an addition to the school for the Kindergarten area through the Planning Department, why was there no facility for this at that time from a design point? He stated this has been the majority of the cause due to the increase in traffic. Councillor Stockwell suggested to Mr. Heyne that he let the meeting take place to address these concerns and to not prejudice the meeting. Mayor Smith then asked if something new has changed at the School, as the School has been in this area for a great length of time. Mr. Lalonde stated he does not believe so and noted from a winter maintenance perspective, there have been some occasions that staff have had to return to this area, due to parked cars; but not too often. Mr. Lalonde stated that parking is an enforcement issue and he has had discussions with Mr. Vincent. Mayor Smith agreed the signage needs to be placed and enforced through the By-Law Department. Following discussion, Councillor Stockwell thanked Mr. Heyne for attending the meeting and suggested he contact Mr. Pincivero to bring forward his questions, prior to the meeting with the School Board. Mr. Heyne then left the meeting.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) By-law.

Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that the draft by-law has been prepared in consultation with the ATV Working Group, which included a representative from the Central Ontario ATV Club (COATV), the Senior Municipal Law Enforcement Officer and himself. He mentioned they reviewed multiple similar By-Laws during this process to apply some form of consistency. He then highlighted a summary of conditions noted, within the context of the by-law, such as; Type of Off-Road Vehicles Permitted, Authorized Roads, Exceptions, Time of year restrictions, Time of day restrictions, Maximum Speed, Operation and Equipment Requirements, Duration of Trial Period and Special Permissions. Discussion ensued with respect to enforcement and the role of the Town's By-law Department. Mr. Lalonde stated the intent is to have the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conduct the enforcement, as it falls under the Highway Traffic Act. Committee agreed. Mr. Lalonde noted however, that further discussion is necessary with the Senior Municipal By-law Officer prior to finalization.

Mr. Lalonde stated the ATV Club has received positive feedback from neighbouring communities such as Springwater and Tiny to establish the necessary linkages to the existing ATV trail network; however, these discussions are on-going. Councillor Anderson questioned the time of day restrictions, referring to the Noise By-law, indicating there is not one. Mayor Smith stated this is a By-Law that he will be reviewing in the very near future. Mayor Smith congratulated Mr. Lalonde on bringing this By-law forward. Councillor Bray agreed.

Discussion then ensued with respect to ATV training courses for individuals to take, similar to the snowmobile permit. Mr. Klemmensen, Representative from the Central Ontario ATV Club (COATV) stated there is a similar course for ATV's, but it is not mandatory, as the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has not adopted this as a requirement, but he stated it is being reviewed through the Greater Trails Act. He then outlined the Operation Requirements for various age groups. Deputy Mayor Bifulchi stated she is happy with the way the By-Law is presented at this time, as it is a new By-Law. She requested that a follow up with the OPP in approximately a year's time should be done, to find out if there needs to be an update to the By-Law. The CAO suggested that at the next Community Services Committee meeting, the OPP should be notified to make this a priority to conduct a reasonable level of enforcement.

Mr. Lalonde pointed out that the Working Group will be implementing an educational public notification campaign in consultation with the Town's communication Officer. He stated the Group is considering coordinating a Public Open-House, media releases, newspaper notices, website postings and educational flyers. Councillor Stockwell read the motion. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY

SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-01

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the 'draft' All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) by-law for review and discussion;

AND FURTHER THAT the ATV by-law be finalized based on comments received from the Public Works Committee and recommended to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

5. DEPARTMENTAL STAFF REPORTS

Public Works

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

Mr. Pincivero briefly highlighted on some of the Construction Projects. He stated the Schoonertown Bridge Widening Project is progressing and is on budget. He informed Committee that with the Knox Road East Servicing Project, there is a section of asphalt that needs to be removed and replaced to align the paved road in the area of Knox Road East at Schooner Drive. He further indicated the general Contractor is responsible for this work and that there will be no cost to the Town.

Mr. Pincivero advised Committee that with the Knox Road East storm pipe outlet at Rapid Street, they have noticed significant erosion occurring with recent rainfalls. He stated staff will be meeting with Ainley Representatives today to discuss bulking up this area to prevent further erosion from occurring and including this extra work through contingencies. Councillor Stockwell read the motion. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-02

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the July 31, 2015 Engineer's Status Report on Capital Works Projects, for information.

CARRIED

b) River Road West – 50 km/hr Posted Speed Limit Adjustment.

Mr. Lalonde stated the Public Works Department received a request from a resident that resides in the New England Village Development with respect to having the 50 km/hr speed limit signage relocated further east on River Road West past Village Gate Drive, approximately 250 m from the current location. Councillor Anderson expressed he is not in support of these types of requests. He stated a few years ago there was a tragic accident that occurred on River Road West while someone was coming out of the Veterinary Clinic and at that time there was nothing done with regards to posted speed signage and questioned why signage is now being changed. Mr. Pincivero then outlined on a map the noted concern the resident is addressing, stating that it is reasonable to consider this an unsafe situation due to the positioning when travelling eastbound. He indicated traffic is accelerating in this particular area and residents are slowing down to turn into their development. Mayor Smith then inquired if 50 km/hr is posted throughout town in all residential areas? Mr. Lalonde confirmed that is correct. Councillor Stockwell read the motion.

It was then;

MOVED BY R. EGO
SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-03

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the request to extend the boundary of the 50 km/hr posted speed limit on River Road West;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Clerk bring forward a By-Law to extend the boundary of the 50 km/hr posted speed limit on River Road West to the east of Village Gate Drive (approximately 250m of the current location).

CARRIED

c) DAS External Servicing Mosley Street Sanitary Crossing Request for Exemption – Noise By-Law and Mosley Street Closure.

Mr. Pincivero advised Committee that at the July Public Works Committee meeting he mentioned a proposed traffic control plan was forthcoming and would be brought back to Committee. He stated the Developers contractor, as well as the engineering consultants, has requested a full road closure on Mosley Street, at the Mosley Street and 71st Street Intersection, in order to safely connect to the existing sanitary manhole on the south side of Mosley Street and to complete the work north of the existing manhole. He stated this closure is necessary to maintain adequate traffic separation from the excavation trench. He further indicated it will be for a duration of approximately twelve (12) hours, and will be done overnight as opposed to during the daytime to minimize traffic disruptions. Councillor Stockwell read the motion. It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-04

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the DAS External Servicing Request for Exemption of Noise By-Law and Mosley Street Closure report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Committee does recommend to Council to authorize an exemption of the Noise By-Law and Mosley Street Closure in order to complete sanitary servicing with regards to the DAS External Servicing capital project.

CARRIED

d) 2015 Water and Sewage Flow Data Summary – To Period Ending June 2015.

Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that this information provides trends on the Water and Sewage flows, which Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) monitors on a daily basis. He noted that for the upcoming month of July, which was much warmer than June, we will notice an increase in the water consumption, which is closely monitored. During periods of heavy rainfall, a spike may appear in the wastewater trend due to infiltration into the system via maintenance holes, etc. He expressed that they are pleased with the results as outlined in the summary. Councillor Stockwell read the motion.

It was then;

MOVED BY R. EGO
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-05

RESOLVED THAT the Public Works Committee does hereby receive the Wasaga Beach Water and Sewage Flow Data to June 2015, for information.

CARRIED

e) Public Works Accounts – July 2015.

Deputy Mayor Bifulchi previously declared a Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest with respect to an item. She then left the table. Councillor Stockwell read the motion and asked Committee if they had any questions with respect to the Public Works Accounts for July 2015? Committee had no comments. It was then;

MOVED BY R. EGO
SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-06

RESOLVED THAT the July 2015 Accounts, as reviewed by the Public Works Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Bifulchi then returned to the table.

6. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

Transit

a) Wasaga Beach Transit Report – July 2015 and Monthly Ridership Statistics.

Mr. Lalonde advised Committee that as outlined on the Route 2 Daily Totals by Times statistics, the pilot project to extend this route only experienced approximately two (2) riders per day, with a total of 51 riders over the month of July, noting the volume that was anticipated is simply not there. He stated they will continue to monitor this for the duration of the trial period and bring back a report at that time.

Mr. Lalonde informed Committee that under Unfinished Business; Information is still being gathered to review the feasibility of re-introducing Route 3 to the Hometown area. Councillor Stockwell asked Committee if they had any questions regarding the July 2015 Wasaga Beach Transit Report? There were no comments from Committee.

It was then;

MOVED BY N. BIFOLCHI
SECONDED BY S. BRAY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-07

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

CARRIED

b) Wasaga Beach-Collingwood Link Ridership – July 2015 Statistics.

Councillor Stockwell asked Committee if they had any questions regarding the July Wasaga Beach-Collingwood Link Ridership Statistics? Committee had no comments. It was then;

MOVED BY S. BRAY
SECONDED BY N. BIFOLCHI

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08-08

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

CARRIED

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Classroom.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Stockwell adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.