

COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES

Lower Meeting Room, Paris
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
6:45 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Haggart, Atfield, Simons, Powell (6:50 p.m.), Chambers, Coleman and Gatward (6:57 p.m.)

Regrets: Hodge

Staff: Tout and Boyd

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the Brant County Council agenda and addendum for the July 15, 2009 special meeting be approved.

. Carried

PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Coleman presented the following report of the Public Works Committee from its July 14, 2009 meeting:

1. Whereas there are sufficient funds in the 2009 Infrastructure Stimulus Budget to complete the project;

Be it hereby resolved that Tender RDT 16-09 "County Road 16 (Bishopsgate Road) – North Section" be awarded to Coco Paving Inc. at a tendered price of \$1,812,851.85, including all taxes;

And whereas Coco Paving Inc. has agreed to extend the unit price of \$63.90/tonne tendered for asphalt placed on granular road base for Maple Avenue North;

And whereas there are sufficient funds in the 2009 Capital Budget for the reconstruction of Maple Avenue North;

Be it further resolved that Coco Paving Inc. be retained to place an estimated 3,000 tonnes of base asphalt at a cost of \$201,285.00, including all taxes.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the report of the Public Works Committee from its July 14, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

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STAFF REPORTS

Rear Discharge Salter(s)

The Roads Operations Manager reported that staff has been investigating the rental and / or purchase of two salter units, which utilize new rear discharge technology. There are two known Ontario suppliers of this equipment and it was originally intended to rent one unit from each supplier. Upon review of the rental cost, purchase price and portion of rental cost that can be applied to the purchase price, it is staff's recommendation that the County rent both salters from one supplier (Amaco Equipment) with the option to purchase. He noted that Andre Boutin, Joe Johnson Equipment, has requested an opportunity to speak to Council to present another option.

In response to questions, the Roads Operations Manager reviewed that the key advantage to the new technology is that the liquid de-icer can be applied directly to the granular salt prior to application on the road, thereby minimizing the reaction time before the salt is effective. This technology would also allow the County to apply limited amounts of de-icer directly to the road prior to a storm. It is expected that this process will be particularly effective in certain areas of the County. He estimated that the cost of the new technology salter is approximately double the cost of the traditional salters installed on other County winter control equipment.

In response to a question about timing of the report, the Roads Operations Manager indicated that it is essential that Council approval be granted so that the equipment can be ordered and installed in time for the November 15, 2009 winter control season start.

Councillor Powell arrived at 6:50 p.m.

In response to a question, the Roads Operations Manager noted that although a salt savings is experienced when the granular material is pre-wetted, the real benefit to the rear discharge equipment is the reaction time, thereby providing an improved level of service and increased public safety. He advised that such equipment is commonly used throughout the Province and that he has had previous experience with this technology.

Councillor Gatward arrived at 6:57 p.m.

Mayor Eddy acknowledged the request from Mr. Boutin to speak to the matter.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That Council hear a brief submission from Andre Boutin, Joe Johnson Equipment.

.Carried

Andre Boutin, Joe Johnson Equipment, representing the Epoke spreader, expressed the opinion that although their equipment may cost more, he is confident that if the two units were subject to a side-by-side comparison in terms of operation, durability, servicing, training, etc., the Epoke unit would be deemed to be a better value. He presented an option for the County to request that each supplier provide a unit free of charge on a trial basis for 1 or 2 months.

In response to a question, the Roads Operations Manager advised that a delay to further investigate the suggestion presented could jeopardize the equipment's readiness for the 2009 / 2010 winter control season.

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In discussion, it was generally agreed that in order to expedite the order to be ready for the winter control season, staff's recommendation would be accepted at this time, with further discussion to be held between the County and Joe Johnson Equipment regarding a possible trial use of their equipment as an additional unit.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

Whereas at the July 14, 2009 Public Works Committee meeting, staff was authorized to further investigate and report directly to the July 15, 2009 special meeting of Council;

Be it hereby resolved that the Public Works Department be authorized to enter into a seasonal rental agreement with Amaco Equipment from Mississauga, Ontario, for two (2) new 2009 Schmidt Stainless Steel 6.0 Cubic Metre Stratos Spreaders at the quoted price of \$20,000.00 each, plus applicable taxes;

And further that should the salter performance meet the expectations of the County of Brant, the option to purchase be exercised prior to the end of the rental period with one hundred percent (100%) of the rental payment being applied to the quoted purchase price of \$70,093.00 each, plus applicable taxes.

. Carried

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. to meet again on **Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

Mayor

Date Minutes Approved

Deputy Clerk