

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

County Administration Building
Tuesday, September 11, 2007
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Coleman, Simons, Atfield, Hodge and Gatward

Staff: Compeau, Robinson, Tout, Sharp and Boyd

Councillor Coleman in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Public Works Committee agenda for September 11, 2007 was accepted, with additions.

DELEGATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Gwen Hunter and Shirley Steedman, St. George Apple Fest Organizing Committee – Request to Install Signs on Hydro Poles

Ms. Hunter reported that the 23rd St. George Apple Fest is being held on September 15 – 16, 2007, an event that attracts thousands of visitors and benefits local producers, vendors and non-profit service groups. As part of the planning for 2007, it was suggested that signs, similar to the “Ayr – Where Time Stands Still” signs be sold to local vendors and erected on Brant County Power hydro poles throughout the village. She noted that Brant County Power has granted permission for the signs to be hung no closer than 10 feet from their lowest power line and that the St. George Garden Club has agreed to the removal of the unused plant holders currently on the hydro poles. Ms. Hunter requested that County of Brant staff complete the installation prior to the event this weekend. She noted that after the 2007 event, Brant County Power would be conducting studies on the signs to determine whether or not they can remain on a permanent basis. In response to a question, Ms. Hunter indicated that five (5) signs have been purchased. She demonstrated the sign (approximately 5 ft by 2 ft) and hanging hardware.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the request from the St. George Apple Fest Organizing Committee for the County of Brant to install advertising signs on hydro poles in the Village of St. George be approved.

.Motion Withdrawn – Further Discussion Follows

A cross-section diagram of the hydro poles was distributed. The Roads Operations Manager reviewed that given the lower height of the new secondary line installed by Brant County Power, to erect the sign 10 feet below this line would conflict with the plant holders (which it has been agreed could be removed) and existing County of Brant signage. Further, there is concern that there would be clearance issues with high vehicles (given maximum vehicle size as per TAC Manual). Any installation of the sign within 10 feet of the lowest power line would have to be completed either by Brant County Power or a licensed contractor due to safety issues.

In discussion, it was suggested that an alternative may be to install the signs so that they overhang the sidewalk instead of the road, however, concerns were raised that the signs would then be in conflict with existing store signage. The Committee generally agreed that the signs should be installed so that there is sufficient clearance for traffic and that Brant County Power should complete the installation as a public service.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the request from the St. George Apple Fest Organizing Committee for the installation of signs on Brant County Power poles in the Village of St. George be referred to Brant County Power for installation of the signs by Wednesday, September 12, 2007.

.Carried

The Deputy Clerk was instructed to forward this correspondence to Brant County Power during the meeting break.

Brian Runsteadler and David O’Connell, Ontario Clean Water Agency – 2007 Second Quarter Operations & Financial Report

Mr. O’Connell and Mr. Runsteadler reviewed the 2007 Second Quarter Operations and Financial Reports, reporting that all operational parameters were in compliance and that for the Cainsville Lagoon, influent flows are beginning to decrease below the design capacity of 170 m³/day. The overall year-to-date (as of May 31, 2007) surplus is \$58,703. It was agreed that future financial reports would report year-to-date status as a percentage of the total year’s budget. Questions were raised regarding the disposal of the County’s detwatered wastes and Councillor Hodge provided background information on the approval and spreading processes.

MINUTES

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the Public Works Committee minutes of August 14, 2007 be approved as printed.

.Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. In response to a question, the Roads Operations Manager reported that in meeting with Ministry of Transportation officials, a detour route for the Highway 24 (Rest Acres Road) improvements utilizing County Road 25 (Middle Townline Road) and County Highway 53 was considered. The Ministry was also receptive to the County’s concerns that if Highway 24 is opened in stages, it will result in excessive traffic volumes on municipal roads not designated for this purpose. Since this project has been deferred to 2009/2010, additional information would be forthcoming during the design phase.
2. Mayor Eddy reported that at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference, the Minister of Natural Resources advised that all items on his desk have been signed. Since the County of Brant has still not received notice of the signing of its Hunt Pit License application, the Roads Operations Manager will continue to investigate with Ministry staff.
3. Councillor Coleman suggested that the proposed outdoor water use by-law apply to both properties on municipal water systems and those on private wells. Staff will confirm if the municipality has the legislative authority to impose restrictions on private well use. The Committee agreed that this by-law should come forward for implementation in 2008.
4. Councillor Coleman requested that staff have street name signage installed on the section of former Highway 403 (now County Road 18) that was transferred to the County and that signage be installed directing traffic to Cainsville and County Highway 54.

EVALUATION CRITERIA - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF EAST RIVER ROAD (WEST OF GERMAN SCHOOL ROAD)

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the Public Works Committee accepts the following evaluation criteria for the Request for Proposals for a Class Environmental Assessment to consider options for the realignment of East River Road, west of German School Road:

Criteria Description	Portion
Qualifications of Project Team	15
Qualifications of Project Manager	10
Relevant Experience	20
Proposed Workplan, Methodology and Schedule	20
Quality of Proposal and Ability to Meet Terms of Reference	5
References	5
Total Cost	<u>25</u>
	100

.No Vote – Tabling Motion Follows

Mayor Eddy reminded the Committee that he had requested that this project be reconsidered and requested an opportunity to review a possible route previously considered for the relocation. He suggested that this route would likely be objected to by the involved property owners as it would conflict with prime farm land and Green Lane Park. Mayor Eddy further suggested that the Committee consider whether East River Road should serve as an arterial route or as a secondary street.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the motion to establish Evaluation Criteria for the Request for Proposals for a Class Environmental Assessment to consider options for the realignment of East River Road, west of German School Road, be deferred for review during the Public Works Tour on September 27.

.Carried

The Committee recessed at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

CONSENT ITEMS TO BE APPROVED

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

Whereas there are sufficient funds in the approved 2007 Capital Budget for the tender;

Be it hereby resolved that Tender EST 07-06 “Biggars Lane Landfill Site Stormwater Management, Cell Development and Associated Works” be awarded to JCJ Contracting for the tendered price of \$606,941.04, excluding GST.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

Be it hereby resolved that Powerline Road be temporarily closed to all through traffic between Wayne Gretzky Parkway and McMillan Road, from 6:00 a.m. on Monday, October 8, 2007 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2007 inclusively, while Canadian National Rail repairs both main tracks.

.Carried

CONSENT ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

- That the following consent items be received as information:
- i. Ministry of Transportation – Response to Council Resolution Re: Provincial Funding Assistance for Infrastructure Repairs (Grand River Bridge).
 - ii. Rehabilitation of Grand River Bridge in Paris Permits – *The Roads Operations Manager reported that this work has been completed.*
 - iii. KMK Consultants Limited – KMK Consultants Limited Joins UMA and AECOM.
 - iv. Ministry of the Environment – Backgrounder Document – What the McGuinty Government has Done to Protect Ontario's Drinking Water.
 - v. Burford Lions Club – Request to Use Municipal Parking Lot at Corner of King Street and Park Avenue for Burford Flea Market on September 16, 2007 (to be closed starting September 15) – *The Roads Operations Manager noted that no objections were raised by local businesses.*
 - vi. Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Notice that Green Municipal Funds is Processing Application for Solid Waste Diversion Plan Implementation Testing.
 - vii. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – Installation of Traffic Lights at the Intersection of Chiefswood Road and County Highway 54 (advising that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada was not a party to any discussions regarding this project) – *Referred for further discussion under Correspondence.*
 - viii. Memo Re: Revisions to O.Reg 170/03 Regarding Lead Sampling – J. Smythe.

.Carried

PW-07-88 – POLICY UPDATE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE FROM COMMERCIAL LOCATIONS

In response to a question, the Manager of Infrastructure Services reported that the downtown Paris core is to be collected, starting at 7:00 a.m. and to finish by 8:00 a.m. to minimize disruption to traffic. Refuse bins are emptied at the same time. In response to questions regarding collection for Jade's of Paris, the Environmental Services Manager reported that Abco has advised that regardless of which direction collection is from, given the volume of garbage, the hopper needs to be activated immediately thereafter. The Manager of Infrastructure Services advised that the trucks specified by Halton Recycling for the new garbage collection contract include a collection pan which should reduce any dripping onto the street. It was suggested that alternatively, if some type of absorbent were identified by staff, this information could be forwarded to the Paris BIA as a suggestion to Jade's of Paris to reduce wet waste.

In discussion, concern was expressed that under the proposed policy, not all commercial users would have the same level of service. Commercial users in downtown Paris would continue to receive unlimited collection twice per week, users in downtown Burford and St. George (as per mapping) would receive unlimited collection once per week, users on an existing collection route would receive collection once per week, limited to residential waste restrictions, and users not on an existing collection route would not receive garbage collection. In response, it was noted that downtown Paris requires special consideration in view of very limited storage availability, particularly for those businesses backing onto the river. Downtown St. George and Burford also require consideration in view of limited storage capacity. The County would incur a considerable additional cost to extend its collection routes to collect from commercial users not on an existing residential route.

In response to a question, the Director noted that currently industrial and institutional wastes are not collected and that this is proposed to continue. In discussion it was noted that options such as special garbage collection fees or fees for enhanced garbage collection services could be considered. The Director outlined, as reported in the media, stringent garbage collection rules imposed in the City of Toronto, where collection is suspended for failure to comply.

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the attached Policy for Garbage and Recycling Collection – Commercial Locations be adopted.

.Carried

PW-07-89 – REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A BICYCLE LANE AT BEVERLY STREET WEST IN ST. GEORGE

Moved by – Mayor Eddy
Seconded by – Councillor Atfield

Whereas a request has been submitted to install a bicycle lane on Beverly Street West from St. George Road to Brant Road (Highway 24);

Be it hereby resolved that the request to install a bicycle lane on Beverly Street West from St. George Road to Brant Road (Highway 24) be deferred until such time that road reconstruction is approved and a bicycle lane can be properly designed and planned, noting that this stretch of road is not scheduled for road reconstruction on the current Capital Budget plan since the road was resurfaced approximately eight (8) years ago.

.Carried

PARIS STORM SEWER OUTLET

The Roads Operations Manager reported that a Paris storm sewer outlet currently runs through the basement of a private building within the old Mill Race. At one time, the municipality held an easement for the outlet, but this has been removed from title by the Registry Office. The developer for 59 – 63 Grand River Street North now proposes to change the outlet area into a mechanical room and has agreed to provide a new easement for the outlet. The Manager of Infrastructure Services advised that regardless of the reconstruction, now that the County is aware, the outlet needs to be encased and rehabilitated to protect it. The estimated cost for the required works is \$20,000, which was not anticipated in the 2007 budget. The Roads Operations Manager noted that the developer has advised that he is not prepared to incur costs related to the easement or the outlet. The Committee supported staff moving forward to secure an easement for the encasement and rehabilitation of the Paris storm sewer outlet.

ROAD PROJECTS STATUS

The Roads Operations Manager reported that the Big Creek Road – CSP Culvert Replacement was completed in-house at a considerable cost savings. Approvals continue to be sought for the Big Creek Road – Concrete Culvert Replacement, and once approvals have been obtained and the engineering has been finalized, it is anticipated that the work would be completed either in house or through a contractor in 2008, possibly in conjunction with downstream works required on Big Creek. Councillor Gatward expressed concern about delays incurred waiting for approvals from the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and suggested that for future projects, approvals be sought at least one year in advance of proposed construction. In response, staff advised that generally the design and engineering of a project is completed one year, with construction scheduled for the next. She also expressed concern about projects, such as Mount Pleasant Road upgrades, being deferred. The Director noted that this project has been identified to be discussed at the Public Works Tour with respect to its priority to the municipality.

The Roads Operations Manager reported on a Roads Division staff initiative to re-tool specialized grader equipment to place and grade asphalt shouldering. He suggested that this equipment has been successfully tested on Old Greenfield Road, in view of concerns that arose from the redirection of traffic off of River Road and is being considered to improve other roads of concern. Staff was commended for this initiative. The Committee concurred that the cost of improvements on Old Greenfield Road would be funded through the River Road account.

145 INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, ST. GEORGE

The Manager of Infrastructure Services reported that in discussion with the owner of 145 Industrial Boulevard, it was determined that the County of Brant's road allowance drains onto this property. The developer has offered to sell the County a portion of land as a drainage course (at development land prices), however it would be more cost effective for the County to implement an engineering solution (possibly constructing a culvert underneath the parking area). This way, the drainage course would not impact the use of the land and the County would be granted an easement. The Manager of Infrastructure Services advised that there is no funding allocated in the 2007 budget for this work and suggested that funding be included in the 2008 budget, as it is not anticipated that construction would begin until spring. The Committee concurred with this proposal.

WATER QUALITY UPDATE

The Director reported on an ongoing complaint about discoloured water and advised that staff has met on numerous occasions with the homeowner.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Petition – Brant Road 4 (Vanessa Road) and Burford/Delhi Townline Road Intersection (request for rumble strips, larger and more visible stop ahead signs and larger and more visible stop signs) – The Roads Operations Manager noted that this section of road is now subject to a claim and has been forwarded to the County's insurers.

Moved by – Mayor Eddy

Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the petition Re: the Intersection of Brant Road 4 (Vanessa Road) and Burford / Delhi Townline Road be referred to staff.

.Carried

2. G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc. – Brant Bowstring Bridge Contract No. RDT 27-06 – Additional Testing of Asphalt – This correspondence was received as information, noting that there are deficiencies to be addressed by the contractor.
3. Aaron Goodall – Request for Permission to Cut Down Trees on Property Line – Block N, Plan 492, Paris (Property at Intersection of Catherine Street and Cross Street) – In discussion it was noted that the trees proposed to be cut down are healthy, substantial trees and that prior to considering an entrance or the removal of trees, an exemption to the Paris Interim Water Servicing Policy (Policy No. PWE-2003-05) and grading issues need to be addressed. It was agreed that this request would be deferred until comments have been received from the Building Division.

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Mayor Eddy

That the request from Aaron Goodall for permission to cut down trees on the property line of Block N, Plan 492, Paris (intersection of Catherine Street and Cross Street) be deferred pending comments from the Building Division that the grading issues for this lot have been satisfied.

.Carried

4. Darren Harding, 149 German School Road – Request for Connection to Municipal Water System – the Manager of Infrastructure Services reported that this request has been previously considered, most recently in 2005 when the request was denied. She reviewed that the engineering and construction of a watermain to the property was estimated to cost \$25,000 in 2005 (not accounting for inflation since then) and that at that time the property owner is not agreeable to paying this cost. The Manager also noted that the connection would create operational and water quality issues since it would be a dead end. Discussion was held regarding possible options to construct a private service connection with meter pit via an easement through the adjacent property or to improve the site's private water supply.

In discussion, it was agreed that as per Council's previous direction, the request would be denied and that staff would forward a response to the property owner advising of the options discussed.

5. Six Nations Council – E-mail Agreeing to Meet with Public Works Committee on Friday, September 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – Councillor Gatward suggested that the correspondence from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada regarding the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Chiefswood Road and County Highway 54 be included in the agenda as information and it was agreed that copies would be available at the meeting. Copies of the correspondence sent to Six Nations proposing a four-way stop and the response from Six Nations will be included on the agenda.

MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL / OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Presentation to Council by Lorne Fair, 6 St. George Road – The Committee reviewed the response from the By-law Enforcement Officer and concurred with his findings. It was agreed that a response would be forwarded to Mr. Fair advising of the findings and suggesting that staff would continue to monitor this situation.

2. Ministry of Transportation Correspondence Re: Inspections of Steel Deck Truss Bridges
– The Roads Operations Manager noted that Philips Engineering has advised that the County of Brant does not have any of the structures referenced in the letter.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Councillor Simons requested that the condition of Elm Street, Paris be reviewed during the Public Works Tour. Staff will take this suggestion under advisement.
2. Councillor Gatward requested that a program be established in the 2008 budget for improvements to village streets. The Director noted that currently “surface treated roads” are considered as one entity, rather than splitting the program between different types of streets. She suggested that the Committee could request that additional funds be allocated in the 2008 surface treated roads budget, however this would require either a reduction in another area of the budget or an increase in the levy. The Committee agreed that this would be reviewed for the 2008 budget deliberations.

DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

1. The Director reported that a private developer in St. George has requested that either the County provide “No Dumping” signs or allow him to reference a by-law number on signs that he would have constructed, as is used in another subdivision. She noted that the by-law number referenced in the other subdivision refers to a park entrance and is not applicable. The Committee agreed that if the developer wishes to install signs, he should be advised to utilize “No Dumping” signs that are generic and do not reference a specific by-law.

In Camera at 1:10 p.m. to discuss property negotiation and personal matters, on a motion of Councillors Simons and Gatward.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Public Works Committee minutes dated September 11, 2007.

Open Session at 2:10 p.m., on motion of Councillors Hodge and Gatward.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 2:10 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 9:00 a.m. at the County Administration Building, Burford Office.

Secretary