



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

Present were: Tom Peckett, Chair
Debbie Robinson, Warden

Committee Members: David Bennett, Peter Emon, Sheldon Keller, Daniel Lynch, Janice Visneskie Moore

Staff Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works & Engineering
Craig Kelley, Director of Development & Property
Jeffrey Foss, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Laura LePine, Director of Social Services
Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care
Michael Behm, Acting Manager of Infrastructure
Richard Bolduc, Manager of Operations
Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
Evelyn VanStarkenbug, Administrative Assistant

Chair Peckett called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-08-39

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

THAT the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

Mr. Perkins overviewed the Public Works & Engineering Department Report, which is attached as Appendix A.

Mr. Perkins provided an overview on the various construction projects that are currently underway on County roads and structures, which is attached as Appendix B.

Councillor Emon entered the virtual meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Committee expressed appreciation for the presentation and found it beneficial to view photos which illustrate the construction work being completed.

Mr. Moreau thanked Mr. Perkins and his staff for all their hard work in getting these projects completed. He noted that it was an ambitious year for staff with over \$20 million in Capital projects and that much of the work has been completed in-house.

Discussion occurred with regards to the proposed T Intersection at the corner of Highway 148 and County Road 40 (Greenwood Road). Mr. Perkins advised Committee that this intersection is an Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) controlled intersection. Committee directed staff to complete a traffic count including turning moments and provide this data to the Township of Laurentian Valley.

Mr. Perkins advised that the Public Works & Engineering Department is currently over budget by \$619,353 and that the majority of this is due to the approval in March of the tender for the rehabilitation of the Structure B101 (Bonnechere River Bridge) which was \$600,000 over budget. It was noted that if the overage from the Bonnechere River Bridge structure was removed, the Capital Works budget would only be \$20,000 over budget. Committee is confident that savings are being realized through other construction projects to help compensate for the overage and commended staff on their diligence with finding savings.

Committee was advised that the pedestrian signage on County Road 508

(Calabogie Road) at the Eagle's Nest Trail in the Township of Greater Madawaska is part of the 2020 budget, and not 2021 as indicated in the Committee Report, and will be installed by the end of the week.

Mr. Perkins advised Committee that County Road 52 (Burnstown Road) will be receiving a base coat in 2020 and the overlay, including hardened shoulders, will be completed in 2021.

Committee was advised that the original construction of County Road 52 (Raglan Street South) roadway was built to Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) standards and that there are no structural concerns to the roadway bed. Mr. Perkins noted that this road is in the Asset Management Plan for rehabilitation in approximately 20 years and the County will continue to shave and pave sections of this road which is adequate in the interim. Mr. Perkins advised Committee that if the Town of Renfrew plans to complete underground works, proper geo-technical reports will need to be provided to from the Town in order for the County to assess the condition of the road structure. Mr. Perkins advised Committee that the County is contributing \$552,217 to the project and the proposed work is sufficient and meets County standards. Staff was directed to send correspondence to the Town of Renfrew following County Council advising that the Town is to proceed with the work as indicated in the cost sharing Agreement dated February 11, 2020 and approved by By-law 36-20 being a By-law Authorizing the County of Renfrew to enter into an Agreement with the Town of Renfrew for sharing of costs for the rehabilitation of County Road 52 (Raglan Street South) in the Town of Renfrew.

Discussion occurred with regards to the funding opportunities that have been announced by both the Federal and Provincial governments. Mr. Kelley advised Committee that the Development & Property Department is surveying the lower tier municipalities and is preparing a report that lists what funding opportunities have been applied to by the various municipalities within the County of Renfrew and how much funding has been received. He noted that staff is working jointly with the Township of Bonnechere Valley on compiling this information. Mr. Kelley advised Committee that a delegation has been granted at the Association of Municipalities Ontario Conference on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministry of Infrastructure to discuss this concern.

Warden Robinson advised Committee that she will also bring this to the attention of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus to see how much funding has been

received in other Eastern Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-08-40

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that Council not assume responsibility for Ferguson Lake Road in the Township of Greater Madawaska as part of the County Road System at the next session of County Council; AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to communicate with the Township staff the requirements for road assumption.

CARRIED.

Mr. Perkins advised that the proposed Transportation Study and Detailed Design for County Road 51 (Petawawa Boulevard) Intersections would be in preparation for Federal Government Infrastructure funds that are anticipated to be released in the future and would provide the County of Renfrew with an “on the shelf” Class A Engineering Design for the three intersections at Garrison, Victoria Street, and Murphy Road/Doran Road in the Town of Petawawa.

Mr. Perkins noted that AECOM previously prepared an Environmental Assessment for Petawawa Boulevard and therefore has familiarity with this road. The proposed study, if awarded, would be to move forward with AECOM’s Environmental Assessment recommendation which is to provide a roundabout at the Garrison, a roundabout at Doran Road and improvements at the four-way intersection at Victoria Street to hopefully to alleviate traffic problems.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-08-41

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that Council adopt a By-law to award Request for Proposal RFP-2020-48 submitted by AECOM Canada Limited, Ottawa, Ontario, for the Transportation Study and Detailed Design of County Road 51 (Petawawa Boulevard) Intersections from County Road 26 (Doran Street) Northerly 1.2 km to Garrison Petawawa, in the Town of Petawawa in the amount of \$247,904, excluding HST at the next session of County Council; AND FURTHER

THAT funding for this project be allocated from the Tangible Capital Assets Renewal Reserves.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-08-42

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that County Council pass a By-law to rescind By-law 8-16 being a By-law for the Execution of a Land Use Agreement with Keetna Snowmobile Club and Snow Country Snowmobile Association at the next session of County Council.

CARRIED.

INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION

Mr. Behm overviewed the Infrastructure Division Report, which is part of the Public Works & Engineering Department Report.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Mr. Bolduc overviewed the Operations Division Report, which is part of the Public Works & Engineering Department Report.

Mr. Bolduc advised Committee that the weed control program that is used to control hazardous and toxic weeds uses a selective herbicide which has been approved by both the Federal and Provincial governments. He noted that the County only sprays where weeds are prominent and not all roadsides. Mr. Bolduc advised that the 2020 budget amount of \$30,000 has been maxed out and that staff will be looking to add additional funds to the 2021 budget.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-08-43

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that Contract PWO-2020-19 as submitted by Irvcon Limited, Pembroke, Ontario for the roofing replacement and

exterior wall repairs at the Cobden Patrol Garage in the amount of \$187,075 plus HST be approved; AND FURTHER THAT a By-law be passed to Authorize Execution of the Contract at the next session of County Council.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-08-44

Moved by: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

THAT the request for the extension of contract PWO-2014-17 for the Supply & Delivery of Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, Heating Oil, and Above Ground Storage Tanks be approved for one (1) year in accordance with the contract documents; AND FURTHER THAT the Operations Committee recommend that a By-law to Authorize Execution of the Contract Extension be passed at the next session of County Council.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-08-45

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the Public Works & Engineering Department Report attached as Appendix A be approved.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

County Structure B026 (Old Highway 62 Bridge)

Mr. Perkins advised Committee that Old Highway 62 Bridge on Borne Road should be completed within the next two weeks and that staff are proposing to have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Committee directed staff to proceed with scheduling a date and noted that this would be a very good occasion to host a Ceremony, especially since in April 2019 a delegation came to Committee with concerns on the condition of the Bridge.

Bicycle Lanes in Petawawa

Mr. Perkins advised Committee that he has responded to Mr. Tighe following receipt of an email with regards to his concerns regarding the hardened shoulders on Petawawa Boulevard and will forward his response to Committee for their information.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-08-46

Moved by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on September 8, 2020. Time: 11:09 a.m.

CARRIED.