



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Tuesday, September 8, 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
Bruce Beakley, Director of Human Resources
Craig Kelley, Director of Development & Property
Jeffrey Foss, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Michael Behm, Acting Manager of Infrastructure
Richard Bolduc, Manager of Operations
Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
Evelyn VanStarkenbourg, Administrative Assistant

Chair Peckett called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-46

Moved by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the minutes of the August 11, 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 advised Committee that the County of Renfrew Asset Management Plan lists the 20 year capital plan for reconstruction and rehabilitation projects for roads and bridges. He noted that if there are concerns with the condition of a road to have these concerns brought forward to staff for review.

Committee congratulated Mr. Jamey Mick on receiving his Certified Road Supervisor certification. Mr. Moreau advised Committee that a note of congratulations on behalf of Council would be sent to Mr. Mick acknowledging this achievement.

Discussion occurred with regards to speeding throughout the County of Renfrew and the possibility of having increased police presence on the roads.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-47

Moved by: Chair Peckett

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to contact the local Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachments to coordinate efforts to control speed within the County of Renfrew. CARRIED.

Committee requested staff to remove the phrase “pedestrians walking and bicycling along this section” from the information on County Road 517 (Dafoe Road) that will be presented to County Council as there are concerns this may create liability issues.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-48

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that at the next session of County Council, Council approve that “No Parking” signage be erected on both sides of the road along County Road 508 (Calabogie Road) from Burnstown Road to Dickson Road as well as improved signage at the congested area at Burnstown Beach; AND FURTHER THAT the speed limit remain at 80 km/hr. CARRIED.

Discussion occurred regarding the requirement of a policy that outlines the criteria for the installation of pedestrian crossings similar to the Shaw Woods area on County Road 9 (Bulger Road) and at the Eagle's Nest on County Road 508 (Calabogie Road). It is anticipated that there will be further requirements for pedestrian crossings in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-49

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

THAT the Operations Committee direct staff to develop a draft policy on the requirements for installation of solar pedestrian crossings using beacon signals along County roadways. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-50

Moved by: Councillor Bennett

Seconded by: Councillor Keller

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

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-51

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that at the next session of County Council a By-law be passed to Amend By-Law No. 63-20 for the regulation of parking along County Roads to alter a regulation of parking along County Road 508 (Calabogie Road). CARRIED.

INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION

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

Discussion occurred regarding the timing of the construction for County Road 52 (Raglan Street South) in the Town of Renfrew. Councillor Emon noted that that there has been considerable discussion at Renfrew Council with regards to whether it could be completed this fall and a decision was made to have the

project extended into 2021. Mr. Perkins advised Committee that the delay in the work to Raglan Street South should not have an effect on the planned hardened shoulders to County Road 52 (Burnstown Road) as this work is outside of the Town of Renfrew jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-52

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the Operations Committee approve the Proposal PWC-2020-50 as submitted by J.L. Richards & Associates Limited, Ottawa, Ontario for Engineering Services for the Inspection of County Structures in the amount of \$102,505 plus HST; AND FURTHER THAT a Consultant Agreement be executed for the assignment. CARRIED.

Discussion occurred with regards to the draft Service Delivery Review that was presented to County Council from the consultants which recommends having a professional engineer on site rather than contracting out the work. Mr. Perkins advised that there are staff members who are currently working towards their professional engineer status who would be able to complete Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM) reports. It was noted that third party consultants would still be required due to the nature of some of the inspections.

Mr. Perkins advised Committee that there has been challenges to hire a qualified engineer in the past due to the level of pay being offered. Mr. Beakley noted that the County has looked to head hunters to assist with recruitment; however, they have refused to take on the challenge due to the low pay that is being offered and will not be able to attract the candidates. If the County hired an engineer based on a salary they would receive in the City, there would be compression issues with the Engineer being paid over their class and the pay scale would need to be revisited for all employees. He noted there is a provision in the *Pay Equity Act* that you are able to pay outside of the grid to a particular job class to recruit candidates. The reality is that compression is an issue and not only within the Public Works & Engineering Department. The Long-Term Care Centres and Emergency Services also have this issue as it relates to Nurse Practitioners and Commanders.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-53

Moved by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that a By-law be passed at the next session of County Council to acquire Part 1 on Plan 49R-19538 from John Murdoch, Tania Murdoch, and Glenda Lannigan for the sum of five thousand, two hundred, and twenty-five dollars (\$5,225) and to acquire Part 2 on Plan 49R-19538 from Dalton Campbell and Alida Tourian for the sum of two thousand, eight hundred, and twenty-five dollars (\$2,825); AND FURTHER THAT Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 49R-19538 be dedicated as part of the public highway upon registration of the transfer documents. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-54

Moved by: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that a By-law be passed at the next session of County Council to acquire Parts 3 & 4 on Plan 49R-19591 from Earl Thomson for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00); AND FURTHER THAT Parts 3 & 4 on Plan 49R-19591 be dedicated as part of the public highway upon registration of the transfer documents. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-55

Moved by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that a By-law be passed at the next session of County Council to acquire Part 2 on Plan 49R-19581 from Patrick Anthony Stanghetta; AND FURTHER THAT Part 2 on Plan 49R-19581 be dedicated as part of the public highway upon registration of the transfer documents. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-56

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that a By-law be passed at the next session of County Council to acquire Part 2, Plan 49R-19584 from Ronald Davidson and Glenda Davidson; AND FURTHER THAT Part 2, Plan 49R-19584 be dedicated as part of the public highway upon registration of the transfer documents.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-57

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Keller

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that the Road Access Agreement between Zachary and Katherine Hamel and the County of Renfrew be approved; AND FURTHER THAT at the next session of County Council a By-law to Authorize Execution of the Road Access Agreement be passed.

CARRIED.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

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

It was noted that the pavement markings on the new section of River Road are disappearing. Mr. Bolduc advised Committee that it is possible the markings were added too late in the 2019 season and that staff will review this section of the road.

Committee was advised that all local municipalities are notified of any surplus items available with the County of Renfrew prior to being sold on the public auction. Detailed information such as make, model, mileage, year, etc. is provided to the municipalities for the surplus items.

Warden Robinson vacated the virtual meeting at 11:02 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-58

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

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

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-09-59

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Visneskie Moore

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on October 13, 2020. Time: 11:06 a.m.

CARRIED.