



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

An electronic meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Present were: Chair Tom Peckett
 Warden Debbie Robinson
 Vice-Chair Sheldon Keller
 Councillor David Bennett
 Councillor Peter Emon
 Councillor Daniel Lynch
 Councillor Janice Tiedje

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

Chair Peckett called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-60

Moved by: Councillor Tiedje

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Staff Sergeant DiSaverio, Killaloe Detachment and Inspector Neufeld, Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment provided an overview on issues of concern within the County of Renfrew. This included speeding, driving under influence (DUI)/impaired driving due to drugs, alcohol or a combination of both and excessive noise concerns.

Committee was advised that each year the OPP completes several campaigns including a spring seatbelt, distracted driving, May 24 traffic long weekend, speeding, County Road safety and holiday long-weekend blitzes. In addition to these campaigns, this year the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment completed a Project Operation Decibel during the month of August due to complaints received regarding noisy mufflers. In September, the focus for the OPP was school busses and a return to enforcement in school zones.

Committee was advised that Section 75 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) specifies all the laws that govern Ontario roads and focusses on those that have the potential to kill people such as speeding, distracted driving, and DUI. The HTA does not have a specific measurement in Ontario on the amount of noise a muffler can make and this is completely at the discretion of an officer.

Committee was advised that the OPP Snow-Vehicle, All Terrain Vehicle and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) team focuses on trails and water during the most needed times (poker runs and special events) to monitor speed, noise and impaired use of off-road vehicles. The OPP advised that Section 10 of the Police Services Act refers to municipal agreements with the OPP and opportunities for enhanced services. The County of Renfrew currently does not have enhancement programs with the OPP and this may be an opportunity for County Council to take an active role with ensuring that there is an OPP presence on the trails. Committee requested information from the OPP on possible roles that County Council could play in advocating for additional resources for this area.

With respect to DUIs, the OPP are not permitted to pull a driver over arbitrarily. The driver must commit an offense (such as speeding, driving through a stop sign or light, driving erratically) prior to being pulled over. Once stopped the OPP are trained to recognize signs that demonstrate that the driver is impaired.

The use of OPP drones is not used to control speeding along roads or trails within the County of Renfrew. The drone is utilized solely for surveillance, investigating crime scenes, and locating missing persons. Municipalities have opportunities to use speed signage and photo radar on roads where community members have concerns and this data is shared with the OPP. The information collected typically

includes the number of cars that travel at certain speeds, the day of the week and time of day. Any assistance the municipalities can provide with regard to speeding is appreciated. The OPP wish to be proactive and stop speeding before it occurs through prevention, education and community engagement.

Another issue that is becoming a large concern for the OPP is cybercrime. It was noted that more people are becoming targets of cybercrime than there are speeders within the County of Renfrew.

Committee recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened electronically at 10:48 a.m. with the same persons present, and excluding the OPP delegation.

Staff was directed to provide a brief synopsis of the OPP discussion in the Operations Committee Report to County Council.

Public Works and Engineering

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

Committee requested staff to review the wording “Active Transportation” in the Capital Projects Monthly Report, which also refers to the Active Transportation Strategy and is not considered the same as hardened shoulders.

Discussion occurred on the Highway 148 and County Road 40 (Greenwood Road) traffic count that was completed by the County of Renfrew. Committee was advised that staff’s opinion cannot supersede the Ministry of Transportation decision that traffic signals are not warranted.

Staff advised Committee that Councillor Sweet, who was unable to attend the meeting at Garrison Petawawa has been apprised of the discussions.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-61

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that County Council approve waiving the Tourism Signage fees on County Roads for the remainder of 2020.
NOT VOTED ON.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-62

Moved by: Warden Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the resolution to waive the Tourism Signage fees on County Roads be amended to include 2021 and be reinstated in January 2022. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-63

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that County Council approve waiving the Tourism Signage fees on County Roads for the remainder of 2020 and for 2021; AND FURTHER THAT the Tourism Signage fees be reinstated in January 2022. CARRIED.

Mr. Moreau advised that he would consult with Mr. Jeffrey Foss, Director of Finance/Treasurer on whether the loss of income from the Tourism Signage fees can be recovered through funding received for COVID-19.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-64

Moved by: Councillor Bennett

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

THAT the Operations Committee direct staff to remove the existing retaining wall and landscape, grade and reseed the area at the Calvary Baptist Church located at 148 Queen Street, Killaloe, Ontario. NOT VOTED ON.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-65

Moved by: Warden Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the resolution to remove the existing retaining wall and landscape, grade and reseed the area at the Calvary Baptist Church be amended to include that staff advise the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards that the County intends to remove the existing retaining wall; AND FURTHER THAT staff confirm the Township's plan for the remaining portion of the retaining wall on Coll Street. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-66

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Warden Robinson

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to advise the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards that the County intends to remove the existing retaining wall within the County to Renfrew's right of way and landscape, grade and reseed the area at the Calvary Baptist Church, 148 Queen Street in Killaloe, Ontario; AND FURTHER THAT staff confirm the Township's plan for the remaining portion of the retaining wall on Coll Street. CARRIED.

Committee was advised that providing a surplus grader to the Renfrew County ATV Club is a win-win situation for the County of Renfrew. Partnerships similar to this have occurred in the past with the Snow Country Snowmobile Club, Algonquin College and St. John's Ambulance.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-67

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Keller

THAT the Operations Committee recommend to County Council that the 1980 Champion Grader that was declared surplus be disposed of to the Renfrew County ATV Club for the purposes of trail maintenance in the amount of \$1.00; AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to negotiate the terms of disposal that will meet the needs of the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee. CARRIED.

Mr. Perkins advised Committee that Policy PW-14 – Pedestrian and Trail Crossings on County Road was created for municipalities and staff. Committee was advised that the Policy refers to hiking trails and pedestrian crossings and does not include crossing at County owned trails such as the Algonquin Trail. Committee requested further clarification within the Policy with regards to County and local municipality responsibilities for cost, replacement and road markings.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-68

Moved by: Warden Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Tiedje

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that a By-law be passed to amend Policy PW-14 – Pedestrian Crossings on County Roads to reflect the addition of Trail Crossings on County Roads be tabled. CARRIED.

Infrastructure Division

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

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-69

Moved by: Councillor Lynch

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that a By-law be passed to acquire Parts 6-11 on Registered Plan 49R-11071 from Marlene Freitag and Mary Melcher for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00); AND FURTHER THAT Parts 6-11 on Registered Plan 49R-11071 be dedicated as part of the public highway upon registration of the transfer documents. CARRIED.

Operations Division

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

Mr. Bolduc advised that the patrols have received approximately 50% of the winter sand and that the remainder should be received by the end of October.

Mr. Bolduc advised Committee that the County of Renfrew uses the website GovDeals to sell surplus equipment. He noted that GovDeals advertises across Ontario and the United States.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-70

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

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

New Business**Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Kingston**

Committee directed staff to contact the MTO office in Kingston and request their attendance as a delegation at an upcoming meeting of County Council to provide an update on their investment in the provincial road infrastructure within the County, upcoming changes to plow route contracts, road safety and the status of the Highway 17 four-laning.

Gillan Road/Barnett Boulevard – Town of Renfrew

Committee was advised that a request was received from Town of Renfrew Councillor Tom Sidney for the County of Renfrew to consider turning the intersection at County Road 6 (Gillan Road) and Barnett Boulevard in the Town of Renfrew into a three-way stop due to concerns of speeding in this area and the increase of pedestrians and bikers. Staff was directed to review this request and consult with the Town of Renfrew Council to see if a three-way stop is warranted and provide a report to Committee at a future meeting.

Staffing Changes

Mr. Perkins advised that it was Mr. Behm's last Committee meeting as Acting Manager of Infrastructure and that he would be returning to his position as Supervisor of Technical Services. He noted that Mr. Taylor Hanrath will be stepping into the role as Acting Manager of Infrastructure and will be in attendance at the next meeting. Mr. Perkins thanked Mr. Behm for all his support and assisting him in his transition into the position of Director of Public Works and Engineering.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-10-71

Moved by: Councillor Bennett

Seconded by: Warden Robinson

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on November 10, 2020. Time: 11:54 a.m. CARRIED.