



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

An electronic meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Tuesday, November 10, 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

Regrets: Councillor Janice Tiedje

Staff Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Richard Bolduc, Acting Director of Public Works and Engineering
Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property
Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care
Taylor Hanrath, Acting Manager of Infrastructure
Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
Evelyn VanStarkenburger, 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-20-11-72

Moved by: Councillor Bennett

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Public Works and Engineering

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

Committee expressed appreciation to the Public Works employees on their work performance over the past year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion occurred on the request from the Township of Madawaska Valley for parking on County Road 62 (Combermere Road). Chair Peckett and Mr. Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works and Engineering were on site at the proposed parking lot site with Township of Madawaska Valley staff to review the request. A primary concern with permitting a parking lot at this location is the safety of pedestrians crossing the road. The current speed limit is 50 kph with a curve in the road near the location of the proposed parking lot, and if the request is approved this may necessitate the need for crossing lights. It was noted that County roads are designed to accommodate higher traffic speeds and that caution should be taken with approving parking areas along County roads.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-11-73

Moved by: Councillor Emon

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that County Council not approve the request from the Township of Madawaska Valley to construct a parking lot adjacent to County Road 62 (Combermere Road) in the community of Combermere. CARRIED.

Committee directed staff to continue discussions with the Township of Madawaska Valley to establish a suitable parking solution in the area and also to review whether the location warrants pedestrian crossing signage.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-11-74

Moved by: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the Operations Committee recommend that County Council Amend By-Law No. 91-20 for the regulation of parking along County Roads to alter the regulations for parking on County Road 508 (Calabogie Road), County Road 511 (Lanark Road) and County Road 12 (Westmeath Road). CARRIED.

Operations Division

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

Committee was advised that the culverts replaced on County Roads 5 (Stone Road), 37 (Murphy Road) and 21 (Beachburg Road) did not meet the threshold for Capital Projects and that the funding will be covered through the Maintenance Program. Mr. Bolduc advised that the culverts were replaced with corrugated steel pipe (CSP) culverts, which is the current standard used by the County of Renfrew. The Infrastructure Division is reviewing other options such as high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and plastic pipes and are using these in some pilot programs that are showing positive results. A decision on whether the County will move forward with HDPE or plastic pipes will be decided at a future date.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-11-75

Moved by: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Lynch

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

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-20-11-76

Moved by: Warden Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held at the call of the Chair. Time: 10:00 a.m. CARRIED.