



OPERATIONS & FACILITIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REPORT

MARCH 9, 2011

A meeting of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, March 9th, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Rick Wiedenhoeft
Paul Ryan
Ken Perry
Roy Avis
Mark McCaig
Doug Brown
Merv Ahrens

REGRETS:

GUESTS: Cheryl Gartley, MNR
Anne McCoy, OPP & Elaine Fischer, Active Transportation Committee

1. Called to order at 7:30 a.m.
2. Non-agenda items which, because of urgency, cannot be referred to subsequent meeting, identified to be considered later in the meeting - none.
3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof - none.
4. Approve Minutes from February 16th, 2011 Operations & Facilities Executive Committee Meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated.

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5. TENDERS/CAPITAL/DEVELOPMENT/ENGINEERING SERVICES

- Third Street – Portage Avenue to Mowat Avenue – North Side Sidewalk – the information was reviewed. The report was revised where the following was recommended:

That as a result of the condition of the existing sidewalks that both the North and South sidewalks will remain and that only the sections of the sidewalk removed for the installation of water and sewer sanitary service lines be replaced under this project in 2011.

The revised report will be forwarded to Council for approval.

6. WATER

Water Treatment Plant:

Water Distribution System:

- January 2011 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report – the report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.
- 2010 Annual Report Town's Drinking Water System – DWS # 220000978 – Large Municipal Residential & DWS # 260060762 – Small Municipal Non-residential System – Sunny Cove Camp Well Supply – the report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for information only. No action required.
- 2010 Schedule 22 (Compliance) Summary Report for the Town's Drinking Water System – DWS # 220000978 – Large Municipal Residential System – the report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.

7. SEWER

Sewage Treatment Plant:

- Wastewater Treatment Facility January 2011 Monthly Report – the monthly report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.

8. WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Waste Diversion Ontario Residential Blue Box 2010 Municipal Datacall – Best Practice Questions – the report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.
- Waste Disposal Site Monthly Inspection – January 2011 – the monthly inspection report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
- Letter Dated February 16, 2011 from MNR for Consideration for Mine Centre Waste to be Transferred to Fort Frances Landfill Site - Cheryl Gartley from MNR gave a brief overview of the MNR request. All members of the Committee were given an opportunity to ask questions or obtain clarification from Cheryl. The Administration report will be revised where the following recommendations will be included in the report:
 1. In principle Council supports the MNR request to allow domestic waste from the community of Mine Centre to be disposed in the Town's present Landfill Site.
 2. That Administration meets with the MNR to development all the terms and conditions to be set out in a binding agreement for this service.
 3. That the MNR be responsible for the costs in developing the service agreement in the future.
 4. That Administration will submit the service agreement to Council for execution once the MNR has determined that this is the optimal selected option for disposing of the domestic waste from the community of Mine Centre.

The revised report will be forwarded to Council for approval. Cheryl Gartley left the meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

9. AIRPORT

10. PARKS & CEMETERIES

11. INFORMATION REPORTS

- Operations Statistics – Milt Strachan – January 2011 – the monthly statistics were reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only.
- Operations Statistics – Doug Herr – January 2011 – the monthly statistics were reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only.

12. TRANSPORTATION

Decision of Operations & Facilities Division & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee on Proposed community Safety Zone – Anne McCoy - September of 2009 - Guests: Anne McCoy, OPP & Elaine Fischer, Active Transportation Committee – the report was reviewed in it's entirety, where Anne McCoy and Elaine Fischer were given an opportunity to express their opinions on the designation of a Community Safety Zone. All members of the Committee were given an opportunity to ask questions or obtain clarification. The Operations & Facilities Executive Committee recommends the following:

- Support the designation of a modified "Community Safety Zone" along King's Hwy. from just west of the most westerly entrance of the Fort Frances Cemetery to just west of the McIrvine Road intersection. The Community Safety Zone would be geared around the school year. For example – in affect during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, during the months of September through June. Please find attached map showing the proposed "Community Safety Zone" and a cost estimate for installing the appropriate signage.
- That Administration prepares the necessary documentation in accordance with application guidelines for designating a Community Safety Zone on a provincial highway.
- That once all consultation has taken place that an application be submitted to Ministry of the Solicitor General for approval of designating a "Community Safety Zone" on the King's Hwy. within the community of Fort Frances.
- Ensure the digital *rate of speed* sign purchased by the Community Policing Committee is set-up on a more frequent basis along the proposed "Community Safety Zone".
- That the Town along with it's local safety groups such as the Rainy River Safety Coalition, the Public Health Unit, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee investigate a joint purchase of two (2) permanent digital rate speed signs in the future. These signs will be set-up just east and west of the Keating Avenue intersection.

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- That timing of the (south) Keating Avenue pedestrian walk, don't walk and flashing don't walk symbols be adjusted to provide a longer walk time and shorter flashing don't walk time. That prior to making any adjustments to the pedestrian symbols that this be communicated to both J W Walker School and St. Francis School students and staff through the school monthly news letter and a public announcement at a Council meeting.
- That additional public education be considered for all parties involved with pedestrian safety; the community at large, parents of students going to either school, school staff and the students themselves.
- That the flashing (24 hours/365 days/year) lights for the pedestrian warning signs just east and west of the Pedestrian Crossover Walkway be eliminated. This additional safety feature could be distracting motorists when the pedestrian crossover lights are activated thus not stopping for pedestrians utilizing the crossover. Town maybe assuming liabilities.
- That through the OPP business case planning exercise or survey for the next three (3) years that Council communicate that a stronger enforcement presence along the proposed Community Safety Zone is needed with emphasize being placed at the King's Hwy./Keating Avenue intersection during critical times of school days to address Highway Traffic Act violations.
- That the Operations & Facilities Division prepares the necessary signage drawings outlining the following;
 - All existing traffic signage within the proposed Community Safety Zone
 - Propose future changes to the signage within the proposed Community Safety Zone.

The Operations & Facilities Division will determine if some of the existing signage can be eliminated to ensure the appropriate pedestrian warning signs stand out. Also that additional pedestrian warning signs be installed near the Legion Park. That the drawings be forwarded to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and the Rainy River Safety Coalition for review, comments or suggestions prior to the actual installing the signs and that a recommendation report from the Safety Advisory Committee to be forwarded to Council for approval prior to installing any new signs.

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- That the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee along with the OPP Community Safety Officer organize that Tom Maranis of MTO make a presentation on the available pedestrians safety programs at a future Traffic Safety Advisory meeting.
 - That the OPP Community Safety Officer be added as a resource to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and that the Terms of Reference be revised to reflect this revision.

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- That a Traffic Safety Advisory meeting be held in June of each year with all safety groups to review the existing traffic signage, controls and to determine if any improvements should occur prior to the start of the next school year. This will include all forms of traffic movements on the roads and sidewalks surrounding all schools in Fort Frances.
- That there is movement by the Rainy River Safety Coalition and some local schools to develop and implement a pedestrian safety program such as a kiss and ride program in Fort Frances. As a result, the Winter Control Policy should be reviewed prior to the 2011/12 winter season to determine if any improvement in winter control services can be implemented to assist in supporting a pedestrian safety program.

The revised report will be forwarded to Council for approval. Anne & Elaine left the meeting @ 10:40 a.m.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

13. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There being no further matters before this committee at this time; this meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.


Chairman
Operations & Facilities Executive
Committee


Manager Operations & Facilities

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