

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Roads Sub-Committee held an electronic meeting January 21, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. The following members were present: David Besley, Chair, Wayne Hannon and Darren White. Also present were: Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk; Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent; Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer and Kaitlin Chessell, Road Sub-Committee Secretary. Chair Besley called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Deletion:

7.4. Development of Laneway between Main St. & Argyle St., Corbetton (Councillor Hannon)

Moved by White, Seconded by Besley that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Moved by White, Seconded by Hannon that the minutes of the Roads Sub-Committee meeting held on November 10, 2020 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Correspondence Items

None.

General Business

1. Update from Public Works Superintendent

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent advised that they had been plowing a bit of snow, they have cleaned all the bridges and guide beams off and were doing maintenance on equipment in the shop. Member Hannon mentioned that someone had contacted him over the Christmas break in regard to the snow being packed on the

roads and it had become slippery and a discussion ensued into the Minimum Maintenance Standards. Craig advised that we are clearing the roads well within the time set out in the Minimum Maintenance Standards for our road classes. Member White mentioned that he had read an article about an attachment for the front of the grader that saves time when ice blading as it roughs up the icy roads. He is going to find the article and send the link out to the Roads Sub-Committee.

2. Discussion on using Screenings vs. Gravel on Township Roads

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent advised that other Township's in the area have been trying out Quarry Gravel as it is closer for them to haul. Grey Highlands told Craig that you get a lot more volume with the screenings and it goes a lot further. The difference in price between Fleshcon and Walkers from the 2020 gravel tender was \$1.45 a tonne. Craig advised that it seems to require less maintenance and packs better. Craig was directed to identify a few roads that he would like to try out screenings on this year.

3. Roads Equipment for 2021 Budget

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent advised that they need a new plow truck. Craig has been in contact with Viking Cives and they will do the tender for us. Craig would like a Western Star which are the best two trucks we currently have. The cost would be approximately \$300,000 which includes everything but the taxes. Viking Cives has a large selection of parts in stock for Western Stars which makes them easier to fix as well. We have approximately \$560,000 in the Equipment Reserve, and Member White suggested that we reach out to the County of Dufferin and see what they have planned for equipment purchasing this year and see if we can tender together to save money. Viking Cives told Craig that we would need to order in the next 2-3 weeks to get the truck by the end of November 2021.

Recommendation:

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we proceed with the purchase of a new truck for 2021.

5. Southgate-Melancthon Boundary Road Agreement

The Insurance section of the agreement has changed quite a bit and it was suggested that it may be a good idea to have the insurance company look at it and make sure we are covered for all aspects that we are agreeing too and make sure we can meet the obligations of the contract. It was also suggested that we should send it to the Township's Lawyer for review as the agreement is very different from the last one, we signed with the Township of Southgate back in 2012.

Recommendation:

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we send the Southgate-Melancthon Boundary Road Agreement to the Insurance Company and the Township's Lawyer for review and comment.

6. Other/Additions

None.

Delegations

2:00 P.M. - Chris Knechtel, RJ Burnside and Associates - Bridge 11 Deck Condition Survey and Recommendations

Chris Knechtel from RJ Burnside and Associates made a PowerPoint presentation in regards to the 2021 Bridge Projects. Bridge 13 is to be rehabilitated in 2021, and it is ready to be tendered any day now and will take 6-8 weeks to complete. The cost of this project is approximately \$200,000. Bridge 11 needs to be rehabilitated in the next couple years, but a design is not in place yet and it is not going to be ready to tender till the Spring if we choose to also proceed with this bridge in 2021. The cost of this rehabilitation would be approximately \$250,000 if no barrier or guide rail work is done and \$350,000 if we replace the barrier and install guide rails. Chris has proposed two options to the Roads Sub-Committee; Option 1 is to proceed with Bridge 13 for the 2021 budget year and complete Bridge 11 in 2022 or 2023 or Option 2 is to tender Bridge 13 & 11 together and save approximately \$50,000. Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer advised that we could access \$200,000 from the Gas tax Funding \$50,000 from OCIF Funding and \$73,500 from Development Charges for the 5th Line Road Project and Bridge 11 if we proceed with these Road and Bridge projects in 2021.

Recommendation:

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we proceed with Option 1: Bridge 13 for approximately \$200,000 in 2021 and give Chris Knechtel the go ahead to proceed with preparing the tender for Bridge 11 for 2022.

Recommendations to Council

Recommendation has been outlined above.

Public Question Period

A member of the public mentioned that using screenings on the roads may save us on labour and equipment and that the 4th Line NE may be a great road to test the screenings out on as they had a large traffic count number last fall, and it may help control the speed and dust.

A member of the public asked about which roads we are budgeting for 2021, they are 5th Line OS from County Road 17 to 15 Sideroad and 260 Sideroad from Highway 10 to 2nd Line SW. These recommendations went to Council on November 19th, 2020 for approval. They also asked if Chris Knechtel's presentation would be coming to Council and they were advised that just the recommendations from the Roads Sub-Committee come to Council. They asked how we financially handle road emergencies, and they were advised that last year we used money from the roads projects that came in under budget but that we draw from the working capital reserve for emergencies otherwise.

Staff was directed to add Chris Knechtel's presentation to the website as an addendum to the agenda.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by White, Seconded by Hannon that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Roads Sub-Committee with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Sub-Committee on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Sub-Committee Members at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

Adjournment

3:00 p.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn this Roads Sub-Committee meeting to meet again on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY