

TES Committee Meeting

September 1st, 2021

8:30 a.m.

There was a meeting of the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday September 1st, 2021. Present was Chair Tom Webster, Mayor David Bennett, Public Advisory Members, Murray Humphries, Rick Lester, and Tyler Anderson. Staff present was Public Works Manager, Adam Knapp, and CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough— Recording Secretary.

Councillor Lane Cleroux sent his regrets.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Webster called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest from committee members.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- July 7th, 2021

Moved by Rick Lester

Seconded by Tyler Anderson

THAT the Committee approve the July 7th, 2021 Minutes.

Carried

4. LANDFILL SITE EXPANSION FEASIBILITY DRAFT LETTERS

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report as information. Kevin Mooder, Jp2g sent his regrets. Committee members posed a few questions regarding the soak pit and the size of the expansion. Public Works Manager recorded the information to discuss with Mr. Mooder and will bring back to the table.

Moved by Tyler Anderson

Seconded by Murray Humphries

THAT the TES Committee accept this report as information.

Carried

5. PROPOSED 2022 CAPITAL BUILDING PLAN

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report. There was discussion regarding the works being proposed. Mayor Bennett expressed interest in the work to go a little further to expand the size of the Public Works Manager's Office to allow for a small meeting space for at least three people to meet socially distanced.

Moved by Rick Lester

Seconded by Tyler Anderson

THAT the TES Committee accept this report as information.

AND THAT considerations shall be reviewed during 2022 budgetary deliberations.

Carried

6. PROPOSED 2022 CAPITAL ROADS EQUIPMENT PURCHASING PLAN

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report. Mayor Bennett questioned compliance with MTO regulations regarding the radios. Mr. Knapp clarified that they would be compliant as they would easily sync to Bluetooth in the vehicles. Chair Webster would like to confirm that the radios would work in the 'dead spots' identified in the Township. Mr. Knapp is to reach out to neighbouring municipalities and/or Bearcom to request to borrow for testing purposes. There was some discussion regarding the pavement edger. It would be well utilized as a multi-purpose tool and would save staff time and provide efficiencies for the public works crew. The option to rent out the equipment to other municipalities is also there as well.

Moved by Murray Humphries

Seconded by Rick Lester

THAT the TES Committee accept this report as information.

AND THAT considerations shall be reviewed during 2022 budgetary deliberations.

Carried

7. PROPOSED 2022 CAPITAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report. Chair Webster questioned the status of the Thompsonhill design. Mr. Knapp said that hopefully by mid September it should be at a 50% completion. There have been a few delays, but the project is moving forward. Committee Member Murray Humphries questioned if there were any funding opportunities; there are no big infrastructure funding grants at this time. Committee Member Rick Lester questioned if there was any opportunity to engage with the County to take over Lime Kiln Road. Mayor Bennett expressed what the Township has already tried with no success to-date, as there are various factors to consider. Mayor Bennett mentioned that an additional bay to the PW Garage for washing purposes would be something to keep in mind and potentially add to the 10-year Capital works plan. Mr. Knapp mentioned that it would have to be in at least 5 years as there isn't enough in Reserves to add another bay at this time.

Moved by Rick Lester

Seconded by Tyler Anderson

THAT the TES Committee accept this report as information.

AND THAT considerations shall be reviewed during 2022 budgetary deliberations.

Carried

8. ROAD SURFACE OPTIMIZATION, PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report. Mayor Bennett expressed concern with the Dust Suppression portion of the policy. Chair Webster recognizes this as a minimum standard for the Township and understands Mayor Bennett's concerns. Perhaps the budget should be looked at for the purpose of increasing the calcium however the policy is the minimum standard being set. Chair Webster feels Horton goes above and beyond in the Township, although it wouldn't hurt to start a small stockpile to ensure we can continue to meet the issues regarding dust suppression. There was discussion about making the policy more flexible to ensure that whoever is responsible for adhering to the policy continues with the same level of service.

The policy is to be edited and brought back for review.

Moved by Tyler Anderson

Seconded by Rick Lester

THAT the TES Committee agree with staff's recommendation to draft a Road Surface Optimization, Preservation and Development Policy.

AND THAT the draft policy be edited to provide for more flexibility regarding the dust suppression section.

AND FURTHER THAT it be brought back to TES for an additional review.

Carried

9. MTO HIGHWAY 17 TWINNING UPDATE

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report. Committee was not in favour of selling the land to MTO and is prepared to preserve the

Township's interest and formulate an argument to maintain the land in Horton Township ownership. This issue needs to be discussed and considered with MTO and Council needs to be updated as a whole. There was a suggestion to have Council draft a letter to MTO.

Moved by Murray Humphries

Seconded by Tyler Anderson

THAT the TES Committee accept this report as information.

Carried

10. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed a video with the Committee with reference to the 'Walk for Joe Commanda' to commemorate Every Lives Matter and his journey leaving the Residential School he was placed in. Joe Commanda was a staff member's brother-in-law and Committee wish to support the cause.

Committee Member Murray Humphries questioned whether there was anything the Township can do about the speeding on River Road. There was discussion.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- i. October 6th, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Webster declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

CHAIR Tom Webster

PUBLIC WORKS MGR Adam Knapp