

A meeting of the Operations Committee was held this afternoon with Chairperson White presiding and all Committee members in attendance with the exception of Councillor Levasseur. Staff members in attendance were Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer, David Unrau, Manager-Works, Engineering & Utilities and Judi Shields, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Lowe
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill
THAT the minutes of the December 20, 2005 Operations Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

GENERAL

1. Monthly Report

In response to Councillor Henderson's question regarding the challenges in fixing winter pot holes, Mr. Unrau noted that the City does not normally experience a high number of pot holes until March-April. This year has been an exception because of the warmer winter weather. In response as to how the City will handle the potholes, Mr. Unrau stated that crews have been assigned to this task.

Councillor Lafreniere enquired to the removal of hanging flower baskets on the Mary Street Bridge. Mr. Unrau stated that it was found to be unsafe for City Staff to remove the baskets without proper equipment. Ottawa River Power Corporation will be removing the baskets once snow has been removed from the bridge.

Mr. Unrau stated in response to Deputy Mayor Scott that the new sidewalk plow has been received. It is currently being set up for City routes and should be operational soon.

Mayor Jacyno questioned the amount of bio-solids hauled at 733,879 kg and where it was taken. Mr. Unrau said that pressed sewage is hauled and spread on farmers' fields. This opens up the reason why the bio-solids facility is needed. In addition to Ministry of Environment regulations under the Nutrient Management Act, farmers' fields are not always accessible for spreading causing more to be disposed of through the landfill. The facility is being looked at as an alternative means of disposal under Ministry standards. The figures outlined in the report cover a one-month time period.

PARKS & FACILITIES

2. Advance Capital – PMC and Project Costing

Councillor White noted that the request for funds would be in advance of budget deliberations. Deputy Mayor Scott commented that the facilities are a showcase for the Fred Page Cup and should be provided with the necessary funds for the improvements requested.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill
THAT funds be budgeted from 2006 to cover the cost of improvements to the PMC including painting, carpet/drywall/lighting replacement, snow hole removal and clock bulb replacement for a cost of \$22,750.00 + GST.

CARRIED

ENGINEERING

3. Mary Street Bridge

The bridge was constructed in 1967-1968, having a current life span of almost 40 years. As a result of the 2005 inspection a 3 tonne load limit was posted on the bridge and emergency repairs to the bearing pedestals were completed in November 2005. It was recommended that a Detailed Bridge Condition Survey and Rehabilitation Study be conducted. After the emergency repairs were completed and the results of the survey/study were submitted the 3 tonne limit remains in effect until such time as the concrete deck can be replaced or repaired.

The cost comparison between a rehabilitation and reconstruction are 1.3M to 1.8M respectfully.

The outcome of the survey/study revealed that the bridge is structurally safe. Results show deterioration in the concrete deck which could result in "punch holes" (pot holes giving away to larger holes through the structure) but it is not expected to be an immediate danger. Mayor Jacyno expressed his concern for resident's safety. Mr. Unrau noted that although the concrete decking is deteriorating, consultants have stated that the re-bar is structurally sound and strong. Although it is difficult to determine the size of a hole, the re-bar should sustain fall-through.

Possible funding through both, the Gas Tax Rebate or COMRIF programs, are to be examined. Mr. Lapierre noted that upcoming Federal Election promises have devoted funds for municipal infrastructure improvements. Deputy Mayor Scott noted that first thought would be to carry through with Engineering works, but this could make the City non-eligible for available funding. Continuing Mr. Lapierre noted that the information is for Committee information and consideration at this point. Funding possibilities are to be reviewed.

A report of safety is a recommendation. Further Councillor Henderson recommended review by the Police Services Board for increase patrol of the bridge for heaving truck traffic and recommended a by-law to provide Police with the necessary tools to enforce the restriction. Mr. Unrau noted that the rate of compliance for the 3-tonne limit is fairly good but those vehicles slightly over the limit are still using the bridge.

Committee recommended including investigation of funding replacement or repair of the concrete deck structure for the Mary Street Bridge, maintaining the 3-tonne limit for vehicles, ensure safety by engineering consultants and proceed with repairs when possible. Council will review a by-law for enforcement by City Police Service for weight

restrictions on the bridge.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

4. Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre Request

During the months of June, July and August the City of Pembroke offers weekly collection of the Green Organic Cart and does not permit additional organics to be set out along side the cart. During the remainder of the year residents can set out their organics and leaf and yard waste (L&Y) at the special times in the Spring and Fall or out with their regular bi-weekly organic collection. The City does not advertise L&Y being accepted with the organic cart outside of the summer months but it will be collected.

The OVWRC has concerns regarding the volume not the weight being receive during the months of May and September and has asked the City to consider adding these months of weekly organics collection of carts only and permit Leaf & Yard (L&Y) only during the special collections to reduce the extra organics being received.

It is understood that the OVWRC concerns relates to increased cost of processing L&Y in the organic stream and the possibility of installing more containers for organics in the future but this additional collection in May and September would cost the City an additional \$15,000 + tipping fees. During the Spring and Fall L&Y waste collection bags are picked up by a separate truck and taken directly to the L&Y pad with a reduced tipping fee of \$40 vs. \$54 for the organics stream.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Severin
THAT the City maintain status quo, since the economics are not there to support the change and the residents are comfortable with the existing program. Organics will be collected weekly during June-July-August. Outside of this time frame organics will be collected bi-weekly with additional L&Y waste accepted.
CARRIED

Councillor Henderson stated that if the City's program was causing a real challenge at the OVWRC perhaps changing the collection would be considered. At this time Councillor Henderson agreed that the City has stay status quo.

In response to Councillor Lowe, Ms. Shields noted that L&Y waste collection has been moved ahead by one collection to allow a later window of time to clean up leaves. The L&Y waste collection dates are separated bi-weekly and take place the same time was organics are collected. The dates are set prior to the yearly calendar being prepared and cannot be changed after publication. Each of the municipalities alternate the order in which their special collections take place each year.

Councillor Henderson added that L&Y waste is accepted free of charge at OWRC from residential properties.

WATER & SEWER

5. Tim Hortons Request

Tim Horton is looking to have a second water meter installed in its Pembroke Street East location to measure the water usage directly used by coffee brewers, tea brewers, hot beverage brewers and ice cap machines. The reasoning behind the request is that the water used by these machines leaves the store and is not going into the sanitary sewer system. Tim Hortons would have both meters read and a deduction would be given for the second meter values from the main meter values.

Deputy Mayor Scott noted that the water used in the process to make the hot beverages will have an output somewhere in the sanitary sewer system. If an exception is made for one facility, exceptions would have to be applied to all facilities.

Committee agreed not to approve this request.

On motion of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Henderson, a caucus meeting of Council will follow the regular meeting of Council.

On motion of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Severin, the regular meeting of the Operations Committee adjourned.