

A meeting of the Operations Committee was held this evening with Chairperson White presiding and all Committee members in attendance. Staff members in attendance were Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer and Judi Shields, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Lowe
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere
THAT the minutes of the March 21, 2006 Operations Committee meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

1. Brian McGee - V.P., AECL - CRL Operations

Mr. McGee reviewed his PowerPoint presentation to update Council on Canada's nuclear industry, Energy in Ontario and Chalk River Laboratories. With nuclear power providing 50% on Ontario's electricity the industry is a \$6 billion producer with direct employment of 30,000 and another 70,000 indirect through supplies and services. Canada's nuclear program began September 5, 1945 and has evolved through various stages to NRU and the NRC for CANDU fuel and materials testing and for advanced materials research. AECL's staff distribution in Chalk River is 2,081 including 579 Pembroke residents.

Mr. McGee is accountable for the safe operation of AECL's licensed nuclear facilities. In response to Deputy Mayor Scott, on how spent fuel is handled safely, Mr. McGee noted that once the fuel has spent a useful life it is cooled and held in safe conditions moving from wet storage to dry fuel storage. Depending on the life of the fuel, reviews are held to the usefulness of the fuel in the future.

Mayor Jacyno noted that France uses 80% nuclear power for energy. In response to questions on Canada's change in power Mr. McGee stated that Canada is seen to follow this role by the year 2020; currently we are at 50%. In the near future water is used as the primary provided for energy across Canada.

Councillor Levasseur questioned if there was a lot of opposition to received required licenses. It is noted that more awareness to the general population as being a safe source of energy is the current scope to keep people's mind at ease, provide information of nuclear activities and proper control for environment impact.

2. Bob Schreader, Renfrew County Health Unit – re. Smoke Free Ontario Act

Mr. Schreader was in attendance to provide Council with information on the new Smoke-Free Ontario Act and the Regulation. Since the Tobacco Control Act was passed in 1994 and subsequently Smoking in the Workplace Act in 1990 the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and Regulation will come into effect on May 31, 2006 after extensive review since June 2005. This new Act will ban smoking in enclosed public places and workplace, provides whistleblower

protection, immediate limit on display for tobacco products and a timeline to ban display and promotion of tobacco products completely. Further the Act will ban smoking in day nurseries and licensed private home day care, whether children are present or not, protocol for home health-care workers, rules for residential care facilities designated veterans and designated psychiatric hospitals and controlled smoking areas.

Ever though this is an Ontario legislation, Quebec has worked simultaneously with the development of this Provincial Act.

Both Provincial and local agencies will be offering programs relating to the new Act and Regulations as well as for those individuals who would like to stop smoking. Since the new Act and Regulations are provincially regulated, Federal establishments are not affected. Although this is the case it is understood that no-smoking policies have already been enforced for Federal Government Agencies. Others provinces that have established policies included Quebec, Alberta and possibly New Brunswick.

GENERAL

3. Monthly Report

The March Monthly Report for the Parks & Facilities Section, Roads & Fleet Section and Water & Sewer Section was reviewed as submitted.

4. T-06-E1, Tender for the Supply & Delivery of Pickup Truck (2006 Model)

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Levasseur
Seconded by Councillor Lowe
THAT the Operations Committee that Tender T-06-E1 be awarded to Butler Limited in the amount of \$28,080.00 + GST.

CARRIED

5. Bennett Street/Everett Street Traffic Signal Review Traffic Signal Review

Records indicated that the existing traffic signals were installed at the intersection as a temporary measure in 1977. In February 2006 the City was advised the controller was malfunctioning and was non-repairable and would cost \$10,000 to replace. As a temporary measure the unit was placed on flash mode. Under staff recommendation, approved by Committee, a review of the intersection was carried out to determine if traffic signals were warranted prior to giving consideration to replacement of the controller.

Jp2g Consultants Inc. recommended that the traffic signals be removed and one stop sign be placed on Everett Street. This would involve moving the stop line forward to the intersection and Bennett Street acting as a through street.

City staff reviewed the recommendation and because of safety issues, recommended that the intersection be three-way stop sign and the stop lines remaining at the present location. These two recommendations would allow not only safety considerations but the ability for truck and bus traffic to use the intersection effectively.

Councillor Levasseur introduced the concept of traffic mirror placed in areas where intersection visibility is blocked by objects.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Lafreniere
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill
THAT the Operations Committee accept the recommendation that existing traffic signals at the intersection of Bennett Street and Everett Street be removed and replaced with a three-way stop utilizing stop signs.

CARRIED

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