

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 Robert Spadoni, Deputy-Clerk and David Unrau, Manager – Works, Engineering & Utilities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Severin  
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere  
THAT the minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED.

GENERAL

1. Change of Command Parade, June 26, 2005 – Road Closure

Mr. Unrau informed the committee that a request has been received from the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Defence Regiment to have Victoria Street closed between Lake Street and Pembroke Street West from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on June 26, 2005 to allow for a Regimental Change of Command Parade. Mr. Unrau noted that the barricades would already be in the area from the previous day and that the Works Department had no issues with the request.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy-Mayor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill  
THAT the Operations Committee grant permission to the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Defence Regiment to close Victoria Street between Lake Street and Pembroke Street West from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on June 26, 2005 to allow for a Regimental Change of Command Parade.

2. Hockey Stars for Hope request

Mr. Unrau informed the committee that a request has been received from Hockey Stars for Hope to have the ice put in at the PMC from August 18-21, 2005 to hold a fund-raising event for children who have the passion but not the financial resources to enjoy the game of hockey. Mr. Unrau cautioned the committee that during this time frame the Parks & Facilities Department already has several commitments including Communities

in Bloom, installing the ice at PEM Ice II, Kings Sport Soccer Tournament and preparations for Fiddle Week among others. Mr. Unrau further cautioned that the department has one person on short term disability and two men will be off at any one time on vacation from July 1 to September. Mr. Unrau noted that if the committee proceeded with this request there would not be sufficient staff and the normal operation would be limited (i.e. minor grass cutting and garbage collection). In addition, capital work planned for the plant at the facility would have to be rescheduled. Also noted was the estimated cost for this event including labour, material and utilities including start-up, preparation, event days, clean-up between events and removal of the ice afterwards to be approximately \$12,000.00, in addition there would be associated facility rental fees. Mr. Unrau further reiterated that the Works, Engineering & Utilities Department has concerns about manpower for this event and the effect it would have on core service.

Councillor Levasseur informed the committee that Mr. Shawn Allard, founder of Hockey Stars for Hope, was present at the meeting should the committee have any questions for him.

Deputy-Mayor Scott stated that he would like to see the fundraiser happen but that the City just does not have the manpower at that time to proceed with the event. He also noted that the cost (\$12,000.00) would be absorbed by Hockey Stars for Hope and questioned if it would be feasible for the organization to make a profit if they had to pay this fee.

Chairperson White further noted that capital work planned for the facility would have to be put on hold.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy-Mayor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Severin  
THAT the Operations Committee decline the request to have the ice put in at the PMC from August 18-21, 2005 to hold a fund-raising event for Hockey Stars for Hope.

CARRIED.

The committee discussed the issue further. Councillor Levasseur asked if it would be possible to hold the event at PEM Ice II instead. Chairperson White noted that the issue is manpower. Councillor Levasseur then asked if the ice could be put in earlier at PEM Ice II to hold the event there instead. Mr. Unrau noted that the ice could be put in prior to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 but again this would conflict with capital projects as well as with Communities in Bloom.

Mayor Jacyno asked if the PEM Ice II location would suffice for the organizer. It was noted that PEM Ice II is a much smaller facility than the PMC and would not hold as large a crowd of people. Councillor Levasseur noted that it shouldn't cost \$12,000.00 to install the ice a few days earlier at PEM Ice II.

Chairperson White asked Mr. Unrau if it would be a problem to hold the event at PEM Ice II. Mr. Unrau responded that it would not be as much of an issue as with the PMC but that staff would have to be moved from Communities in Bloom to cover the installation of the ice at PEM Ice II.

Councillor White asked Mr. Allard to address the committee regarding the PEM Ice II location. Mr. Allard noted that he would have to meet with the Board of Directors of Hockey Stars for Hope to see if it would be financially feasible to hold the event at PEM Ice II.

The committee then discussed the issue of using volunteers if the City is short on manpower. It was noted that there would be issues with the union regarding this request; also there are only two trained staff members who are qualified to run the plant; another issue was overtime. Another item for discussion was whether or not the City could tender out some items such as line painting the roads to free up some manpower.

Chairperson White suggested that Mr. Allard meet with Mr. Unrau to discuss the use of PEM Ice II for the event.

## ROADS & FLEET

### 3. Monthly Report

Regarding the issue of line painting, Mayor Jacyno asked Mr. Unrau when the white lines would be painted again at the entrance to the new Miramichi Lodge. Mr. Unrau responded by stating that due to health and safety reasons the Works Department has changed the type of paint used from an oil based paint to a latex based paint. The machine used to do the line painting is being repaired to accommodate the new paint type, but that the line painting at the entrance of Miramichi Lodge should be completed this year.

Deputy-Mayor Scott asked Mr. Unrau if line painting could be tendered out to a private company. Mr. Unrau responded that other services could be tendered but that he wouldn't recommend tendering line painting considering the Works Department just bought the line painting machine brand new last year. Mr. Unrau also stated that he prefers doing the work in-house as opposed to tendering since the staff already has the expertise to do the job.

Councillor Severin then inquired about the status of a fountain at Coronation Park. Mr. Unrau noted that he has met with the CAO regarding the project and that there are issues regarding the chlorination and dechlorination of the water.

PARKS & FACILITIES

4. Monthly Report

This was presented as an information item.

5. Plant Repairs

Mr. Unrau informed Council that quotes were received to install a second dehumidifier as well as a new Brine Pump at the PACC. The new dehumidifier will help with the efficiency of the ice plant by removing more humidity during the spring and summer ice.

The following quotes were received for supply and installation of the unit as well as the Brine Pump Work:

	<u>AC MECHANICAL</u>	<u>CIMCO</u>
Dehumidifier	\$13,324.00	\$13,291.00
Brine Pump Installation	<u>\$ 1,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,224.00</b>	<b>\$16,491.00</b>

Mr. Unrau reminded the committee that the Capital Budget for this entire project including the new support platform and electrical wiring is \$30,000.00. Mr. Unrau recommended the acceptance of the quote from AC Mechanical.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Levasseur  
 Seconded by Deputy-Mayor Scott  
 THAT AC Mechanical be awarded the contract to install the dehumidifier and the brine pump at the PACC at a cost of \$15,224.00.

CARRIED.

ENGINEERING6. Capital Budget Report

Councillor Levasseur asked for some clarification regarding the Boundary Road project. Mr. Unrau responded by stating that the tendering process began on Saturday and that the tender does not include the cost of sidewalks. Chairperson White suggested that maybe asphalt sidewalks could be installed at a lower cost. Mr. Unrau noted that the tender closes on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and that the issue of sidewalks and other extras can be looked at then.

Councillor Lafreniere informed the committee that Communities in Bloom could qualify for some extra funding through the Renfrew County Community Futures Program. A letter of support from the City would be required for the application. Chairperson White directed Councillor Lafreniere to speak with the CAO, Mr. Terry Lapierre, regarding this matter.

Councillor Levasseur informed the committee that the Waterfront Live Sign has been installed at the waterfront with the help of Kings Sports Pembroke.

On motion of Deputy-Mayor Scott, seconded by Councillor Henderson, the regular meeting of the Operations Committee adjourned.