

The regular meeting of the Operations Committee was held this evening with Councillor White in the Chair and all members in attendance with the exception of Councillor Levasseur and Councillor Lafreniere. Staff members present were Terry Lapierre, CAO; Bob Spadoni, Treasurer; Dave Unrau, Manager - Works, Engineering & Utilities and Susan Ellis, Coordinator – Economic Development, Recreation & tourism.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Henderson THAT the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2004 be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED.

PRESENTATION – CHERRYL WEGNER – TRAFFIC LIGHTS – BRUHAM AVENUE AND BOUNDARY ROAD:

Cherryl Wegner of 628 Bruham Ave appeared before the Committee saying that her son was seriously injured on November 16 when he was struck by a car while crossing Boundary Road. Mrs. Wegner is appealing to have traffic lights installed at the intersection of Bruham Avenue and Boundary Road. She has gathered 1,558 names on a petition in support of installing lights at this intersection.

Mrs. Wegner said that over the years, Boundary Road traffic volume and speed has increased tremendously. Mrs. Wegner pointed out that pedestrians attempting to cross the street have to deal with traffic coming from up to five different directions.

Mrs. Wegner has also made a similar presentation to Laurentain Valley Council. At this meeting, Reeve Wilson said that they have been told traffic studies do not show the volume of vehicles to justify placing traffic lights at this intersection. Laurentain Valley Council said they would be formally requesting both the County and the City to look at this request. Mr. Lapierre informed the Committee that today a letter had been received from Laurentain Valley.

Deputy Mayor Scott asked that this request be taken to the Police Service Board for clarification on the jurisdiction of this location and the item also be brought forward to the Liaison Committee with the County. Councillor White said that the Police Service Board meets tomorrow and the item will be added to the agenda.

Committee members thanked Mrs. Wegner for her presentation.

MONTHLY REPORTS – ROADS, PARKS & FACILITIES, WATER & SEWER:

Mr. Unrau reviewed the monthly reports for Committee members.

Deputy Mayor Scott asked Mr. Unrau how the employees and equipment are holding up due to the long hours in the past week for snow removal. Mr. Unrau stated that

we do not have enough men for all the equipment. This past weekend 2 employees were out of town so the loss of these individuals affected the routine basis of the snow removal. The employees have put in long hours and equipment maintenance is delayed with the equipment being out such long hours. Deputy Mayor Scott asked if the Ministry of Labour rest period guidelines are being reviewed. Mr. Unrau said they are being reviewed and the City does not want to create burn out with its employees.

Councillor Lowe thanked the Works Department for the excellent snow removal in the downtown area. She asked to meet with Mr. Unrau regarding concerns with the contract for the downtown parking lots.

Councillor Henderson said he was concerned about the repairs being completed on the 1979 Cat Grader. He was surprised that the City still had equipment dated back to the 70's and asked if there were any plans for replacement. Mr. Unrau pointed out that the City's other grader # 77 is a 1973 model. He hoped to be replacing one of the graders in the future from the equipment reserve fund.

TENDERS:

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott, seconded by Councillor Lowe THAT Tender T-04-13, Gasoline & Diesel, be awarded to the lowest bidder W.O. Stinson & Son. It was noted that fuel prices have increased 21.6% over the past twelve months. CARRIED.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Severin, seconded by Councillor Lowe THAT Tender-04-15, Chemicals (Water & Sewage Treatment) be awarded to the lowest bidder as follows: Brenntag – Chlorine - \$30,051, Soda Ash - \$36,420 and Sodium Silicate - \$14,850. CARRIED.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Unrau reviewed the current inventory of radios for the Operations Department and stated that the inventory could be reduced by 5 if we share radios within the department. Christie and Walter currently maintain our system as well as the Police and Fire departments. Christie and Walter cost would be \$40,033 which includes a 5% discount if all three accounts were signed. Funding of \$35,500 is available from projects that did not take place along with funds from Emergency Planning.

Mayor Jacyno asked if the new radios would have the capability of communicating with the Fire and Police Department. Mr. Unrau responded by saying currently the Police Department can hear the Operations' radios but due to security reasons we cannot hear the Police Department. As we move into the future, in emergency situations all departments will have the capability to communicate with one another, however caution must be exercised to ensure that the EOC is informed.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott, seconded by Councillor Henderson THAT

Christie and Walter be awarded the radio contract to replace the operations radios at \$40,033.00 plus taxes. CARRIED.

KINSMEN POOL CAPITAL PROJECT – MARBELITING

Mr. Unrau stated that the marbelite surface at the pool is beginning to deteriorate and is becoming a hazard for the swimmers. This work was last done in 1988.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott, seconded by Councillor Lowe THAT the Capital monies for this project in the amount of \$51,500 from the 2004 Budget be carried forward to 2005 in anticipation that further funding will Be granted in 2005 to complete this project. CARRIED.

MUSKRAT RIVER DAM

Mr. Unrau updated Committee members on the options identified by Jp2g Consultants regarding the operations, health, safety and aesthetics of the Muskrat Dam. Mr. Unrau pointed out that the last two years we have done nothing with the dam. In discussions with the MNR they also recommended doing nothing. If stop logs are not installed the MNR views that there would be an overall improvement in the environment.

Mr. Unrau stated that the consultants have done some preliminary reviews of the options and budget estimates are in the range from \$150,000 to \$1 million. Mr. Unrau asked for the Committee's direction.

DIRECTION: The Committee felt that due to the budget and MNR's recommendations that we continue to not install the stop logs at the Muskrat River Dam.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Mr. Unrau presented a sidewalk proposal to perform SW winter maintenance on only sidewalks along arterials and heavy pedestrian traffic areas. This would allow routes to be completed within an eight hour work period and possibly complete sanding on arterials roads and downtown. This budget item could be reduced by 15% = \$12,000.00.

Councillor O'Neill asked if the employee's hours would be shortened if the Committee should approve this proposal. Mr. Unrau said that employee's regular work hours would not be effected but overtime will decrease.

Deputy Mayor Scott pointed out that many private citizens take it upon themselves to do the sidewalks within their own neighbourhood and this could happen more if we decide not to plow the suggested sidewalks. He asked what the liability would be if

someone should injure themselves. Mr. Unrau said that the sidewalks would not be sanded or salted so the liability would lie with the City. Mayor Jacyno asked if the demographics

had been taken into consideration when the proposal was done. Mayor Jacyno was concerned about the number of senior citizens along Isabella Street that would not have access to a sidewalk. Mr. Unrau said they looked at schools, hospital and heavy traffic areas.

Councillor O'Neill said he was not in favor of reducing the sidewalk program if safety is a concern. Councillor Henderson felt that the public should be consulted on any changes and could be implemented in the 2005-2006 winter season.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott, seconded by Councillor O'Neill that the City Maintain the current sidewalk program. CARRIED.

PEMBROKE POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE UPDATE

Mr. Unrau presented this report an information item and indicated that the project was on track and on time.

CHEMICAL FEED PUMPS

Mr. Unrau said that there is a balance of \$15,000 in the Water Purification Plant 2004 Capital/Non-Recurring account. Staff has recommended that the remaining monies be spent on changing other existing chemical pumps.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott, seconded by Councillor Lowe THAT three Pumps be purchased from US Filter at a price of \$3,600 each, for a total of \$10,800 plus taxes. CARRIED.

ADDITIONAL ORGANICS COLLECTION

Councillor White asked for this item to be referred to budget discussion.

TOMLINSON CONCERN WITH OPERATING HOURS AT OVWRC ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

Councillor Henderson said he will bring this letter forward to the Waste Management Board tomorrow evening.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Lowe THAT this meeting becomes a closed meeting to discuss procedure changes. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned on motion of Mayor Jacyno and seconded by Councillor Severin. CARRIED.

