

A meeting of the Operations Committee was held this evening with Chairperson White presiding and all Committee members in attendance with the exception of Deputy Mayor Scott and Councillor Henderson. Staff members in attendance were Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer and David Unrau, Manager-Works, Engineering & Utilities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Lowe
Seconded by Councillor Levasseur
THAT the minutes of the August 10, 2004 meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

GENERAL

1. Monthly Reports

Councillor Severin inquired whether concrete sidewalk patching, line painting and partial sidewalk replacement is completed in-house. Mr. Unrau noted that past practice included out-sourcing for concrete patching and asphalt patching. This year a new member of the Department brought experience in concrete forming and work which has allowed this type of work to be completed in-house. Asphalt patching is more specialized and is handled by professional companies. Line painting of all streets and City parking lots, except on Boundary Road between Trafalgar Road and Bennett Street which is cost shared with the County, are completed in-house.

Councillor Levasseur stressed the safety aspect of concrete patching work. Some concerns have been expressed to Councillor Levasseur regarding the colour of recently completed concrete patching work. Mr. Unrau noted that various colours have been tested to provide a good match but it can be difficult. Concrete work is expected to fade through the winter months.

Councillor Levasseur questioned the status of ditching work. Mr. Unrau stated that the ditching budget is close to its limit and was one item that sustained budget cuts this year. The Department has started to categorize areas of concern to prevent having to revisit same areas again for a different section of ditching.

ENGINEERING

2. Storm Damage & Remedial Action Report

This report was an approved Capital project that resulted after the two storms in 2003 and the issues brought forward by ratepayers.

The action plan and guidebook is to provide solutions on how to tackle the situation. A pre and secondary review of damage reports and additional information resulting from storms in 2004, as well as Cecelia Street, have been included. An upcoming meeting with staff will take place September 15, 2004.

3. Outfall #34 – Paul Martin Drive Culvert Replacement

After the last heavy rainfall experience on August 10, 2004, a review of the condition of the new outfall at the Paul Martin Culvert was completed. During this review it was noted that the water was flowing about halfway up the new culvert about two hours after the peak of the storm had occurred. As a result of the heavy flows, there was a significant turbulence at the outlet from the culvert into the outfall ditch. The outfall channel was completed shortly before this storm occurred, and the area was still not totally stabilized. The turbulence caused some of the riprap material to wash down the bank and into the edge of the river. Jp2g Consultants Inc. is suggesting that some larger sized stone more angular in nature should be utilized at the outlet. The material that was used previously, while meeting the applicable standards, was round and much more susceptible to the turbulent actions of the water. It is estimated to cost \$5,000 to repair the washouts.

Councillor Levasseur along with members of the Committee expressed disapproval in having to pay again for work that was just completed. Mr. Unrau noted that the specifications called for met the official standards but that the volume of water came before the area had time to stabilize. The Contractor performed their work to the specifications of the tender. The City could wait and allow the area to knit over time with the hope that we do not receive another large storm, or we could replace the stone with larger angular size stone as suggested by Jp2g.

Councillor Lafreniere questioned a warranty or guarantee of the work. Mr. Unrau reiterated that there is no fault in construction and was completed to specifications. Contracts do have a one year warranty after substantial completion and the contract firm will be repairing some minimal damage to the top of the headwall structure where the ditch flows from Paul Martin Drive enter the outfall channel. There is no warranty on consultant work. In this case it was an under estimate of the extreme unexpected water flow. In some cases of design built, which is rarely used in civil work, the contractor completes the design work, and would, therefore, be liable for design work.

Under the recommendation of Mayor Jacyno, Mr. Unrau will consult with Jp2g on the option of using wire gabions or gabion mat to stop the erosion.

In response to Chairperson White, Mr. Lapierre stated that emergency funds received only amount to less than 2/3 of what the City had to spend to repair after the storm damage, and none is available to offset the expense of this repair.

4. Reduced Services for Sidewalk Maintenance

Mr. Unrau provided this report and noted that staff are currently reviewing all options to alleviate the expense sustained for sidewalk snow plowing. A further report is to follow.

In response to Councillor Levasseur, the two unassumed roads in the City, being Hoffman Lane and Cedar Lane, do not have sidewalks. Public meetings regarding these roads will take place on October 5, 2004.

On motion of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Levasseur, a caucus meeting of the Operations Committee will follow.

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