

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Roads Sub-Committee held an electronic meeting on September 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. The following members were present: David Besley, Chair; David Thwaites, Vice-Chair, Wayne Hannon and Darren White. Also present were: Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk; Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer; Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent; and Kaitlin Chessell, Road Sub-Committee Secretary. Chair Besley called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Addition: Public Works Winter Hours (Chair Besley)

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by White that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by White that the minutes of the Roads Sub-Committee meeting held on August 19th, 2020 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Letter to Southgate:

Chair Besley was in contact with David Milliner, CAO of the Township of Southgate and they had a good discussion in regards to roads issues and explained that they had similar roads issues in their Municipality. David said he would make us aware of new developments as they come up to inquire about road funding in the future.

Correspondence Items

None.

General Business

1. Update from Public Works Superintendent

Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent advised they are starting to grade roads again and will be doing 3 culverts in road crossings shortly as well as the ditching of the 3rd Line OS. The timeline for the 3rd Line ditching is about a week and a half. Craig said they are hoping to get the winter sand in sometime next week.

2. 2nd Line SW - Highway 89 - 300 Sideroad Shoulders

Craig advised that he thinks the shoulders are good they just need time to settle and

harden. There are a few spots that will need to be fixed from the run off and the ditches being steep but says once the grass grows up it will hold the shoulder gravel in place.

3. Structure 2013 Construction Summary

Craig advised that he thought the bridge was well done. This was received as information.

4. Road Management Plan - Discussion on RLB (Township Auditors) preparing an analysis of the Report

The Roads Sub-Committee asked Wendy Atkinson, Treasurer if she felt like this was necessary and would be useful for her. She advised she thought the plan was fairly straightforward and was not sure it was necessary. The Roads Sub-Committee decided to not proceed with this.

5. Heavy Weight Traffic on 4th Line NE

Craig advised that the trucks would be Dufferin County trucks running to Country Road 21 as this is the route set out for them to travel. This road work should be completed by the end of this week but there is a minimum of 1-2 years of road work left to be completed. Staff was directed to contact Dufferin County to advise them of our plan to resurface 5th Line OS next year and see what their timeline is for doing the County Road 21 road work as they cannot run 5th Line OS while we are working on it.

6. Liability of Cycling Lanes

This item was received as information.

7. Horning's Mills No Parking Signs (Councillor Hannon)

Councillor Hannon advised that he had received complaints about parking in Horning's Mills now that we have removed the no parking signs after repealing the parking by-law. There is not enough parking at the store in Horning's Mill and people are trying to find places to park. It was discussed that we need to find a parking solution in the Village. Staff was directed to contact the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority in regards to putting a parking lot on a lot on Main Street if we were to purchase one.

8. Ownership of Side Street Across from Church Street (Councillor Hannon)

Craig advised that we have never plowed this side street as far as he knows. The people who live on this street pay to have it cleared each year. Craig believes that we would be responsible for the stone gabions as it holds the base of the road. Craig says that they are in okay shape for now but there are a couple holes that may need to be repaired. Staff were directed to go through the Horning's Mills box in the vault and see if there is any information on the stone gabions.

9. Timeline for County Road 21 Construction 2021 (Councillor Hannon)

This item was addressed above.

10. Technical Work for Bridges and Roads for 2021 is complete so tenders can go out in Jan/Feb Timeframe (Councillor Hannon)

Discussion was held in regards to whether we would do the 5th Line OS next year like the Road Management Plan says due to the County Road 21 project. Craig advised they could do some ditching there to ensure it is shovel ready if we decide to move forward with this road next year as planned.

11. Aggregate Stored on Hiltz Property (Councillor Hannon)

A motion was passed in 2016 to accept gravel stored on the Hiltz property. The County looked at using it for their County Road 21 project but said it was not suitable for them to use as it is a mix of different sized gravel. Public Works Superintendent Craig Micks said that it is not worth the cost to haul it out, and use for our roads.

Recommendation:

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we repeal the motion passed on January 14, 2016 to accept the gravel from the Hiltz property.

12. Others/Additions

Public Works Winter Hours

It was discussed that most of our neighbouring Municipalities stop plowing snow in the winter at 5pm and start patrolling at 2-2:30am. We are currently plowing till 10-11pm during the winter and the Roads Sub-Committee is wondering whether this is necessary. It was to be discussed in the Service Delivery Review the County of Dufferin is doing that their plows could plow the Township roads they are traveling to get to their roads to be of assistance as they have to drive them anyways. It was decided that we would keep the hours of plowing the same as last winter. The Winter Plan is to be put on the agenda for next meeting to be reviewed.

13. Unfinished Buisness

1. Church Street Resurfacing

The item was received as information.

2. 2021 Road Projects

Craig advised that if we decide not to do the 5th Line OS next year as planned we could do 3rd Line North from Downey's storage to 20 Sideroad or 260 Sideroad through Riverview. We may have to pulverize the 5th Line OS and revert it back to gravel temporarily if we don't resurface it next year because of the shape it is in. Craig was directed to bring back a list of roads we could do in replacement of 5th Line OS next year to be reviewed at the next meeting. Looking into funding for the 8th Line SW bridge is to be added to the agenda for next meeting.

3. Sidewalks in Corbetton

Coppertone Paving provided us with a quote to do paved shoulders in Corbetton, the same as what was done in Horning's Mills for \$38,000 + HST. They would be four feet wide on the south side of the road. This will not be able to be completed this year but could be done in the spring.

Recommendation:

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we proceed with the installation of paved shoulders in Corbetton.

Delegations

2:00 P.M - Gord Grant and Members of the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture - Concerns regarding Farm Equipment Speeding through the Hamlets

It was discussed that if a vehicle has a slow moving vehicle sign on it it should not be going over 40km/hr. Gord Grant advised that he would make sure something went out in their newsletter in regards to speeding through Hamlets. DFA advised that this is also an enforcement issue by OPP and having more slow moving vehicle signs on roads will help. DFA was open to having more discussions like this to advise on issues in the Township with farm equipment.

Recommendations to Council

Recommendation has been outlined above.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by Hannon, Seconded by Thwaites that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Roads Sub-Committee with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Sub-Committee on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Sub-Committee Members at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

Adjournment

3:20 p.m. - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by Hannon that we adjourn this Roads Sub-Committee meeting to meet again on October 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY

