



Owen Sound

**MINUTES
OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2010
4:30 P.M. BASEMENT BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Twaddle, Chair
Councillor McManaman
Robert Hope
Paul Foster

REGRETS: Councillor Pink
Glen Bellar

STAFF PRESENT: John Johnston, Director of Operations
Chris Webb, Manager of Engineering Services
Matt Prentice, Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Barry Lewin, Airport Manager
Heidi Jennen, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

John Johnston provided the Committee with the Terms of Reference for the Operations Advisory Committee and the Environmental Waste Committee for their information.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor McManaman:

"That the Operations Advisory Committee approve the March 17th, 2010 Operations Advisory Committee meeting Minutes."

Carried unanimously.

Councillor McManaman noted that there was no discussion during the HDR/iTrans Traffic Master Plan Visioning workshop April 16th regarding the 1st Avenue East/1st Avenue West one way street issue and the mid-block pedestrian crossings on 2nd Avenue East.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED

a) HDR iTRANS report regarding Regional Recreation Centre – comparison of Traffic Signals at 7th Avenue East and 8th Avenue East on 10th Street East

HDR iTRANS has prepared a report with their recommendations for the traffic signals at 7th Avenue East versus 8th Avenue East and the 9th Avenue 10th Street East intersection upgrades. The Manager of Engineering Services reviewed the report for Committee.

HDR iTRANS explained their reason for recommending traffic signals being located at 7th Avenue East as opposed to 8th Avenue East. Their decision was based on criteria such as intersection spacing, the grade of 10th Street East, vehicle queues, collision potential, access to residential properties, pedestrian/cycling, property impacts, sight lines and transit.

The Consultant has made suggestions for the 9th Avenue East 10th Street East intersection design which include; Eastbound to have dual exclusive left turn lanes (due to road width limitations, only one exclusive left hand turn lane will be provided), one through lane and one through-right turn lane, Westbound and Northbound to include an exclusive left lane, one through lane and one shared through-right turn lane and Southbound with an exclusive left turn and two through lanes and one right turn lane.

Moved by Councillor McManaman:

“THAT the Operations Advisory Committee receive the report from HDR iTRANS regarding the Regional Recreation Centre – Comparison of Traffic Signals at 7th Avenue East and 8th Avenue East on 10th Street East and recommend to City Council to approve the recommendations made by HDR iTrans and further;

THAT the report from HDR iTRANS be forwarded to the Recreation Centre Steering Committee as information and further;

THAT Staff bring back a report to the Operations Advisory Committee outlining the detailed design for the 9th Avenue and 10th Street East intersection and 10th Street East road to 6th Avenue East once it has been completed.”

Carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS AND MATTERS TABLED

a) Billy Bishop Regional Airport Report for the Month of March, 2010

The Airport Manager advised the Committee that Environment Canada would like to install a Reference Climate Station at the Airport. This would provide many benefits to the community. They plan on installing the Reference Climate Station this summer and would like the City's approval by April 30th, 2010.

Moved by Bob Hope:

"THAT the Operations Advisory Committee continues to support the installation of the Reference Climate Station at the Airport and recommend City Council approves the same."

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Paul Foster:

"THAT the Operations Advisory Committee receive the Airport Report for March 2010."

Carried unanimously.

b) Wastewater Treatment Plant: MOE Inspection Report

The Water/Wastewater Superintendent summarized the annual inspection report completed by the MOE. He noted that the MOE did make some suggestions which include the City to provide a quarterly status report to the MOE. Currently Veolia submits a quarterly report to the City, this report could be used to satisfy MOE's recommendations.

The MOE also suggested that the required 40 hours of training must be provided to the Operators for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Veolia has been asked to submit a training plan for 2010.

Moved by Ian Boddy:

"THAT the Operations Advisory Committee receive the Ministry of the Environment Annual 2010 Communal Sewage System Inspection Report, dated March 16th, 2010 as well as the associated Memorandum prepared by the Water and Wastewater Superintendent dated April 15th, 2010 and recommends City Council approval of the same."

Carried unanimously.

c) Wastewater Treatment Plant: 2010 First Quarter Report (Veolia)

The Water and Wastewater Superintendent reviewed the findings of Veolia's first quarter report.

Moved by Bob Hope:

"THAT the Operations Advisory Committee receive the Quarterly Wastewater Operations Report for the 1st Quarter of 2010 as submitted by Veolia Water Ltd. as well as the associated Memorandum prepared by the Water and Wastewater Superintendent dated April 16th, 2010 and recommends City Council Approval of the same."

Carried unanimously.

d) Wastewater Treatment Plant: Technical Standards and Safety Authority Inspection of Biogas system

The Water and Wastewater Superintendent reviewed the findings of the TSSA

inspection of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He explained that there were a number of orders that need to be addressed immediately. The Water/Wastewater Superintendent explained that all of the orders are derived from the new standards that came into effect in 2007. The Digester currently installed at the WWTP was in full compliance when it was installed but over a significant time period many areas within the Plant do not meet the regulations.

Staff took the opportunity to have our current on site consultant and contractor investigate the upgrades needed and the cost to complete as soon as possible since it appeared that TSSA will not grant extensions or exemptions and fines to both staff and City are significant. The cost estimated to complete the required work is \$250,000. Since this was not anticipated in the recently approved capital budget staff recommended the amount be drawn from the \$400,000 influence works contingency.

Staff will ensure that in the next management contract for the WWTP, a clause will be added that the Operations must be in compliance with the code at all times.

Moved by Councillor McManaman:

"THAT in consideration of the report dated April 15th, 2010, by the Water/Wastewater Superintendent, regarding the TSSA Inspection of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Biogas System, the Operations Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the \$250,000 works required to meet the Code for Digester Gas at the Owen Sound Wastewater Treatment Plant as ordered by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority be undertaken as a Change Order with the project budget for the ongoing Influent Works Contract, utilizing the available contingency fund included in the existing approved Contract Amount."

Carried unanimously.

e) 6th Avenue East Sidewalk Link from Bluewater Ridge to 20th Street East

The Owen Sound Non-profit housing is asking the City to consider removing the condition to construct a sidewalk fronting the first and second phases of their development on 6th Avenue East. In return, they would like to provide a cash contribution towards the installation of a continuous sidewalk link on the east side of 6th Avenue East from 20th Street east to the end of the existing sidewalk north of the 21st Street East unopened road allowance.

The Manager of Engineering Services reviewed a report prepared by the Development Engineering Technologist wherein staff have provided their comments and requested the Committee's direction.

Moved by Councillor McManaman:

"That the Operations Advisory Committee receives the report from the Engineering Technologist regarding the letter received by the Mayor from Ms. Shari Huber and further;

THAT Staff meet with the Municipal Non-Profit Housing and discuss their contribution towards a proposed east-side 6th Avenue East sidewalk between 20th Street to the end of the existing sidewalk north

of 21st Street East if it were to be constructed with the results of this discussion be reported back to Committee and further;

That the report and correspondence regarding the Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit housing sidewalk proposal be forwarded to CPAC.”

Carried unanimously.

Staff will forward a copy of the report and correspondence to the Accessibility Committee for their information as well.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. IN CAMERA AGENDA

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED WHICH IS PRESENTED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The next special meeting of the OAC is Wednesday May 12th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Basement Boardroom regarding Neighbourhood Operational Issues – Alpha Street and Moore’s Hill.

Next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 19th, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Basement Boardroom.