



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, August 29, 2011

A special meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Monday, August 29, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the County of Renfrew Administration Office, 9 International Drive, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Bob Sweet, Warden
 Walter Stack, Chair

Committee Members: Donald Eady, Norm Lentz, Jennifer Murphy, David Shulist,
 Harold Weckworth

Staff Present: W. James Hutton, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
 David Darch, Director, Public Works & Engineering
 Steve Boland, Manager, Operations
 Mike Pinet, Manager, Capital Works
 Shelley Kalucki, Administrative Assistant
 Paul Moreau, Director, Development & Property
 Rose Gruntz, Executive Assistant

Also Present: Mitch Stillman, CAO/Clerk, Town of Petawawa

Chair Stack called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

Chair Stack recommended that Committee consider the award of Tender PWC-2011-19 before overiewing the Town of Petawawa issues.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-11-08-74

Moved by: Reeve Lentz
Seconded by: Warden Sweet

THAT the agenda be amended as recommended.

CARRIED.

PWC-2011-19 - Reconstruction of County Road 66 (Opeongo Rd)

Mr. Pinet advised Committee that tenders for the reconstruction of County Road 66 (Opeongo Road) from 50 metres west of Wilno South Road easterly a distance of approximately 1.5 kilometres, in the Township of Madawaska Valley were requested and received as follows:

	<u>Read Amount</u>	<u>Corrected Amount</u>
1. Walsh Contracting & Equipment Rentals, Barry's Bay, ON	\$547,083.35	\$547,083.36
2. R.G.T. Clouthier Construction, Pembroke, ON.....	613,447.00	613,446.99
3. Eastway Contracting Inc., Pembroke, ON.....	663,699.17	
4. B.R. Fulton Construction Ltd., Renfrew, ON.....	672,165.24	672,165.25
5. Cruickshank Construction Ltd., Morrisburg, ON.....	674,609.97	674,609.94
6. Smiths Construction Company, Arnprior, ON.....	924,434.35	921,044.36
7. H&H Construction Inc., Petawawa, ON.....	No Submission	
8. Greenwood Paving Inc., Petawawa, ON.....	No Submission	
9. Ryan's Maintenance, Pembroke, ON.....	No Submission	
All contracts include HST (13%)		

Staff has carefully reviewed the tenders provided and has confirmed that the unit prices contained in the low tender are very competitive. There are sufficient funds provided in the 2011 Departmental budget to proceed with the project.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-11-08-75

Moved by: Mayor Murphy
Seconded by: Mayor Shulist

THAT contract PWC-2011-19 submitted by Walsh Contracting & Equipment Rentals, Barry's Bay, Ontario for reconstruction of County Road 66 (Opeongo Road) in the amount of \$547,083.36 including HST be approved; AND FURTHER THAT this Committee recommend to County Council that a By-law to Authorize Execution of the Contract be passed.

CARRIED.

Petawawa Boulevard Capacity Issues

Mr. Darch advised Committee that recent engineering studies confirm that Petawawa Boulevard is approaching its capacity and, as such, there is a need to identify and plan for future improvements to address not only the existing traffic volumes on the roadway but, as well, projected traffic conditions as a result of planned growth in both CFB Petawawa and the Town of Petawawa.

Staff is of the opinion that a staged program should be developed and implemented to address the existing problems on Petawawa Boulevard. A staged program would involve short-term, intermediate and long-term initiatives. A long-term strategy (to address the impending impacts of growth) would be undertaken concurrently with the short-term and intermediate strategies for Petawawa Boulevard.

The recommended short-term, intermediate and long-term strategies to address traffic congestion and growth impacts for Petawawa Boulevard are summarized as follows:

(a) Short-term Strategies

- Optimize the timing of existing traffic control signals.
- Identify, design and cost intersection improvements along Petawawa Boulevard. This would focus on the Victoria-Portage and Mohns-Doran intersection with Petawawa Boulevard.

(b) Intermediate Strategies

- Investigate the feasibility of a roundabout at the Paquette-Menin-Petawawa Blvd. intersection.
Preliminary investigations confirm that the introduction of a roundabout (in lieu of traffic control signals) would result in definite benefits to all traffic movements at this intersection.

For Committee's information, photos were provided of a roundabout located at Mont-Tremblant. Mr. Darch noted that the cost estimate identified in the staff report is probably low and staff will have to obtain more accurate cost estimates for budgeting purposes.

Staff would arrange meetings with CFB staff with respect to land availability, design considerations and potential cost-sharing and will pursue any government funding initiatives that may be available.

(c) Long-Range Strategy

- The Consultant will continue with the Class Environmental Assessment to identify a preferred location for a new bridge crossing.
- Environmental assessment exercise will cost the preferred solution. Once this is known, cost sharing strategies will be developed.
- Corridor protection policies will be developed to enable the future construction of the preferred solution.
- Pursue the availability of federal/provincial funding programs.
- Identify the threshold when the long-term strategy must be implemented.

Warden Sweet expressed his frustration noting that this process started five years ago and still nothing has moved forward. He discussed the traffic congestion on Petawawa Boulevard through the Town and noted that the Consultant identified two potential river crossings for a new bridge. He inquired if the completion of the study will cost more money. Mr. Boland responded that Phase I of the Transportation Study was completed two years ago. He will contact the Consultant to obtain the cost estimate for completion of Phase II of the study.

Warden Sweet advised that he had an opportunity to meet with Kathryn Moore, MTO Regional Director at the recent AMO conference who expressed quite an interest in seeing a roundabout in the County of Renfrew. She confirmed the additional personnel anticipated for Base and does not foresee any financial assistance being offered from the Base.

Mr. Darch commented that the roundabout could be mostly on Base property and thinks the Base would be interested since it would benefit their internal traffic flows. Benefits and detriments to a roundabout were discussed, as well as traffic movements from and to the Base.

It was suggested that time lines for the staged program be established and presented to Committee at the October meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-11-08-76

Moved by: Mayor Weckworth

Seconded by: Warden Sweet

THAT this Committee recommend that County Council endorse the proposed short-term, intermediate and long-term strategies to address the existing traffic condition issues on Petawawa Boulevard.

CARRIED.

Rehabilitation of Petawawa Bridge

Mr. Darch advised that the Department's bridge inspection program has confirmed that the Petawawa River Bridge should be rehabilitated in approximately 10 years time. Photos were provided to Committee showing the deteriorated condition of the parapet walls. The following construction options are under consideration by the Department:

- **Option 1: *Re-face the existing concrete parapet wall***
Estimated cost: \$250,000
- **Option 2: *New steel box beam guide rail***
Estimated cost: \$475,000
- **Option 3: *Full rehabilitation of the bridge structure*** (This option advances the full rehabilitation of the Petawawa River Bridge)
Estimated cost: \$2.5 million

It is not feasible to advance \$2.5 million of infrastructure work in advance of need and fund the project from the current year's tax levy if Option 3 were chosen. The Department's annual capital budget is approximately \$8.5 million. Funding a project such as the rehabilitation of the Petawawa River Bridge would substantially "drain" capital funds from other needed works.

Consideration could be given; however, to funding the Petawawa River Bridge rehabilitation project utilizing the recently approved Debt Management Policy. Mr. Hutton overviewed the policy established to supplement capital works, citing the conditions under which a special project can be debt-financed.

Chair Stack cautioned Committee that the yearly debt amount would be above the normal levy amount – there would be no impact on the existing capital works program.

Staff recommended that the re-facing of the existing parapet wall (Option 1) be implemented assuming that the bridge rehabilitation is planned in the next 10 years.

It is recommended that the following actions be taken to advance the rehabilitation of the Petawawa River Bridge:

- Transfer \$650,000 of the approved 2011 funding to a special reserve designated solely for the Petawawa River Bridge rehabilitation project. The remaining 2011 funds (\$50,000) would be expended in 2011 to address design related issues for the project construction.
- Convene meetings with Town staff in September to confirm type of the parapet wall.
- Determine the scope of works, costs and cost sharing arrangements for the rehabilitation of the bridge.
- Staff presentation to the November, 2011 Operations Committee meeting to present the scope of the project, costing and cost-sharing principles.
- Construction work would be undertaken in 2012.

Chair Stack suggested combining the Victoria Street reconstruction and the bridge project under one debt financing program.

Warden Sweet commented that he could not see spending \$2.5 million on the bridge, adding that the abandoned CP rail line could be paved for cycling and pedestrian traffic, alleviating that traffic from the bridge.

Chair Stack noted that Warden Sweet's comments seemed logical.

It was recommended that \$650,000 of the 2011 Petawawa River Bridge funding be transferred to a special reserve that would go towards engineering and rehabilitation of the bridge to be carried out in 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-11-08-77

Moved by: Mayor Murphy

Seconded by: Mayor Eady

THAT this Committee recommend to County Council that \$650,000 of the 2011 Petawawa River Bridge funding be transferred to a special reserve for this project only and that this money be utilized to offset (if necessary) anticipated project expenditures for the rehabilitation of the Petawawa River Bridge in 2012.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-11-08-78

Moved by: Mayor Murphy

Seconded by: Mayor Shulist

THAT this meeting adjourn. Time – 10:42 a.m.

CARRIED.