



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

A special meeting of the Operations Committee was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the County of Renfrew Administration Office, 9 International Drive, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Robert Sweet, Warden
Walter Stack, Chair

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

Regrets: Donald Eady

Staff Present: W. James Hutton, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
David Darch, Director, Public Works & Engineering
Shelley Kalucki, Administrative Assistant

Chair Stack called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

Mr. Darch presented a supplemental Departmental Report, which is attached as Appendix A.

Town of Renfrew- Request for Support of Master Transportation Plan

Mr. Darch advised that the Department has received a formal request from the Town of Renfrew soliciting County support in making a funding application to conduct a Master Transportation Plan (MTP) for the highway connecting link between the Hall Road - Veterans Memorial Boulevard - Burnstown Road intersection and the Bruce Street - Highway 60 intersection within the Town of Renfrew. The Town will be the proponent for the MTP.

He indicated that the existing Hall Road - Veterans Memorial Boulevard - County Road 52 intersection will require significant alternations to improve the operations of this intersection.

Since the County has two of its roadways (i.e. Burnstown Road and Bruce Street) within the proposed study area, Mr. Darch stated that it is appropriate for the County to cost participate in the Master Transportation Plan. He stated the \$160,000 total estimated cost is approximately two years old and as such, may have to be increased. He also stated that it will be necessary to initiate discussions with Town staff with respect to the cost sharing for the MTP.

Mr. Paul Moreau, Director, Development & Property Department, entered the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-11-10-91

Moved by: Mayor Shulist
Seconded by: Reeve Lentz

THAT this Committee recommend to County Council that the County of Renfrew formally support the Town of Renfrew's application to the province for Connecting Link funding for a Master Transportation Study relative to the Highway 60 and Highway 132 connecting link within the Town of Renfrew.

CARRIED.

McNab/Braeside Resolution – Transfer of Division Street

Mr. Darch advised Committee that the Department is in receipt of a resolution of McNab/Braeside Council dated October 18, 2011 regarding the transfer of that 0.4 km section of Division Street between Baskin Drive and Highway 17 from the County to the Township. A transfer by-law is being considered at today's County Council meeting. The resolution contains approval for the transfer, subject to the commitment of the County to include the planning and design of an alternate solution to the current intersection(s) as part of the County 10-year Capital Works Program and that all costs associated with the project be borne by the County.

Mr. Darch commented that the County could not make this commitment. Chair Stack noted that the draft County 10-year Capital Works Program has been circulated to all municipalities for review and comment and that should be the vehicle to make such requests. Mr. Darch recommended that the transfer by-law proceed to Council.

Warden Sweet inquired how the Department and Committee will deal with this request when formally received. Mr. Darch responded that the issue should be considered in the discussions of the 10-Year Program with Committee. He also stated that he would forward a letter to the Township advising of the County's position on this matter.

The resolution was received for information and will be circulated to Council.

RESOLUTION NO. OP-C-11-10-92

Moved by: Mayor Murphy
Seconded by: Warden Sweet

THAT this meeting adjourn. Time – 9:40 a.m.

CARRIED.

COUNTY OF RENFREW

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Operations Committee

FROM: Dave Darch, P. Eng.,
Director of Public Works & Engineering

DATE: October 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Addendum Report

As members of Operations Committee will recall, at its October 14, 2011 meeting, Mr. Michael Asselin (Director of Development & Works, Town of Renfrew) addressed the Committee to solicit County support in making a funding application to conduct a Master Transportation Plan (MTP) within the Town of Renfrew. The Town will be the proponent for the MTP.

Subsequent to this meeting, the Department has received a formal request for support (refer to Appendix 1) from the Town of Renfrew for the highway connecting link between the Hall Road-Veterans Memorial Boulevard - Burnstown Road intersection and the Bruce Street - Highway 60 intersection.

The current transportation network and, in particular, the Connecting Link roadway will be insufficient to respond to future growth in both population and employment. As well, there are significant operational deficiencies associated with the existing Hall Road - Veterans Memorial Boulevard - County Road 52.

Town staff advise that the intent of the MTP will be to:

- Respond and guide future development proposals within the Town,
- capitalize on future funding/partnership opportunities,
- assess future infrastructure capital funding requirements which would develop multiyear capital budgets and establish rates for Town development charges,
- comply with Ontario's Planning Act which requires regular periodic updates of the Official Plan and its supporting documentation.

Since the County has two of its roadways (i.e. Burnstown Road and Bruce Street) within the proposed study area, it is appropriate that the County cost participate in the Master Transportation Plan. As indicated in Mr. Asselin's letter dated October 21, 2011, it will be necessary to initiate discussions with respect to the cost sharing for the MTP which was estimated to be approximately \$160,000 in 2010.

In his presentation to Committee, Mr. Asselin referenced a possible County share of \$30,000. Staff will want to assess the rationale for this level of participation. The issue of cost participation for this study will be the subject of a future staff report to Committee.

Recommendation:

THAT this Committee recommend to County Council that the County of Renfrew formally support the Town of Renfrew's application to the province for Connecting Link funding for a Master Transportation Study relative to the Highway 60 and Highway 132 connecting link within the Town of Renfrew.



TOWN OF RENFREW

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND WORKS

October 21, 2011

by fax: (613) 735-2081

Mr. Dave Darch, County Engineer
 County of Renfrew
 9 International Drive
 Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

Dear Mr. Darch:

Re: Request for Support of Master Transportation Plan- Town of Renfrew

We thank you for the opportunity to allow Mayor Ringrose, Reeve Green and staff to address the County of Renfrew Operations Committee on October 14, 2011 at the Renfrew Town Hall. At the meeting the town expressed plans to advance a Master Transportation Plan (MTP) that would review the current and future issues related to the Highway 60 and 132 connecting Link, County of Renfrew Roads (#20, #8 and #52) and Town of Renfrew roads. The Town is seeking partnership between the MTO, County of Renfrew and the Town of Renfrew to assist in advancing a consolidated MTP that includes the roads of various jurisdictions making up the transportation network. The intersection of Veteran's Memorial Boulevard, Hall Avenue, Raglan Street South and County Road 52 is the trigger for such a project.

The Town of Renfrew has been making application for Connecting Link funding for this project with project partners listed as the MTO, County of Renfrew and the Town of Renfrew. The application has been made for three years without success. The Town is seeking a formal letter of support from the County of Renfrew to strengthen the next application. I have provided you with a copy of the proposal which outlines the full scope of the proposed project.

With formal support of the County of Renfrew the Town will be making an application for Connecting Link Funding to initiate a 2012 project. It is understood that financial contributions from each partner may require further discussion between partners.

We trust this letter is sufficient to allow the Operations Committee to make a recommendation to County Council that they support this very important project. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely,

Michel J. Asselin, P.Eng
 Director of Development and Works

C. – Clerk, Mayor and Council– Town of Renfrew