



MINUTES
Public Works Committee
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Council Chambers 7:54 p.m.

PRESENT: All members of the Public Works Committee were in attendance this evening with the exception of Darrell Carson, Rick Houseman & Scott Matthews.

STAFF PRESENT: Ryan Frew, Director of Public Works, Recording Secretary

MEDIA PRESENT: Nil.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Peoples.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Dated April 25, 2023

RECOMMENDATION-12-2023

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Rod Cameron
THAT the Agenda dated April 25, 2023 be adopted

CARRIED.

4. Delegations and Presentations

4.1 Mike Groulx - Culvert on old rail bed
[Video Footage from Mike Groulx](#)

Mr. Groulx made a presentation which included drone video footage of the drainage in an around 34 Milton Stewart Avenue during the spring of 2023. Mr. Groulx advised the committee that in the spring of 2022 there was a buildup of water within his back yard that exceeded what was shown in 2023. Mr. Groulx believes that the condition of a culvert at the Township Recreational Trail was the cause and as a result of the saturated ground Mr. Groulx's hot tube deck shifted and needed to be replaced. A new deck was since constructed with a concrete sonotube foundation in lieu of the previous floating deck. Mr. Groulx felt that better communication was needed from the Public Works Department and requested that his costs for the deck replacement be covered by the Township.

The Committee requested that Mr. Groulx submit to the Township a formal complaint including any costs that he has incurred.

5. Adoption of Committee Minutes

5.1 March 28, 2023 - Public Works Committee

RECOMMENDATION-13-2023

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Rod Cameron

THAT the minutes of the March 28, 2023 Public Works Committee Meeting be adopted as ammended.

CARRIED.

Amendments to minutes are to reflect that Pat McGowen was not in attendance and to correct in 6.2 to read precedent in place of represented and in 6.2 to read referred in place of refereed.

6. Requests Submitted by Members of the Public

6.1 Nieman Drive South - Driving Surface (Jeff Brown)

The committee discussed the correspondence received and asked staff to write a letter to Mr. Brown advising that Nieman Drive (South) will not be paved AND THAT the road will continue to be maintained to our standard for gravel roads AND FURTHER THAT the Township does not remove gravel that has been plowed onto the road embankments during normal winter operations.

7. Reports

7.1 Sidewalk Winter Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION-14-2023

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Fraser Campbell

THAT the Public Works Committee receives the information as submitted and circulated AND THAT staff be provided direction with regards to Sidewalk Winter Maintenance.

CARRIED.

The Committee requested that additional information be obtained and brought back to a future meeting from the Ministry of Environment regarding the approval process and timelines for a new snow dump as well as feedback from the Townships solicitor and insurance company regarding the associated risks of providing or not providing winter sidewalk maintenance.

8. Information Items

8.1 AMO - Municipal Waste Update (March 28, 2023)

RECOMMENDATION-15-2023

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Pat McGowan

THAT Committee accept this as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

9. Unfinished Business

Nil.

10. New Business

Nil.

11. Draft By-Laws

Nil.

12. Public Questions/Comments

Nil.

13. Notice of Upcoming Meeting Dates

Public Works Committee - May 23, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

14. Adjournment

This Public Works Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK

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