

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Meeting #: 17
Date: November 30, 2021
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Zoom

Members Present Mayor Bent
Deputy Mayor Gosse
Councillor Tilley
Councillor Connors
Councillor Butler
Councillor Hardy
Councillor Barrett
Councillor Hillier

Staff Present Director of Engineering and Public
Works, Jennifer Norris
Engineering Manager, John McKeever

1. PROCUREMENT

1.1 Ratification PO#2021-0868 Unit 296 Engine Repairs

Ratification is required for an invoice from Harvey & Company Ltd. in the amount of \$19,874.39, plus HST for engine repairs on Unit 296, dump truck.

The repairs were required as the unit was experiencing issues with the engine that required outside mechanical work. The unit was out of service until repairs were completed.

It was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with the following recommendation:

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that PO#2021-0868 be ratified in the amount of \$19,874.39. Funds are available in operational accounts.

2. WATER STATISTICS

The Committee reviewed the latest water statistics.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORT

An update on recent accomplishments, upcoming initiatives and potential issues was reviewed.

3.1 Capital Projects

All capital projects are completed for 2021 with the exception of the Community Park Phase 2 which will continue as the weather allows.

The Committee had no further comments.

4. OTHER DEPARTMENT ITEMS

4.1 2022 Sidewalk Program

Council has tentatively allocated \$425,000 for the 2022 sidewalk program. The program will be combined with another suitable project (likely a street paving program) to provide better value for engineering and construction.

Sidewalk requiring curb and gutter costs approximately \$600.00 per linear meter, and applies to almost all potential locations. Significant storm infrastructure would further increase the linear cost which is determined at detail design.

Council's priority to enhance pedestrian safety in school zones, recreational areas and along Route 60 has been incorporated in possible locations for consideration and discussion.

The Committee reviewed potential sidewalk locations and agreed to defer to the next Engineering and Public Works Committee meeting for a decision.

4.2 School Zone Plans

Council received approval from the Provincial Government to implement school zones along Topsail Road, Conception Bay Highway, and Foxtrap Access Road immediately in school areas, excluding St. Georges Elementary.

HTC has provided school zone plans for implementation which also includes school zones along Long Shore Road (St. Edwards Elementary), Sprucehill Road & Rectory Road (Topsail Elementary), Roberts Road South & Upper Gullies Elementary Road (Upper Gullies Elementary).

Concurrence of action plan is required to implement school zones.

After a review and discussion, the Committee agreed to defer to the Spring and follow up with a request to the Provincial Government to include the St. George's Elementary area as a school zone.

4.3 Villanova Junior High School Correspondence

Recent correspondence was received from the Villanova Junior High Council regarding school zone safety. The letter notes enhanced safety initiatives in place or in progress and specifically requests Council "support in bringing forth a request to the Department of Transportation to implement additional safety features".

The Committee deferred this item pending a scheduled meeting later this week to review school zone safety.

5. POLICIES, REGULATIONS & PROCEDURES

5.1 Supplementary Signs Policy

The Committee reviewed the draft policy and has no further comments. The Committee recommends to adopt the policy as presented.

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that the Supplementary Signs Policy be adopted as presented.

6. ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee concurred with the following recommendation:

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that the recommendations and decisions made at the Engineering and Public Works Committee meeting of November 30, 2021 be accepted as presented.

- 2022 Sidewalk Program
- School Zone Plans
- Villanova Junior High School Correspondence
- Water Statistics
- Department Report

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Gerard Tilley
Chair, Engineering and Public Works

Jennifer Norris
Director, Engineering and Public Works