

Engineering and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 09
Date: May 10, 2022
Time: 4:30 pm – 6:15 p.m.
Location: Zoom

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

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

1. PROCUREMENT

1.a Phase 48 Water and Sewer - Approval to Tender Ratification

The Committee ratified the recommendation previously approved on May 9 2022;

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that approval be given to tender Phase 48 Water and Sewer project.

1.b Heavy Equipment Rentals - Standing Offer Agreement

The Town will solicit prices for common equipment rentals and services which will include excavator and vacuum truck. The standing offer

agreement will allow successful bidders to provide all required safety documentation while providing the Town rental options.

1c. Water and Sewer Upgrades – Approval to Tender

It was the consensus of the committee to approve the following recommendation which excludes the Topsail Road water replacement, pending a response from Transportation and Infrastructure regarding a recent reallocation request.

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that approval be given to proceed to tender for the Water and Sewer Upgrades project.

2. OTHER DEPARTMENT ITEMS

2.a National Public Works Week 2022

Public Works Week is May 15-21, 2022. The theme this year is "Ready and Resilient". A proclamation has been sent to the Town Clerk for the May 17 Council meeting.

"This year's dramatic poster showcases the superheroes that lie within each and every public works professional. Always READY to serve their communities, and RESILIENT as ever in their abilities to pick themselves up off the ground after encountering challenges."

2.b 92 Millers Road

The owner of the property has requested Council to contravene the water and sewer regulations to allow and address a non-compliance issue of a shared water service that existed when they recently purchased the property.

After a discussion, Committee will uphold current regulations and requested staff to advise the owner. The Committee also requested staff to investigate the cost of a water and sewer regulations review, specifically the impacts of allowing shared services.

2.c 764-766 Conception Bay Highway

Councillor Tilley declared conflict as he has a family that lives adjacent to the property and left the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

The owner of the property joined the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and updated the Committee on the extensive history of water concerns at 764-766 Conception Bay Highway.

The owner requested Council to make a decision on a report that was adopted in 2020 that provided options to redirect provincial and municipal storm water infrastructure, as well as natural drainage channels, from the area.

The property owner left the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed the Town is not in a position to proceed with any report recommendations and the property owner should proceed to maintain the privately-owned infrastructure on the property as recommended over the years from both the province and the Town. A letter will be sent to the owner advising the Town's position.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Councillor Tilley rejoined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Gosse left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

An update on recent accomplishments, upcoming initiatives and concerns was provided.

3.a Capital Works

An update on capital projects was provided to the Committee. Price increases to asphalt, pipe and other materials was discussed and possible impacts to current project work scopes that were approved in 2020 and 2021.

3.b Water Statistics

An update on the latest water statistics was provided to the Committee.

4. ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee concurred with the following recommendation:

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that the recommendations and decisions of the Engineering and Public Works Committee held on May 10, 2022 be accepted as presented;

- 764-766 Conception Bay Highway
- 92 Millers Road
- National Public Works Week May 15-22, 2022
- Capital Works
- Water Statistics

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Councillor Tilley, Chair

Jennifer Norris, Director of
Engineering and Public Works