

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

DATE: Friday, March 16, 2012

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at the Puslinch Municipal Complex, Aberfoyle.

ATTENDANCE: All members of the Committee (except Councillor Jerry Schmidt) and the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion No. 1: Moved by Don Creed and seconded by John Stubbs.

THAT: The Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 17, 2012, be and are hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

1. Council accepted the committee's recommendation regarding Stroy's Bridge from February 17, 2012 and passed the following resolution:

“THAT: The Council of the Township of Puslinch does hereby support the recommendation dated February 17, 2012 of the Public Works Committee to remove the bridge, abutments and repair box culvert as per Gamsby and Mannerow Plan and Profile dated September, 2008, revised December 2011. Proposed gravel trails to be determined by Grand River Conservation Authority in Spring 2012 re: Stroy's Bridge. The Public Works Superintendent is authorized to proceed with the preparation of the tender for the proposed works.”

Don met with Gamsby and Mannerow and they have been instructed to prepare the drawings and tender documents.

Don reviewed with Gamsby and Mannerow all other capital projects for this year. Gamsby and Mannerow are to prepare the necessary drawings and set out the requirements.

Gamsby and Mannerow will obtain approval from the Grand River Conservation Authority regarding the Concession 7 culvert replacement north of Wellington Road #34. The work will be done in-house.

2. Council accepted the committee's recommendation regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Watson Road South from February 17, 2012 and passed the following resolution:

“THAT: The Council of the Township of Puslinch does hereby support the recommendation dated February 17, 2012 of the Public Works Committee that Watson Road speed limit be posted at 50 km per hour from Wellington Road 34 1.2 km north with six (6) signs installed at a cost of \$600 (\$100/sign).”

Don will install the signage.

3. **Speed limits** – It appears to be Council's wish to reduce the speed limit to 60 km/hr on all gravel roads, the estimated cost will be \$14,000 for material. This doesn't include the cost of labour. Don suggested that the work be divided up in quadrants. The reduction to 60 km/hr does not change the road classification.

Motion No. 2: Moved by Ken Roth and seconded by Don Creed.

THAT: The speed limit on all gravel roads within the Township of Puslinch to be reduced to 60 km/hr unless otherwise posted.

CARRIED.

4. **Guard Rail and Street Light Replacement** – Don will be sending invoices to both insurance companies to recover the costs.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

The accounts for March were presented to date.

LEVEL OF SERVICE POLICY:

1. Winter Snow Removal
2. Gravel Roads / Paved Roads
3. Bare / Center Bare / Track Bare

These items are deferred until the next meeting when all members are present. To continue the same level of service as currently exists, we now need to re-examine mixture types, number of trips, clean-up of material, finding right mixtures that works.

Put on Next Month's Agenda.**Tar & Chip – Micro Surfacing****Presentation by Brad Fulton and John McKean of MSO Construction Limited**

- Pavement preservations presentation provided.
- MSO does road and highway maintenance contracting, road preservation, asphalt production, cold mix supplier, asset management, pavement condition, pavement preservation, safety improvement, treatments ~(i) fog seals; (2) slurry seals for low volume roads which may fill in ruts; and (3) micro surfacing is the Cadillac of the 3.
- Seal coats – 2 applications of emulsion and aggregate, high performance
- Reinforced seal coats – helps mitigate cracking. Waterproof interlayer.
- Cost – micro-surfacing \$2.25/sq. metre - \$2.45/sq. metre, double micro-surfacing \$4.50 - \$5.00/sq. metre vs. hot mix at \$8.00/sq. metre
- Traffic counts are a big factor on what type of product to use.
- Trucks and farm machinery traffic play a big part as well.
- The road is only as good as its base.
- Would like to try a section of road with this new project.
- Don will put some thought into it.
- Fix what you have or pave gravel? Best to fix what you have first.

ACTION ITEMS FOR FOLLOWING UP:

1. Vehicle replacement policy – In progress.
2. Speed Limit Issues – done ✓
3. De-icing Policy – done ✓
4. Aberfoyle sidewalk request - There is a 2 metre shoulder. Don recommends no action at this time.
5. Removal of abutments at Community Centre – This will be finished up when the better weather arrives.

6. Railway crossing concerns – Watson Road crossing is the only concern and Don will continue to monitor.
7. Office parking lot painting – Don is still looking into this.
8. Traffic studies – There may be some reclassification of certain roads. Don will continue to monitor.
9. Removal of Badenoch light standard – There is an Osprey nest on the top. Don will contact the Ministry of Natural Resources. We could look at leaving this light standard so Osprey nest can stay. Just need to bolt in plywood so the children won't climb on it.
10. Stroy's Bridge Removal – done ✓
11. Other
 - a. Swing Set at Community Centre – Jerry and Roads Department will assist with its relocation.

NEXT MEETING:

April 20, 2012 at 8 a.m. in Council Chambers

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

1. **Motion No. 3:** Moved by Don Creed and seconded by Paul Hohenadel.

THAT: The Public Works Committee meeting is adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

Signed: _____
Jerry Schmidt, Chair

Brenda Law, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer