

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 26, 2005
11:30 A.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Meeting called by:
COMMITTEE
Facilitator:
R. PERCHUK
Timekeeper:
MEETING
COMMENCED: 11:18
a.m.

Type of meeting:
REGULAR
Note taker:
P. MCLAUGHLIN
Key:
 REPORTS EMAILED
 REPORTS

Attendees:
A. POIRIER
T. SZAJEWSKI,
R. MCMILLAN
B. PREISANTANZ
R. PERCHUK
L. COMPTON
C. WASACASE

Please read:
OPERATION
REPORTS (emailed)

OPERATION REPORTS

Snow Plowing – 124 Lakeside Crescent – Doris Meadows
 Traffic Concern – 9th Street North – Jeff Alcock

DEPUTATION: Bertha Sanna re: Snow Removal

Agenda Item:

Action:

DEPUTATION: Bertha Sanna re: Snow Removal (11:20 a.m. – 11:45)

Bertha - The north side of the 500 block has not had sidewalk snow plow services since Dec. 11. Area is being plowed differently from other years. A huff is being used instead of a grader and the result is snow pushed back onto the sidewalk. Street is so narrow residents have to park at the back of their homes. Please give us back our front street parking. Operators are not using the available space to deposit snow as in the past. If crews had taken away snow earlier the equipment could get through ie. sidewalk plow.

Rick - Snow plowing and clearing operations have been hampered this year due to the succession of snow falls and equipment not being able to move the large volumes. Third Street is unique due to its narrowness and incline. The City will be removing snow from this area tomorrow. Crews are having trouble finding areas to push it. There are lots of streets like this and we know problems exist, but we have to work within our budget and with limited man power.

Suggestion: City to look at procedure to ensure one sidewalk and one side of street are opened up all over and to re-evaluate type of equipment in use.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

NONE
DECLARED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JAN. 12/05

Moved by R. McMillan , Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried;

ADOPTED AS
SUBMITTED

TOPICS

ROADS

HWY 17 EAST PROJECT – UPDATE

- Wall Mart opened Jan. 25.
- Signal lights at Miikana Way intersection: motorists were missing the loop.
- Light has been changed from pad activated to regular timed cycle.
- A & W intersection: drivers having trouble negotiating left turn lane off Hwy 17 onto 5th St. S.
- Deficiencies in turning radius has been brought to the attention of Wardrop. Process started to determine responsibility.
- Intersection is not complete. Map depicting planned configuration to be presented at the next meeting.

RICK

SNOW PLOWING– 124 LAKESIDE CRESCENT –

DORIS MEADOWS

- City had previously been plowing across private property to access a fire hydrant located in the unopened laneway fronting Meadows property.
- Only access to Meadows property is across 2 private properties.
- Homeowner is requesting City continue to plow the road to the fire hydrant.
- Discussion: City obligation.
- Concern raised as to accessibility for emergency service vehicles.
- Rick to follow up: 1) Consult with Fire Services 2) City obligation per changes under Municipal Act 3) consult legal counsel re: liability

RICK

Mayor Canfield arrived 12:02

TRAFFIC CONCERN – 9TH STREET NORTH –

JEFF ALCOCK

- A vehicle drove into Mr. Alcock’s residence. He is requesting the City construct a barrier or convert the through street (9th St. N.) into an off-set 4-Way Stop intersection.
- There are numerous areas within the City requiring drivers to exercise caution.
- Installing Stop signs at the top of hills is not recommended.
- Suggestion: a rock garden put in place by homeowner
- Rick to forward letter to Mr. Alcock.

RICK

SNOW MACHINE CORRIDOR – 19TH AVENUE NORTH -
COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM MABLE SPENCER - UPDATE

- Corridor has been in existence since 1994 and is signed and maintained by the Sunset Trail Riders Association (STR).
- Nature of complaint: excessive noise , trees removed
- Request input from Kenora Police Service and OPP regarding improvements.
- STR are willing to look at options.
- Meeting to be open to members of the public.

BILL

RICK

LAURENSEN LANE – ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – REQUEST FROM
BENEDICKSON COURT TENANTS ASSOCIATION.

- On hold
- Rick researching options.

RICK

DISABLED PARKING SPACE REQUEST- MAIN STREET
FRONTING LIBERAL MP OFFICE

- Request for a Disabled Parking space fronting constituent’s office.
- Frank to forward a report from Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- Survey in progress: Municipal Policy governing number of spaces per block.
- Discussion ensued re: establishment of a City plan
- One Committee member felt there was a need for more spaces.
- Rick to submit report.

FRANK

RICK

AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC REGULATION BYLAW – “NO
PARKING” – 9TH STREET NORTH BETWEEN 13TH & 14TH
AVENUES – J. DUNPHY.

- This item is back on the Agenda: Request for a “No Parking” designation along the north side of 9th St. between 12th Ave. N. and Beaver Brae Secondary School.
- Rick contacted Mr. Dunphy after August 2004 Committee meeting as per Minutes dated Sept. 15, 2004.
- Current “No Parking” sign needed replacing.
- Discussion ensued re: options and area of responsibility.
- Committee agreed that lack of parking is a School issue.
- Rick to write KPDSB requesting they address the issue and copy Mr. Dunphy.

RICK

Mayor Canfield updated Committee 12:45 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.
Re: Press Release - Abitibi Consolidated Company of Canada

Patti McLaughlin, Note Taker had to leave (12:45 p.m.)
Richard Perchuk continued with note taking duties.

SOLID WASTE

**NORTHERN BULK HAULAGE AGREEMENT – ESCALATION
CLAUSE - OPTIONS**

- Gardewine to forward a proposal re: Haulage Agreement.
- Report to follow.

RICK

BLUE BOX PROGRAM – GLASS COLLECTION –

- The glass bin has been reinstated at Transfer Facility Recycle Depot
- For residential recycle only.

INFORMATION
ONLY

WATER & SEWER

ALARM MONITORING

- Kenora Police Service are discontinuing Sewer Lift Station alarm monitoring services effective June 1st, 2005., due to work load constraints and maintenance costs,
- The Operations Department is awaiting proposals from various companies interested in providing the service.
- Recommendation to be brought forth at future meeting.

RICK

OTHER BUSINESS

NEW HORIZONS CENTRE – CONCERN RE: BUS SHELTER

- Senior was injured due to an incident near the bus shelter on Ottawa St.
- Proper follow up by the City was initiated.

INFORMATION
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NEW HORIZONS CENTRE – REQUEST FOR SNOW REMOVAL

- Request snow removal at Disabled Parking space.
- Rick to contact Roads Department.

RICK

COMMUNICATION

- Disabled parking space Main Street - Report from Accessibility Advisory Committee

FRANK
BERGMAN

NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

- Feb. 9th, 2005 @ 11:30 am

IN CAMERA - No in camera session

ADJOURN

Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by T. Szajewski & Carried:-
Meeting was officially brought to a close at 1:00 p.m.