

# OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 9, 2005  
11:30 A.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Meeting called by:  
COMMITTEE  
Facilitator:  
R. PERCHUK  
Timekeeper:  
MEETING  
COMMENCED: 11:30  
a.m.

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

Attendees:  
A. POIRIER  
R. PERCHUK  
L. COMPTON  
C. WASACASE  
W. ORTLIEB

Absent: R. McMillan  
B. Preisenzanz  
T. Szajewski

Please read:  
OPERATION  
REPORTS (emailed)

Building Permit Activity Reports – January (emailed Feb. 16)

OPERATION REPORTS

Water Truck Purchase 2005 Capital

## Agenda Item:

## Action:

### DEPUTATION: Dorothy Kennedy re: Pulp Truck Traffic (11:30 a.m.)

Dorothy – I would like to know why the pulp trucks are still using the Main Street corridor when a Bypass was constructed to take this kind of traffic. Pedestrians still have to proceed with caution at the corner of Main Street South and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South. A few years ago a handicap gentleman was killed as a result of this kind of traffic permitted through Kenora. The hauling is from the McKenzie Portage Road, which is closer to the Bypass. When they use the downtown corridor they have to go through 7 to 9 traffic light intersections. They are only saving a few minutes, but are burning more fuel due to starts and stops. They are a hazard for school bus traffic, hinder emergency vehicle movement and damage roads. We are all going to have to pay to repair the roads. I live on the east highway and have counted 30 trucks traveling easterly. They start early in the morning and don't stop until after 7 pm. They are speeding and the noise from the Jake brakes is unbearable. My point is they could use the Bypass.

Rick – The city cannot force the logging industry to stop using the downtown corridor as truck companies have licenses that permit them to travel on all roadways unless there is a ½ load restriction in place. What we can control is the use of Jake brakes and speeding. In talking to the residents on McKenzie Portage Road they had positive comments with regards to the operation ie. drivers lowered their speed etc. This operation is winding down.

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**Summary**

Committee agreed with Mrs. Kennedy, but admitted that their hands were tied with regards to prohibiting truck traffic through the downtown corridor. Rick to contact trucking companies to suggest using the Bypass as a preferred route. Kenora Police Service and O.P.P. units will be advised of Jake brake and speed violations.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

NONE  
DECLARED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF JAN. 26/05**

**Correction: Item #2 – Roads**

ADOPTED WITH  
CORRECTION

Municipal Solicitor to review City requirement regarding 1) Plow service to hydrant 2) Plow service to home.

Moved by C. Wasacase, Seconded by L. Compton & Carried;

Bill Preisenz arrived at 12:10

**TOPICS**

**WATER & SEWER**

WATER LINE REPAIR – 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET NORTH –  
COKER RESIDENCE

- Mr. Coker to sign agreement: maintain status as private line, City will not assume, City to repair areas identified as requiring them anyway.
- Timelines for repair: 10 hours
- Councillor Poirier commended City for considering all options.
- Rick to contact Warren Ortlieb to arrange repair.

RICK / WARREN

**ROADS**

LEN KROPIOSKI – 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE WEST NORMAN –  
SNOW CLEARING – FENCE DAMAGE

- Mr. Kropioski is concerned with snow plowing operations:  
(1) fence has received damage in past (2) fire hydrants are being buried
- On-site visit determined no fence damage.
- Advise Road's Department to not push snow at fence and Water & Sewer Department to flag hydrant.

RICK / WARREN /  
MARK

HWY 17 EAST PROJECT – UPDATE

- Drawing depicting planned configuration for 5<sup>th</sup> St. S. / Hwy 17 E. intersection to be presented at the next meeting.

RICK

SNOW PLOWING – 124 LAKESIDE CRESCENT –  
DORIS MEADOWS

- Letter received from legal counsel recommending charging a fee for service performed on private property.
- Hydrant will be kept clear, but snowplowing to home has ceased.
- Committee requested copy of letter for review prior to decision.

HOLD  
RICK

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TRAFFIC CONCERN – 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET NORTH –

JEFF ALCOCK

- Letter has been forwarded to Mr. Alcock. OFF

SNOW MACHINE CORRIDOR – 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NORTH -  
COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM MABLE SPENCER – UPDATE

- Meeting to be set up. BILL

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

- Reviewing options. RICK

DISABLED PARKING SPACE REQUEST- MAIN STREET  
FRONTING LIBERAL MP OFFICE

- Rick received an update from Frank: The Accessibility Advisory Committee is reviewing the number of disabled spaces as a whole.
- Report to follow. RICK

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

- It is up to KPDSB to provide adequate parking for Students.
- Rick contacted Judy Green, KPDSB. A report is forthcoming. RICK

SOLID WASTE

NORTHERN BULK HAULAGE AGREEMENT – ESCALATION  
CLAUSE - OPTIONS

- Rick to meet with Northern Bulk this week. INFORMATION ONLY

**OTHER BUSINESS**

WATER TREATMENT UPGRADE PROJECT

- Results of the WTP 2004 Inspection Report: MOE to issue Order
- City did not meet deadline for completion of works for Item 6 of WTP Upgrade Project: conversion to chlorination system.
- Problem: Poor mixing at injection point. RAL’s, approved design did not work. Solution: Installation of proper mixing equipment.
- Alternative equipment was researched, but nothing available with 100% guarantee.
- 2 Issues: (1) completion of project deadline = March 31, 2005  
(2) Consultant requests additional fee to complete project = \$27,000,
- The \$27,000 fee would also include the Engineers Report for WTP, which is required under DWPR every five years and Staff Training.
- Rick to provide full report for COW in-camera. RICK

IDLING POLICY

- Request for City to implement an idling policy.
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- Larger truck engines need to retain warm temperature.
  - Rick to report back.

RICK

#### OPERATION REVIEW REPORT

- To be discussed at the next Operation Committee meeting.
- Will tie into Service Review.

INFORMATION  
ONLY

#### GLASS RECYCLE

- City has to resume collection of residential glass as per MOE direction.
- City trucks are not suited to collect glass, unless the City drops a material presently being collected (only 3 compartments).

INFORMATION  
ONLY

#### WATER TRUCK

- The spare water delivery truck will not pass CVOR inspection. Requires the cab mounts replaced. Estimate received: \$6,849.00.
- 1981 Unit does not warrant costs to repair.
- Unit scheduled for replacement in 2006 – allocation: \$135,000.
- Mike recommends purchasing a used chassis and remount at cost of \$55,000 under 2005 Capital.
- Rick suggests: transfer one van from Building to Water & Sewer, use Water & Sewer 2005 Capital allocation of \$30,000 to purchase unit, delete 2006 allocation of \$135,000 except for difference.
- Committee in agreement to shift Capital allocation.
- Rick to bring forth recommendation to COW.

RICK

#### COMMUNICATION

- Water & Sewer – Schedule repair - Coker line
- Snow Plow – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. Norman – fence issue
- Fire Hydrant – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. Norman – flag hydrant

WARREN  
MARK  
WARREN

#### NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME - RESCHEDULED

ALL

- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 @ 11:30 am

**IN CAMERA** - No in camera session

#### ADJOURN

Moved by C. Wasacase , Seconded by L. Compton & Carried:-  
Meeting was officially brought to a close at 1:25 p.m.