



Minutes

Operations Committee

June 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Chair Scott Greig
Member Roger Bloom
Councillor Brock Hamley
Member Bill King
Councillor Marion Koepke
Member Edward Marchewka
Deputy Mayor Brian O'Leary
Member Meghan Robertson

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Member Paul Foster

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Matt Prentice, Manager of Public Works
Chris Webb, Manager of Engineering Services
Rick Chappell, Supervisor of Environmental Services
Ashley Ford, Water and Wastewater Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Greig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022

OP-220614-001

Moved by Member King

"THAT the Operations Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2022."

Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no depositions or presentations.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

7. a Email from Resident Re: Installation of Speed Bumps

Committee discussed the email regarding the request for speed bumps in the 200 block of 5th Avenue West to slow traffic. Committee requested that Engineering staff look at a process in the future on recommendations for traffic calming measures as there have been so many brought forward in recent months.

Committee questioned staff if they have brought requests such as these to Police Services for their input. Staff confirmed they have, but it usually comes down to people power to patrol these locations. If staff has identified a problem area, they will request Police Services to track speeding with an officer or the trailer.

OC-220614-002

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of correspondence dated April 7, 2022, respecting the installation of speed bumps on 5th Avenue West, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the correspondence for information purposes."

Carried.

- 7.b Petition with 40 Signatures from Owen Sound Residents Re: Request for 3-Way Stop at 8th Avenue East and 21st Street East (petition available for viewing at the City Hall Service Counter)

Mr. Murdock requested to speak on behalf of the petition and noted the following:

- There is currently no school zone signage with children accessing the school from this roadway, and they would like to see staff install school zone signage to slow traffic in this area.
- Police have come when concerned residents request to witness the speeding, but they cannot stay at this location 24/7.
- Neighbours are afraid a child will be seriously injured due to speeding in this area.

Committee discussed the need for a City-wide look at speeding and requested a wholesome report back from staff to see if lowering the speed limit to 40 km/hour throughout the City would be warranted.

The Committee suggested that staff and Council cannot keep looking at individual requests for traffic calming; they need to start looking at these from a broader approach.

Committee asked staff to investigate why there is currently no "School Zone" signage in this area.

OC-220614-003

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of correspondence and a petition with 40 signatures dated June 1, 2022, respecting a request for a 3-Way Stop at 8th Avenue East and 21st Street East, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council direct staff bring back a traffic calming report to Committee that includes a City-wide 40km/hour speed limit option."

Carried.

- 7.c Correspondence from Owen Sound Muslim Association Re: Pedestrian Walk at 9th Avenue East and 7th Street East

OC-220614-004

Moved by Member King

"THAT in consideration of correspondence dated April 25, 2022, from the Owen Sound Muslim Association respecting a pedestrian walk at 9th Avenue East and 7th Street East, the Operations Committee recommends

that City Council receives the correspondence for information purposes."

Carried.

8. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

8.a Engineering

None.

8.b Environment

8.b.1 Report OP-22-031 from Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: RFP-22-030 Waste Management Strategy Consultant

The Supervisor of Environmental Services provided an overview of the report.

The Committee questioned if any components to the last RFP were missed that should be included this time. Staff explained that the legislative framework had changed drastically as well as many new aspects concerning climate change that wasn't prevalent at the time of the last RFP that are addressed this time.

Committee questioned how the staff is engaging the community on the waste management strategies. Staff explained community engagement would mainly be through the City's website, and more information on communication will be forthcoming.

OC-220614-005

Moved by Member Robertson

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-22-031 respecting RFP-22-030 Waste Management Strategy Consultant, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8.c Public Works

None.

8.d Transit

8.d.1 Report OP-22-032 from Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Transit Service Delivery

The Supervisor of Environmental Services provided an overview of the Transit Service Delivery report to the Committee.

Committee discussed:

- Consat Transit Data Software;
- Bicycle racks and fare boxes; and
- Buses being currently gas-powered, with a provision in the RFP that, at some point, the City can switch to an alternative fuel source should one become a better option.

OC-220614-006

Moved by Deputy Mayor O'Leary

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-22-032 respecting Transit Service Delivery, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8. e Water and Wastewater

8.e.1 Report OP-22-030 from Manager of Public Works Re: Improving Wastewater Monitoring and Reporting Grant

The Manager of Public Works provided a brief overview of the Wastewater Monitoring and Reporting Grant report to the Committee.

Staff explained that the stormwater modeling was completed a few years ago for the City's west side, but the east side needs completion. This grant money can also go towards that work, provided there is enough funding remaining after the other items, or directly related to CSO's, are completed. Further, the Province has no concerns with that use of the funding.

OC-220614-007

Moved by Member King

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-22-030 respecting Improving Wastewater Monitoring and Reporting Grant, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

9. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no matters postponed.

10. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

11. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

- 11.a Owen Sound Climate Action Meeting Notes - May 3, 2022
- 11.b Owen Sound Climate Action Meeting Notes - June 1, 2022
- 11.c Memo from Road Superintendent Re: Good Roads and Grey County Public Works Association
- 11.d Memo from Engineering Technologist Re: Good Roads 2022 Update

OC-220614-008

Moved by Member Robertson

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the June 14, 2022, Operations Committee agenda, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive Items 11.a. to 11.d. for information purposes."

Carried.

12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Greig adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.