



Minutes

Operations Committee

January 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Chair Scott Greig
Member Roger Bloom
Councillor Jon Farmer
Member Paul Foster
Councillor Brock Hamley
Member Bill King
Councillor Marion Koepke
Member Meghan Robertson

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Member Edward Marchewka

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Chris Webb, Manager of Engineering Services
Michelle Palmer, Manager of Purchasing, Risk, and Asset Management
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 5:33 p.m.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

2.a Chair Greig Re: Rural Ontario Municipal Association Trade Show - Municipal Warning and Enforcement Cameras

2.b Chair Greig Re: Outgoing Public Members

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on December 6, 2022

OC-230119-001

Moved by Member King

"THAT the Operations Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on December 6, 2022."

Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5.a Deputation from Jacob Hanlon, Food Cycle Science Re: Municipal Food Waste Diversion

Mr. Jacob Hanlon from Food Cycle Science provided a presentation to Committee.

Committee discussed the following:

- Lifespan of the FoodCycler;
- What products the FoodCycler composts;
- That the negative reviews were either due to machine defects, or the technology wasn't suitable for the user; and
- Filter and machine maintenance costs.

- 5.b Deputation from Dillon Consulting Re: Waste Management Strategy Update

This deputation was deferred to the February 16, 2023, Operations Committee meeting due to technical difficulties.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- 6.a Laura Wood, Owen Sound resident submitted the following question which was read out by the Chair:

With the end of the current waste management contract in 2023 and upcoming changes to the Blue Box program with municipal financial participation levels being reduced, will the City of Owen Sound commit to redirecting these savings to a future household Green Bin program?

Committee noted that the Waste Management Strategy will be coming to the February 16, 2023 Operations Committee meeting and will explore 16 different options, some of which include a green bin/compost option.

Committee requested that the February Waste Management Strategy Update include more detail than was included in the January presentation, for example, including a specific breakdown for each of the 16 options.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

8. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

8.a Engineering

8.a.1 Report OP-23-003 from Manager of Engineering Services Re: 2023 Road Rehabilitation Locations

The Manager of Engineering Services provided an overview of the report.

Committee discussed the timing of this report and that it provides the opportunity to complete the road rehabilitation before fall/winter weather concerns arise.

Committee requested that the road rehabilitation map be colour coded for the next 4-5 years and provide the entire list on one map to see the future rehabilitation areas.

Committee questioned specific areas and why they were not included in the road rehabilitation plan for 2023. Staff provided explanations such as the roadways could be designated for full reconstruction instead of just resurfacing, or some roadways were bumped up in the plan to accommodate detours for full reconstruction areas.

OC-230126-002

Moved by Member King

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-23-003 respecting 2023 Road Rehabilitation Locations, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8.b Environment

8.b.1 Report CM-23-003 from Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness Re: Securing Canada's 1 Billion Investment in a Strengthened Freshwater Action Plan - Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

The Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Operational Effectiveness provided an overview of the report.

The Committee requested that the support letter be provided to the opposition critics for each Ministry.

OC-230126-003
Moved by Member Foster

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CM-23-003 respecting Securing Canada's 1 Billion Investment in a Strengthened Freshwater Action Plan - Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council support the resolution as attached to the report."

Carried.

8.c Public Works

None.

8.d Transit

None.

8.e Water and Wastewater

None.

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 January 4, 2023 - Climate Action Team Meeting Update

11.b Correspondence received December 12, 2022, from Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry Re: Changes under the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act related to compressed air energy storage and updates to Provincial Standards

OC-230119-004
Moved by Member Robertson

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the January 26, 2023 Operations Committee agenda, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive Items 11.a and 11.b for information purposes."

Carried.

12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

12.a Rural Ontario Municipal Association Trade Show Municipal Warning and Enforcement Cameras

Chair Greig highlighted options for traffic calming devices that were seen at the recent ROMA Trade Show as well as how they can be applied to the forthcoming report for the Operations Committee regarding speed limits and traffic calming within the City of Owen Sound.

OC-230126-005

Moved by Councillor Koepke

"THAT the Operations Committee waives the notice provision in the Procedural By-law in order to deal with a time-sensitive matter relating to Rural Ontario Municipal Association Trade Show - Municipal Warning and Enforcement Cameras."

Carried.

OC-230126-006

Moved by Member King

"THAT in consideration of Additional Business presented January 26, 2023 respecting the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Trade Show Municipal Warning and Enforcement Cameras, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to:

- 1. Investigate using photo radar within the streets of Owen Sound; and**
- 2. Bring back these findings to the Operations Committee as part of the Traffic Calming Report."**

Carried.

12.b Outgoing Public Members

Chair Greig thanked Paul Foster and Bill King for their years of service on the Operations Committee.

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 6:55 p.m.