



Minutes

Operations Committee

May 16, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Chair Carol Merton
Vice Chair Marion Koepke
Member Donald Anderson
Member Roger Bloom
Member Mike Crone
Member Robert Droine
Deputy Mayor Scott Greig
Member Meghan Robertson

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Councillor Travis Dodd

STAFF PRESENT:

Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Bradey Carbert, Manager of Corporate Services
Chris Webb, Manager of Engineering Services
Jeff Follis, Public Works Superintendent
Ashley Ford, Water and Wastewater Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Merton 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 18, 2024

OP-240516-001

Moved by Vice Chair Koepke

"THAT the Operations Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on April 18, 2024."

Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no depositions and presentations.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

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-24-022 from the Manager of Engineering Services Re: Kenny Drain Long Term Plan

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

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Engineering Services advised that Pond #4 is at full capacity and requires cleanout prior to work on channel upgrades.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Engineering Services advised that the residential development south of 8th Street East will not add much to the Kenny drain, as that area is mostly part of a different catchment area that drains to the south, southeast, with ponds that outlet through a channel to an existing watercourse.

OP-240516-002

Moved by Member Robertson

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-24-022 respecting Kenny Drain Long Term Works Plan, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8.a.2 Report OP-24-030 from Manager of Engineering Services Re: 2024 Road Rehabilitation Locations

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

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Engineering Services advised that the City avoids having multiple contractors working in the same location. With respect to the Alpha Street Project, there will be some resurfacing on 6th Avenue West through a change order, but as for 11th Street West, it is a candidate for full reconstruction as the underground services are failing and resurfacing it at this time would not be advisable.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Engineering Services advised that when the quote comes into the County, there is an opportunity, if it is low, that additional locations have been identified and could be included at that time.

OP-240516-003

Moved by Vice Chair Koepke

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-24-030 respecting 2024 Road Rehabilitation Locations, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8.b Environment

None.

8.c General

8.c.1 Report CR-24-051 from Manager of Corporate Services Re: 2025-2029 Multi-Year Capital Plan

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

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Corporate Services explained the various grants and funding opportunities and which funding can be applied to various types of Capital Projects.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Engineering Services advised that staff could inquire with Hydro One that they move the Hydro Poles along Highway 6&10 at Superior Street, but it would be at the City's cost and from past practices, it would be a large financial burden to the City to move these poles.

In response to a question from Committee, the Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that public communication about what can and cannot be flushed into the sanitary system would be beneficial, and staff will look into providing this.

In response to a question from Committee, Ms. Widdifield advised that the responses to questions submitted by Committee in advance of the meeting will be distributed to Committee members by email.

Feedback to incorporate into the multi-year capital plan received from Committee Included:

- 23N.2 - The Committee questioned if a sidewalk is considered in the location as it is a busy road. Staff currently understand the County is not considering implementing a sidewalk or a bike lane. Committee requested staff discuss a bike lane at minimum for this location.

OP-240516-004

Moved by Member Robertson

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CR-24-051 respecting the 2025-2029 Multi-year Capital Plan – Operations Committee, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward a report on the draft multi-year capital plan and incorporate the feedback from Committee regarding the proposed projects."

Carried.

8.d Public Works

None.

8.e Transit

8.e.1 Report OP-24-028 from Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: 2023 Annual Transit Report

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

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Engineering Services advised that the ridership has decreased on the specialized transit but that can be attributed to the increased accessibility on the conventional buses.

OP-240516-005
Moved by Member Droine

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-24-028 respecting Owen Sound Transit Annual Report, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8.e.2 Report OP-24-026 from Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Flix Bus Contract Update

The Director of Public Works and Engineering provided an overview of the report.

OP-240516-006
Moved by Deputy Mayor Greig

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-24-026 respecting Flixbus Transit Service Use of Owen Sound Transit Terminal Platform Contract, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."

Carried.

8.f 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 Memo from Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Status Update on Alpha Street Reconstruction

11.b Memo from Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Status Update on Downtown River Precinct Project

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Engineering Services advised that staff have accommodated the residents, building owners, and businesses affected by the closed road and have arranged free parking passes that can be used in municipal parking lots for the duration of the project.

OP-240516-007

Moved by Member Bloom

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the May 16, 2024 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

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 Merton adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.