

# MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Council Chamber  
Tom Davies Square

Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
Commencement: 4:07 p.m.

## **COUNCILLOR ROBERT KIRWAN, IN THE CHAIR**

### **Present**

Councillors Vagnini, Dutrisac, Kirwan, Cormier, Reynolds, Landry-Altman

Councillors Signoretti, Lapierre, Jakubo, Sizer, McIntosh

### **City Officials**

Tony Cecutti, General Manager of Infrastructure Services; David Shelsted, Director of Roads & Transportation Services; Brigitte Sobush, Deputy City Clerk; Deanna Denis, Executive Assistant to the Director of Administrative Services

## **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None declared.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

## **REFERRED AND DEFERRED MATTERS**

### **Item R-1 LED Streetlight Conversions**

Report dated April 7, 2015 from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding LED Streetlight Conversions.

The following recommendation was presented:

OP2015-06 Cormier/Reynolds: THAT the City of Greater Sudbury provide authority to the General Manager of Infrastructure Services to continue with an LED conversion program subject to council approval at the following stages:

- proposal award including funding sources;
- completion of design; and
- summary of 2015 completed work.

**CARRIED**

### **Rules of Procedure**

The committee agreed by two-thirds majority to add Question and Announcements period to the agenda.

**CARRIED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY**

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

### **Train Derailment**

Councillor Dutrisac asked that staff contact CPR for details of a derailment that occurred downtown and to inquire on the dangers

## **QUESTION PERIOD (cont'd)**

### **Train Derailment (cont'd)**

it presented to residents.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services responded that he will look into the matter and share any findings with council.

### **Frozen Water Pipes**

Councillor Dutrisac requested a short report from staff outlining results of the City's work regarding frozen water pipes this year. She asked that the report include recommendations on how to improve, what the City has learned, and how the City is now better equipped to meet emergency situations.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services responded that a report will be brought forward to the April 28, 2015 council meeting regarding that topic. The report will give an update of what was accomplished and include financial details. He stated there would be a follow-up report with additional information at a later date.

### **Line Painting**

Councillor Reynolds asked if it could be expected that line painting would continue up until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Chair asked that the type of paint being used be described as well.

The Director of Roads & Transportation Services responded that there are seasonal restrictions on the type of paint used between May 1 and October 15 and that the government put in place these seasonal restrictions for cold climates. He noted that there were contractors doing line painting, but that they were expected to finish the next day (Tuesday April 14). He also said that in the coming weeks the City would take over with its own line painting truck. He explained that the early onset of winter last year provided bad conditions for line painting, which is normally done once a year.

Chair Kirwan asked, due to seasonal restrictions, why the contract work would not continue to get as much done as possible up until May 1 with the higher quality paint.

The Director of Roads & Transportation Services responded that there are several reasons for the contract work ending. The first is that work done by the City is more cost effective. The second reason is that the street sweeping program must be completed before the lines can be painted on the streets. The sweeping was arranged to be completed in some areas prior to the contractor painting lines and will continue for the next week.

## **QUESTION PERIOD (cont'd)**

### **Line Painting (cont'd)**

He noted that when switching from one paint product to another, the truck requires a complete cleaning, which typically causes about three (3) weeks of downtime for the truck as it is sent to the manufacturer in Toronto for the work. They are currently looking for other options to have that work done locally to avoid the loss of so much production.

### **Perrault Street Flooding**

Councillor Landry-Altmann asked if there was any progress on the installation of flap gates on Perrault Street.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services responded that they have been analysing different types of flap gates and some suggestions have been forwarded for review and comment this week. They have determined the entire area cannot be isolated with a flap gate but do believe that some measure of isolation can be provided to improve the service ability of the roads.

Councillor Landry-Altmann asked if the work could be prioritized to make sure it is completed this year.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services responded that the intent is to do some installation this year so it would be available for next year's spring runoff.

### **Sunrise Ridge Fence**

Councillor Landry-Altmann noted that the fence at the Sunrise Ridge retention pond was down and asked if it had been replaced.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services responded that he was unaware if the fence had been replaced or not but that he would look into it. He noted the pond had been investigated and that because there was no water in the pond at the time of the investigation there was no immediate hazard and the fence would be addressed.

Councillor Landry-Altmann asked why water had been flowing for two days.

The General Manager of Infrastructure Services responded staff had investigated and had not found any other sources of water and that the flowing water was likely due to the 25mm of rain received during a recent storm. He explained that staff is continuing to watch the outflow.

### **MR 55 Intersection**

Councillor Vagnini noted there was a severe accident on Municipal Road 55 and requested an update of any work being done to the intersection.

## **QUESTION PERIOD (cont'd)**

### **MR 55 Intersection (cont'd)**

The Director of Roads & Transportation Services responded that the City is working with Whitefish Lake First Nation on that intersection and that section is set for road rehabilitation as part of the 2015 budget. A full left hand turn lane will be added to the intersection. The Whitefish First Nation will be redoing their portion of the road and city staff will be requesting to move funds to pave the 200 metres owned by the City at the same time.

Councillor Vagnini asked if a flashing light or some kind of warning for eastbound traffic could be installed at the intersection.

The Director of Roads & Transportation Services responded that that option is under review. However, he noted flashing lights do not provide an effective barrier for driving behaviour and are not necessarily a successful measure to implement. The city does have the lights in several areas and they have not influenced the collision rates in those areas. He said staff would be reviewing the cause of the accident to see what measures could be implemented to improve the area.

### **Ditch and Culvert Backups**

Councillor Kirwan noted that ditches are backed up and causing flooding and asked if the City was taking any measures regarding this matter.

The Director of Roads & Transportation Services responded that due to a slow spring melt lots of culverts are refreezing and crews have been working to thaw the culverts. Residents with concerns should call 311 to report the matter to Operations, who will respond accordingly. He added there is also information for residents on the website on how to minimize flooding.

### **Adjournment**

Dutrisac/Reynolds: THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 5:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Brigitte Sobush, Deputy City Clerk