

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ALGONQUIN
ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

On Thursday, May 26, 2016 the Roads Committee held a meeting.

Council Present: Mayor Jane Dumas
Councillor John Brown
Councillor Joe Florent, Chair
Councillor Dave Harper
Councillor Bill Rodnick
Councillor Richard Shalla
Councillor Linda Thom (Arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

Township Staff Present: Dave Gatley, Works Superintendent
Tracy Cannon, Municipal Operations Clerk- Recording Secretary

Regrets: Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk Treasurer

Guest: Dwight Bennett, Resident

Chair of the Roads Committee, Councillor Florent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

- New Business – Entrance Permit Application
- Unfinished Business – Remove George Lake Fire Hydrant from agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Moved by: D. Harper Seconded by: B. Rodnick

To adopt the agenda as prepared for the Roads Committee meeting of Thursday, May 26, 2016 as circulated and amended.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Chair, Councillor Florent welcomed Mr. Bennett and did introductions.

Mr. Bennett began with thanking the Committee and Council for the services provided in the Township and also thanked D. Gatley for meeting with him on May 19th.

Reviewed and discussed a circulated email from Mr. Bennett that included a summary of the onsite meeting that took place between Mr. Bennett and D. Gatley, Works Superintendent.

Mr. Bennett reiterated his concerns expressed in his written correspondence that included the safety and liability of roads, snow removal, ditching, culvert repairs, and the general maintenance of McRae-Hay Lake Road and Hayward Road. Mr. Bennett emphasized the amount of damage and debris/waste that was left behind from the winter logging operations on Crown land and the road allowance.

Chair of the Committee briefly explained the standards pertaining to the snow accumulation and snow plow operations within the Level of Service By-Law 2005-243. Chair, Councillor Florent also emphasized that the villages are to be plowed/sanded before rural areas. Staff will review the winter operations and the general maintenance schedule.

It was highlighted that the Township does not have jurisdiction over Crown land, therefore

could only enforce damages and debris/waste that hinder the road allowance. However, staff and council would contact the MNRF and Bancroft Minden Forestry and advise both agencies of the concerns.

Mr. Bennett exited the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- George Lake Fire Hydrant, previously discussed at the Regular Council meeting of May 19th, 2016.
- Staff to amend the By-Law #2005-243 Level of Service and present the amended By-Law at an upcoming Council Meeting.
- Discussion of implementing additional speed limits. It was decided due to the liability, regulations and costs associated, speed limits will remain status quo.
- Plowing and grading operations discussed. It was recommended that staff research a plowing course for snow plow operators.
- Winter sand sweeping needs to be completed at the Galeairy Lake Boat Launch and in spots on Madawaska Avenue, Ottawa Street, Lake Street and Church Hill Street. Staff to review all swept roads to ensure all winter sand has been removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion pertaining to a circulated letter from a concerned resident at Lyell Lake requesting signage be installed at the Lyell Lake Boat Launch to restrict some uses of the boat launch area. It was determined that standardized signage will be prepared and installed at all Township maintained boat launches. Staff will also prepare a by-law that will enforce these regulations.
- Maintenance on Victoria Lake Road will remain in effect.
- Councillor Shalla was approached by a resident inquiring about a culvert on a private laneway. D. Gatley will contact the resident to inquire if the culvert is on Township property, as the Township does not install or provide culverts for laneways.
- Staff to do a road patrol on Pastwa Lake Road.
- Reviewed and discussed a circulated entrance permit application for a property that currently has access off Highway 60. The application was for an entrance off an unmaintained road allowance. Staff to send a letter to the applicant advising that the Township does not grant entrance permits off unmaintained road allowances.

RECREATION:

- D. Gatley explained the layout of the new parking area that will be constructed beside Whitney Fire Hall. The parking area will accommodate approximately forty vehicles and will be an asset during the snowmobile season. The tree removal is scheduled to start tomorrow. D. Gatley also emphasized the potential for future landscaping that could be done in the area behind the fire hall. During the site visit it was noticed that the box culvert off Highway 60 was full of debris with little water passage. Permission was granted from Carrillion Canada and MNRF for Township staff to clean out the downside of the culvert. After the culvert ends were cleared of debris the water behind the Whitney Fire Hall dropped approximately 12 inches. Carrillion Canada and MTO will be requested to clean out the rest of the culvert.
- The culvert from the catch basin at the LCBO was located and cleaned of debris as well.

- During Councillor Florent and D. Gatley's road tour this afternoon it was noted that additional parking beside the Madawaska Complex could be constructed. Permission from MNRF would be required.
- Works Superintendent, D. Gatley presented some layout models for the installation of the new Ayleen Lake Dock. It was decided that an additional larger pad will be poured to accommodate larger boats/barges. D. Gatley also presented a layout model for a dock extension at Galeairy Lake Boat Launch. Staff was directed to go ahead with the extension.
- It was suggested that grass cutting should be done prior to long weekends.
- Councillor Brown, Councillor Shalla and D. Gatley, Works Superintendent will meet at the Galeairy Lake Beach tomorrow to discuss the location of the sun shelters.

Moved by: B. Rodnick

Seconded by: R. Shalla

To adjourn the Roads Committee meeting of May 26, 2016 at 9:39 p.m.

Councillor Joe Florent/Chairperson

Tracy Cannon, Municipal Operations Clerk
Recording Secretary