



Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron

Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting - South Huron Council Chambers

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Members Present: George Finch, Chair
Jim Dietrich, Member
Dianne Faubert, Member
Marissa Vaughan, Member
Aaron Neeb, Member
Barb Willard, Member
Ted Oke, Member

Staff Present: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
Don Giberson, General Manager of Infrastructure and Development
Shane Timmermans, Manager of Transportation Services
Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
Rebekah Msuya-Collison, General Manager of Corporate Services

Others Present: Ken Logtenberg, BM Ross and Associates Limited

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Finch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Amendments to the Agenda, as Distributed and Approved by Committee

Motion: COW#03-2022

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Committee of the Whole approves the Agenda as presented.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Presentation

4.1 State of Roads Infrastructure

General Manager Giberson provided the committee a brief introduction of the purpose of the meeting and introduced Ken Logtenberg of BM Ross and Associates who would be presenting.

Mr. Logtenberg provided Council an overview of the agenda and explained in further detail the scope of the assessment, traffic counts, road assessment method and scoring system. He provided information on the road inventory, condition ratings of road sections and provided general observations and analysis. He noted that the capital improvement costs per year are in 2022 dollars based and that the map in the presentation is just an example and there will be more maps and information in the actual report. He clarified edits on the slide on page 23 and provided an overview of the summary of recommended improvements, the sidewalk assessment method and provided concluding comments.

The Committee asked whether traffic counts identify traffic type and volume and Mr. Logtengerg replied that traffic count data does not account for type however there usually is a standard assumption that some areas will be higher. For example, roads close to a grain elevator likely have heavier traffic and the projection for life expectancy is adjusted accordingly.

The Committee noted that this summary presentation only gives part of the story and asked whether the report includes a traffic count for each road. Mr. Logtenberg said that they are still working at finalizing the document but confirmed that traffic data will be included in the final document.

The Committee asked what scoring numbers are considered normal and asked how does South Huron compares with other municipalities. Mr.

Logtenberg noted that it is difficult to make a comparison as for example, scoring on road surface could be dependent on the time of the year.

GM Giberson asked about the procedure for delivering the final report. It was noted that at this time the document is a draft and is open for Council feedback and that the final report will be available to the public.

The Committee asked about sidewalk maintenance and standard and GM Giberson said that the staff recommendation is that any defects that do not meet minimum maintenance standards would be corrected immediately and added there is a lot of sidewalk that does not meet current standard. He added that the most efficient way to proceed is to plan with a road project and that if this is not possible, then the recommendation would be to do a certain number of repairs on an annual basis while waiting over longer term to do reconstruction.

CAO Best noted that Council will have to establish standards based on the recommendations and added that this assessment is one element of the Transportation Master Plan as it coordinates with the Asset Management Plan, planning documents such as the Official Plan, Zoning By-Law and other regulatory frameworks. He noted that there are significant infrastructure costs to maintain and repair current infrastructure and revenue streams and capacity to pay are considerations.

The Committee asked how sidewalks on county roads are incorporated and GM Giberson noted existing collaboration between the municipality and the County such as the Main Street Dashwood project.

The Committee asked about minimum maintenance and AODA standards for sidewalks. GM Giberson noted that this study is an inventory and condition assessment and that further work is to be done and that further studies on walkability, growth and development will get into those questions. He noted that vertical trip hazards must be marked immediately and added that there is a certain time frame to eliminate the hazard. He noted that most sidewalks are AODA deficient but that the municipality is looking at opportunities to bring the sidewalks up to standard. Mr. Logtenberg added that minimum maintenance requirements are more for short term and AODA is more for construction and for long term targets.

The Committee asked if the estimated cost of repair table was for reconstruction or for minimum maintenance and it was confirmed the estimates were for reconstruction in full. GM Giberson said that as

minimum maintenance standards are in *Highway Traffic Act*, these are required to be addressed immediately in accordance with the law.

The Committee asked how the numbers compare with what was allocated for the 2022 budget. GM Giberson noted that the budget for sidewalk repairs is lower than in the presentation. The Committee asked about how the road budget compared and GM Giberson responded that currently not spending at recommended levels and added that there will be more information during the budget process on how much is actually spent and the targets will be moving forward.

The Committee noted that the Asset Management plan increases over the next 10 years and GM Giberson noted that the road needs are greater than what is currently budgeted however it needs to be affordable to community.

The Committee asked about no winter maintenance roads and Manager Timmermans noted these include sections on McTaggart Line and South Road.

The Committee discussed gravel road maintenance tasks including schedules for placing calcium chloride and grading and GM Giberson noted that not all of the recommendations in the assessment are implemented.

The Committee asked about probable costs to maintain gravel and Mr. Logtenberg noted that the gravel costs in the assessment reflect actual cost from the budget.

The Committee asked for further clarification on LCB and HCB roads. GM Giberson explained that LCB roads have surface treatment (tar and chip) which seals but is not structural such as Mollard Line. He noted that HCB roads have hot mix asphalt and structural such as Parr Line, Corbett Line and Union Line.

The Committee asked whether the life expectancy on table 10 is realistic. GM Giberson noted the LCB is pushing it and that the HCB roads estimate is more realistic but will still need maintenance to last.

The Committee asked whether HCB or LCB is preferable. GM Giberson noted that generally work to eliminate LCB however there are considerations of fiscal responsibility and scale of efficiency.

The Committee asked about widening of roads when re-paving and GM Giberson noted that staff do consider this in projects especially for bridge and culvert work such as the culvert on Corbett Line.

Motion: COW#04-2022

Moved: T. Oke

Seconded: B. Willard

That South Huron Committee of the Whole receives the State of Road Infrastructure 2021 presentation by BM Ross Engineering.

Disposition: Carried

5. Adjournment

Motion: COW#05-2022

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Committee of the Whole does now adjourn at 5:43 p.m.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

George Finch, Chair

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Clerk