



TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN
PUBLIC WORKS/RECREATION/ARENA COMMITTEE
MINUTES

MEETING NO. THREE

April 17, 2023, 9:37 p.m.

Township Administration Building

318 Canborough Street, Smithville, Ontario

Council: Councillor Shelley Bradaric
Mayor Cheryl Ganann
Councillor Mike Rehner
Councillor William Reilly
Councillor Jason Trombetta
Councillor Joann Chechalk
Councillor Terry Bell

Staff: Bev Hendry, CAO
Joanne Scime, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Mike DiPaola, Director of Public Works & Recreation
Wendy Beaty, Coordinator of Recreation Services
Kevin Geoghegan, IT Help Desk Analyst

Others: Regional Councillor Albert Witteveen
Bruce Harris, WeeStreem

1. CHAIR- Councillor Mike Rehner

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:37 p.m.

Prior to commencing with the Public Works & Recreation Committee meeting, Chair Rehner read the following announcements:

- (1) Comments from the public for a matter that were on the agenda could be provided in person by attending the meeting and advising the Chair during the "Request to Address an Item on the Agenda" Section of the agenda.
- (2) For those individuals that are unable to attend this evening's meeting in person, could submit their comments for matters that are on the agenda by either

- (1) emailing jscime@westlincoln.ca before 4:30 pm. today. Any comments submitted will be considered as public information and read into public record OR
- (2) an individual could contact the Clerk's Department to request a Zoom Link to attend this evening's meeting virtually.
- (3) This meeting was being livestreamed. The link to watch the meeting live could be found on the Township's website by selecting the "Township Office" tab at the top of the website, click the Council or Standing Committee meetings tab and scroll down the meeting list to find the link.
- (4) This meeting was being recorded and will be available to view by clicking the meeting video link found on the Township's website within 48 hours after the meeting unless otherwise noted.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Chair to read the following:

The Township of West Lincoln, being part of Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk (Hat-i-wen-DA-ronk), the Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-no-SHOW-nee), and the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-ih-NAH-bey), including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Township of West Lincoln, as part of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

3. CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITEMS ON AGENDA

There were no changes made with respect to the order of items on the agenda.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest and/or conflict of interest by any Member of the Committee in attendance.

5. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments/presentations.

6. REQUEST TO ADDRESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Chair inquired if the IT Help Desk Analyst was aware if there were any members of the public who were in attendance virtually on the Zoom meeting call that wished to address a specific item on tonight's agenda as permitted under

Section 6.7 of the Procedural By-law, for which the IT Help Desk Analyst confirmed there was not.

Additionally, the Chair asked the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk if she had received any emails or correspondence from a member of the public prior to 4:30 p.m. today, for which the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk confirmed she had not.

There were no members of the public in attendance that wished to address an item on the agenda.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 ITEM PW09-23

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Moved By Mayor Cheryl Ganann

Seconded By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

That the Public Works/Recreation/Arena Committee hereby approves the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Items 1 and 2 be and are hereby received for information;

with the exception of Item 1.

Carried

SUMMARY OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

2. Information Report REC-03-2023 - West Lincoln Community Centre (WLCC) and Recreation Services 2022 Review.

ITEM PW09-23(1) - Information Report PW-12-2023 - Murgatroyd Trail Reconstruction:

1. **Information Report PW-12-2023 - Murgatroyd Trail Reconstruction – Inclusive and Accessible Community Grants Program**

Councillor Bradaric thanked staff for acting on this opportunity so quickly, and asked the Director of Public Works & Recreation to provide an overview of the Murgatroyd Trail Reconstruction project for the public.

In response to Councillor Bradaric's inquiry, the Director of Public Works & Recreation provided an overview of the project.

Councillor Reilly inquired into the specifics of the grant, and if we did not complete the project due to unforeseen issues would the Township have to forfeit the grant.

In response to Councillor Reilly's inquiry, Director of Public Works & Recreation stated he felt confident that staff would be available to complete the project well within the timeframe. The Director noted that it is a requirement of the grant that staff prepare reports to provide updates on the progress of the project in order to the grant requirements, but he would look into the specifics to make sure this was correct.

Mayor Ganann commended staff for being shovel ready on these types of projects, as she moved into a relatively newer subdivision many years ago and have seen many more people using this trail when walking. Mayor Ganann noted that she has seen the trail flooded over and very muddy causing people to walk back and take another route and thanked staff for their efforts to get the trail fixed and for their efforts in applying for the grant to assist with the rehabilitation costs.

Moved By Councillor Shelley Bradaric

Seconded By Councillor William Reilly

That Information Report PW-12-2023 "Murgatroyd Trail Reconstruction – Inclusive and Accessible Community Grants Program" dated April 17, 2023 be received for information.

Carried

8. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1 ITEM PW10-23

AMENDMENT TO BUDGET

Project Manager (Ray Vachon) and Director of Public Works & Recreation (Mike DiPaola)

Re: Recommendation Report PW-11-2023 - 2023 Road Rehabilitation Project Tender Award (PW 2023-01) - Budget Amendment BA2023-01

The Director of Public Works & Recreation provided a brief overview of the project.

Councillor Reilly stated that he feels that the Township should not proceed with extra work, because if we didn't use the contingency there would be an approximate savings of \$413,000.00 for the Township.

Mayor Ganann stated she understood the comments made by Councillor Reilly; however, she feels that staff should continue on with the project and extend the rehabilitation with the savings, to be the most cost effective.

Councillor Bradaric agreed with Mayor Ganann's comments, and inquired to the Director of Public Works & Recreation regarding the Vaughan Road project, and if extending the project easterly from Wellandport Road was considered.

In response to Councillor Bradaric's inquiry, the Director of Public Works & Recreation explained that this was considered in the tender process; however, the budget restrictions delayed that extension until 2024.

Councillor Chechalk stated that she felt that the Township should follow the appropriate procedures and that it was not unusual for projects to be under and over budget.

With this being the same contractor that the Township had hired for road rehabilitation projects last year and some deficiencies with respect to these projects, Councillor Trombetta inquired to the Director of Public Works & Recreation as to what assurances the contractor will provide to insure the roads will not be problematic a year after being worked on.

In response to Councillor Trombetta's inquiry, the Director of Public Works & Recreation explained that he has undergone negotiations with contractor to address the deficiencies with respect to the work that they had undertaken as part of their contract with the Township.

Councillor Reilly inquired to the Director of Public Works & Recreation regarding how many homes were on this additional section of road, and stated he was sure it was far less than the amount of homes that could be serviced if a road within Ward 3 was being serviced. Councillor Reilly further stated that residents of Ward 3 are double taxed on infrastructure issues, and felt the savings from this project should have been returned to the reserves to do more roads in the future rather than extending a road with so few residents on it.

Councillor Chechalk disagreed with the comments made by Councillor Reilly regarding the double tax on the urban residents, and stated that the

taxes are based on assessment and services provided. Councillor Chechalk noted that residents of Ward 3 have to pay urban service area tax, because they have urban area services that rural residents do not have.

Councillor Reilly disagreed with the comments made by Councillor Chechalk, and stated that the double tax was created long ago and has never been repealed. Councillor Reilly stated that it was an injustice to residents of Ward 3, and felt that any savings from projects such as this should be given back to the reserves to minimize the impact on resident's property taxes.

Councillor Bell inquired to the Director of Public Works & Recreation regarding the \$208,000 savings, and why we use it on a road that was not on the list of roads to be fixed instead of roads already marked for repair. Councillor Bell stated that the savings from this project should have went back to the reserve to service other roads included in the Roads Needs Study instead of continuing with rehabilitation of the proposed section of road.

In response to Councillor Bell's inquiry, the Director of Public Works & Recreation stated there was language in the contract that allows the Township to renegotiate the scope of work and staff had looked at the condition of this section of road and had analyzed when would be the best time to resurface the road. The Director stated that it was determined to be the best time to do this section of road, as all the equipment would already there and there would be minimal increase in cost from the vendor as opposed to restarting the project in the future.

Councillor Rehner stated there were two ways to look at this. The first way is we have an opportunity to do more road, as the equipment was there and the road will only become worse over the next year or the other option would be to put the savings into the reserve (i.e. \$208,000) and pay more later when this section of road is included in the budget for rehabilitation.

It was clarified that any savings from this project would not be reflected specifically this year's taxes as the budget has been approved but at the end of the year any savings would go back into the reserves.

Moved By Councillor Joann Chechalk

Seconded By Mayor Cheryl Ganann

1. That, Recommendation Report PW-11-2023, re: "2023 Road Rehabilitation Project Tender Award (PW 2023-01) – Budget

Amendment BA2023-01", dated April 17, 2023, be received; and,

2. That, Council award the tender submission to Walkers Construction Limited for the road rehabilitation work, in the amount of \$2,112,150.00 (excluding HST); and,
3. That, a project contingency allowance in the amount of \$205,400.32 be provided for this project; and,
4. That, Budget Amendment BA2023-01, as outlined in Appendix C, to reallocate the budgeted expenditures and financing for the five road projects included in this tender, along with the extra work on Young Street (South Grimsby Rd 10 to Grimsby Road) and Concession 4 (Rosedene Rd to Hodgkins Rd), at an estimated cost of \$208,000.00 (excluding HST) based on the unit prices submitted by the low bidder, be approved; and,
5. That, a by-law be passed to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Walkers Construction Limited.

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 ITEM PW11-23

Members of Committee

Re: Other Business Items of an Informative Nature

There were no Members of Committee that brought forward any other business items of an informative nature.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There were no new items of business brought forward by any Member of Committee.

12. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were no confidential matters.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair to declare the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:18 pm.



**JOANNE SCIME, DIRECTOR OF
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CLERK**

**COUNCILLOR MIKE REHNER,
CHAIR**