

MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STIRLING-RAWDON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jeremy Solmes and Committee Members Sari Watson, Grant Hagerman, John Rock and Bob Mullin

STAFF PRESENT: George Burkitt, Public Works Manager
Roxanne Hearn, CAO/Treasurer
Tawnya Donald, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION #1

Moved by Grant Hagerman

Seconded by Bob Mullin

“The Committee recommends that the Transportation Committee Agenda for January 8, 2019 be adopted as circulated.”

DELEGATION

Louise Livingstone attended to discuss the management of urban and rural trees and woodlands in the Township. Ms. Livingstone stated that the new Hastings County Official Plan provides a good basis of policy and ideas concerning trees and woodlands. She suggested setting up a committee to assist Council in developing a Tree Policy.

The Chair thanked Ms. Livingstone for her excellent presentation.

Allan Coxwell addressed Council on the issue of the Township’s Tree Policy reiterating the importance of trees to the environment stating that controls need to be put in place.

The Chair thanked Mr. Coxwell for his presentation.

MANAGER’S REPORT

George Burkitt, Public Works Manager reviewed the December Transportation Report with Committee.

MOTION #2

Moved by John Rock

Seconded by Sari Watson

“The Committee recommends that the December 2018 Transportation Report be accepted as presented.”

NEW BUSINESS/ CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION #3

Moved by Bob Mullin

Seconded by Sari Watson

“The Committee acknowledges receipt of an e-mail dated December 14, 2018 from Staff Sergeant Dawn Ferguson, Detachment Commander Central Hastings OPP detailing concerns with the Annual Christmas Parade

and further recommends that the same be filed as information.”

MOTION #4

Moved by Grant Hagerman

Seconded by John Rock

“The Committee recommends that the following correspondence be received and filed:

- a) letter dated December 31, 2018 from Cathie Stewart regarding the Urban Forestry Program Proposal.
- b) e-mail from Dj Sproat dated January 3, 2019 regarding the proposed Tree Policy.
- c) letter dated January 1, 2019 from Sherry Dracup addressing concerns with the number of trees cut down.”

OTHER BUSINESS

A Draft Tree Trimming, Removal and Replacement Policy was presented and briefly discussed. It was consensus of Committee that a committee be setup to deal with a policy concerning trees.

MOTION #5

Moved by Bob Mullin

Seconded by Grant Hagerman

“The Committee recommends that a Community Tree Advisory Committee be established to review and develop plans to promote sound management of urban and rural trees and woodlands on public and private land through education, and communication. In addition to regular updates to Council the Committee should aim to bring a final report within six months

and further that Louise Livingstone and up to four other members of the public be invited to be a part of the Community Tree Advisory Committee along with staff members George Burkitt and Roxanne Hearn and Council members Sari Watson and Bob Mullin”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.