

Combined Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
April 21, 2020
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor LeMay, Chair
Deputy Mayor Gervais (electronically)
Councillor Abdallah (electronically)
Councillor Jacyno (electronically)
Councillor Lafreniere (electronically)
Councillor Plummer
Councillor Reavie (electronically)

Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer (electronically)
Angela Lochtie, Treasurer
Brian Lewis, Manager of Operations (electronically)
Linda Rook, Recording Secretary

Mayor LeMay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Deputy Mayor Gervais declared a perceived pecuniary interest with respect to Item #5(a) as the office of Sheppard & Gervais Law Firm is involved with this matter.
Councillor Plummer declared a perceived pecuniary interest with respect to Item #5(c).

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
THAT the Agenda of the Combined Committee meeting of April 21, 2020 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Parks & Recreation Committee – February 18, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere
That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee of February 18, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

b. Operations Committee – February 18, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Operations Committee of February 18, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

c. Combined Committee – April 7, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Combined Committee of April 7, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Gervais left the discussion due to his perceived pecuniary interest.

5. New Business**a. Former Fire Hall Proposed Lease**

Mr. Lapierre reviewed the report. Jerry Novack, Executive Director of The Grind Pembroke and Deacon Adrien of St Columbkille's Cathedral, attended and made representations. A discussion was held and the following points were raised:

- The Grind anticipated a lease agreement similar to the tenancy of the Kiwanis Club of Pembroke and the Pembroke 50+ Activing Living Center Inc. There is a large gap between what the City proposed and what the Grind can commit to.
- The Grind is not financially able to assume responsibility for any costs related to the maintenance, replacement or enhancement of the building footprint or mechanical systems i.e. cost of repairing the roof if damage occurs as a result of solar system, cost to remove oil sceptor in the floor of bay 2 or erecting a wall between bays 2 & 3.
- The Grind are in agreement to sharing appropriate operations costs, i.e. water heat, and ventilation costs.
- The Grind should be responsible for operations costs and for setting up operations
- Erection of a wall between bays 2 & 3, could be re-visited as to cost sharing, taking into consideration if the improvement would only benefit The Grind or if it would be a capital improvement.
- The City should be responsible for repairs/replacements of a structural nature – a cost that is normally the responsibility of a landlord. The City as landlord needs to provide a safe and stable building. If the oil sceptor is a safety issue, it should be assumed by the City. The Grind, as the tenant should be responsible for all expenses
- Staff should work with The Grind to come up with a new draft similar to the Pembroke 50+ but not placing the City in a position where tax payers are taking on costs for social services. Agreement needs to be net care free lease. Tax payers should not bear any burden.

Direction: That the Combined Committee directs staff to continue negotiations with the Grind to arrive at the next draft Lease Agreement that will work for both parties.

Deputy Mayor Gervais returned to the meeting.

b. Municipal Modification Program – Transfer Payment Agreement

Mr. Lewis reviewed the report. A discussion was held.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the Operations Committee recommends that Committee accept the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement regarding Municipal Modernization Program Intake 1 funding and accept the associated By-Law of Council Number 2020-22.

Carried

Councillor Plummer left table due to his perceived pecuniary interest.

c. Asphalt Resurfacing

Mr. Lewis reviewed the report.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That the Operations Committee approve the award of Asphalt Resurfacing – 2020 Tender No. T-20-04 to Greenwood Paving (Pembroke) Ltd. for an estimated contract value of \$242,246.35 excluding HST.

Carried

Councillor Plummer returned to the table.

d. Asphalt Patching

Mr. Lewis reviewed the report.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That the Operations Committee approve the award of Asphalt Patching – 2020 Tender No. T-20-03 to H & H Construction Inc. for an estimated contract value of \$129,500.00 excluding HST.

Carried

e. Muskrat River Dam Removal

Mr. Lewis reviewed the report. A discussion was held and the following points were raised:

- The cost of this project is exorbitant. Due to the pandemic, this project should be deferred for a year and the monies held in reserve. At this time we do not know what possible provincial/federal funds could be pulled back from the City.
- Grants should be entertained since tax payers should not bear all of the cost for this project.

- Find a way to make the dam affordable by looking at other ways to remove debris.
- Monies have been set aside for the dam removal and it is not going to get any cheaper if the project is deferred.
- The City has gone through two major floods with resulting land slides. Need to proceed with dam removal due to concern for homes along the River.
- The motion made referred to Option 1: Proceed as tendered with the complete removal of the dam at a cost of \$506,701.00 plus HST.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the Operations Committee approve award for the Muskrat River Dam Removal – Tender Contract No. 19-135 to R.G.T. Clouthier Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$506,701.00 plus HST;

That Committee approve additional expenditures in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a contingency allowance.

The total value of the recommendations equal \$526, 701.00 plus applicable HST.

Councillor Plummer requested a recorded vote.

Yea: Mayor LeMay, Deputy Mayor Gervais, Councillor Jacyno, and Councillor Reavie

Nea: Councillor Abdallah, Councillor Lafreniere, and Councillor Plummer

Carried**f. Kiwanis Walkway Access**

Mr. Lapierre reviewed the report. A discussion was held and the following points were raised:

- The recent provincial legislation has said we have to close our parks, therefore it is the city's responsibility to implement the necessary rules to close off the Kiwanis Walkway and Waterfront Boardwalk until at least May 12. It can be policed by putting up yellow tape and using the media to inform the public they are closed.
- The rate payers are social distancing while using the walkway. Walking is good exercise.
- You can walk, jog or cycle through a park but you should not be sitting on park benches. Benches should be ribboned off to prevent the public from using them.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the Operations Committee approve to temporarily close off access to the Kiwanis Walkway and the Waterfront Boardwalk until May 12, 2020, and to review upon advisement of the Renfrew County Health Unit and the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Defeated**8. Adjournment****Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the April 21, 2020 meeting of the Operations Committee adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Carried