

Roads Committee Meeting

Minutes

July 14, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Sheryl Scott, Glenn Hagerman, Bob Clarke, Councillor Roy Reeds, Joan Donaldson, Gord Schad

Meeting Chaired by Councillor Roy Reeds

1. Motion to adopt minutes of June 9, 2020 meeting; Motion Glenn Hagerman, Seconded Bob Clarke – Carried.
2. **No conflict of interest declared.**
3. **Roads updates:**

Road Work:

- New gravel on South end of Old Hastings Rd
- Ditching & removing trees on Sutton Rd. Rocks have been slowing progress down but is gradually improving. Widening in areas where needed

Equipment:

- Both crawlers had to have battery & alternators replaced.
- Grader tires have been replaced and working well
- Backhoe is due for service – has an issue with the boom – can still be used however
- 1 truck is due for safety next month
- ½ ton is due for safety
- Excavator is rented for one more month – has been very useful especially at the waste site – possibly gained 3 yrs at Grimsthorpe Site with the new hole they dug

Councillor Reeds had questions brought forth from Council:

Is there too much gravel on the South end of Old Hastings Rd and too much ditching being done.

Committee did not agree with those statements. Roads Superintendent Glenn Hagerman said 3-4" of good gravel was put on the road, corners were prepped making it appear that there was more on those areas than there actually was. This is resulting in less ongoing maintenance. I.e. Road is still in good shape not requiring grader.

Glenn also commented that he did not intend to purchase more gravel from Tripp as it was too expensive to purchase compared to Danford.

Questions were also brought forth regarding calcium use on N Jordan and S Steenburg Lake Rds – in the past S Steenburg has not been done as there were so few places where traffic can travel fast enough to create dust. N Jordan will get done when Sutton Rd gets done to be more cost effective. S Steenburg to Moores Lane received calcium.

Question/Discussion regarding N Jordan turn around – Councillor Bridger is confirming ownership. Material should not be reused due to potential asbestos. (culverts are being changed due to asbestos)

Question regarding Skootamata Rd – why is Glenn doing work there. – The rehabilitation project is above the expected budget – by Glenn doing this work, that portion can be taken out of the rehabilitation budget thus saving money by having our roads crew do this work instead. Glenn has been using the material at the waste site.

4. New Business

- Roads Budget presented to committee members – next month Sheryl will include all budget lines (Reserves & Loan Payments)
- Glenn has rented the tractor for September for roads crew to cut grass themselves rather than contract out.
- Truck financing – not due until September – Sheryl will bring more details to the next meeting. Length of term etc.
Company reached out to Glenn re delivery of plow & wing
- Draft MMS presented to members – Joan will review further prior to next meeting

5. Old Business

- Asset Management Plan – Sheryl provided an update. Funding has been applied for through FCM to be used for training for both Nancy and Sheryl - currently scheduled for October unless changed due to COVID. Sheryl also investigated the MESH Program, some neighbouring municipalities have discontinued use mostly due to incompatibility in a rural setting. It seems the program is most beneficial in a town or city setting. The Town of Bancroft uses it for a number of applications however they have an administrative assistant dedicated for that department that spends ½ of each day working just on MESH and the programs. Will look to see if there are other simplified programs or methods for Glenn to use that are more cost effective.
- Mawson's Pit – To get an estimate for rehabilitation costs Paul Shalla – Aggregate Technical Specialist at the MNR wants to do a site visit. Glenn will schedule with Paul.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joan, Seconded by Bob

Next Meeting August 11th @ 9:00am