

# **Operations Committee**

Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 4:00 P.m. City Hall, Council Chambers

# **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

## **Roll Call**

#### **Committee Members:**

Councillor G. Beach, Chair Councillor H. Noble Councillor L. Severson Mayor D. Henderson, Ex-Officio

#### Others:

Councillor S. Williams
Councillor L. Journal

### Staff:

Ms. T. Brons, Administrative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations

Mr. E. Moore, Arena and Facilities Coordinator

Mr. P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services

Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk

#### Others:

Recorder and Times

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

# **DELEGATIONS**

1. Leigh Bursey
Bus Passes for St. Lawrence College Students

Mr. Leigh Bursey, on behalf of St. Lawrence College Student Administrative Council, provided further details regarding to propose a partnership between the City and St. Lawrence College with respect to the sale of conventional transit passes. With Council's support for discounted transit passes, the Student Council will consider a referendum to be put forward in November to have bus passes included in the academic fees each year, starting in the 2011/12 academic year.

Mr. Bursey read two letters in support of this initiative which were submitted from St. Lawrence College Students.

Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations, noted that Staff support the implementation of this proposal as it would reduce net expenses and increase ridership which could increase provincial tax subsidies provided to the municipality.

Mr. Cosgrove suggested that Council agree that anyone who shows a student card would have the option of purchasing additional passes at the same rate, after the initial two 40 ride passes that would be included in the tuition.

There was discussion amongst the Committee members regarding offering more than just the initial 40 ride pass at a discounted price for the students.

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT Council support the Transit Bus Discount Proposal submitted by Leigh Bursey, St. Lawrence College Student Administrative Council, to put forward a referendum to St. Lawrence College Students to include bus passes in the academic fees each year starting in the 2011/12 academic year; and

THAT the bus passes included in the tuition fees be at a discounted rate of \$45 on the 40 ride pass with the option of purchasing additional passes or monthly passes at the same discounted rate.

**CARRIED** 

# 2. Elaine Dekroon, Brockville Soccer Club Soccer Dome Project

Ms. Elaine Dekroon, Cheryl Fraser and Karen Nolan, on behalf of the Brockville Soccer Club appeared before Council regarding the Club's Dome Project.

Ms. Dekroon informed the Committee that the Club has been approached by an investor from the Farley Group proposing to finance a soccer dome for Brockville. The investor has indicated that he would be willing to supply the dome to be leased and the other non-coverable expenses such as the concrete pad, gas, water and sewer would have to be funded by the groups bringing this proposal forward. The dome would also require a building in front of it. Ms. Dekroon indicated that the estimated costs of the non-coverable expenses are approximately \$25,000.

Ms. Dekroon noted that the Soccer Club is now in search of the most suitable location for the dome and are asking the City for a parcel of available land. She also indicated that the Club is very proud of the current fields in Brockville and the dome would be an addition to them but anticipated to support other sports more than soccer.

Ms. Dekroon indicated that the Club has shown interest in the land located behind Wal-mart.

Councillor Beach noted that he would like to see a business plan for the project.

Councillor Beach asked what other groups have been identified to be able to lease the dome to keep the project viable. Ms. Dekroon noted that baseball, St. Lawrence United Soccer, rugby, football, volleyball, floor hockey, walking track for seniors, track groups, basketball, gym space, etc. have all indicated that they could utilize the dome for year round training.

Councillor Noble noted the proposal is very impressive. He commented that he understands St. Lawrence College may be interested in a partnership as well and noted that the land located behind Wal-mart has been allocated for industrial use.

Councillor Severson recommended that the Club meet with City Staff regarding available locations and then bring the groups together to narrow down the options. Councillor Severson noted that she is in favour of the proposal.

Councillor Journal noted that he likes the idea of involving St. Lawrence College and suggested meeting with D. Paul, Director of Economic Development regarding available lands and noted that a business plan is important for a project such as this.

Councillor Williams noted that St. Lawrence College would be in a position to apply for special government grants and feels that the Club should lean toward College with respect to a partnership agreement.

Councillor Noble commented that as the City subsidizes Brockville arenas and the dome would deal with all non-ice related sports, he feels that it would be appropriate for the City to provide the base funding for this initiative through Capital funding.

The Soccer Club was invited to attend the September 28th Council meeting to provide a presentation to Council.

# CORRESPONDENCE

1. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations and V. Harvey, Supervisor of Transportation Services

Memo re: St. Lawrence College - Sale of Conventional Transit Passes

A memo from the Director of Operations was received by the Committee with respect to the Proposal from St. Lawrence College regarding the sale of conventional transit passes.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

1. 2010-124-09

Tender E 2010-02 2WD Industrial Rubber Tire Backhoe Loader with Attachment

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT the tender from Wajax Industries, Ottawa in the amount of ninety-one thousand three hundred and ninety-six dollars and eighty-one cents (\$91,396.81) for the purchase of one (1), 2 wheel drive industrial rubber tire backhoe loader with attachments be accepted; and

THAT the necessary funds be expensed from the Fleet Capital Account 9101010 and Activity numbers 9902031, 9902032, 9902035 and 9902041.

**CARRIED** 

2. **2010-129-09** 

Winter Maintenance Policy Amendments

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT the following sections of the Policy for Winter Maintenance Operations be amended as outlined in the Analysis/Options section of this report:

- 1. Responsibility (page 2 of the policy)
- 2. Helipad, Parking Lots and Brockville Transit Class Designation, Level of Service and Priority for Servicing (pages 12, 13, 14, 15 of the policy)
- 3. Overall Priority for Snow Clearing and Ice Control During a Storm (page 21 of the policy)
- 4. Overall Priority for Snow Clearing and Ice Control After a Storm (page 22 of the policy)
- 5. Schedule A Roadway Snow Clearing System
- 6. Schedule B1 and B2 Sidewalk Snow Clearing System; and

THAT all costs incurred due to the recommended changes be charged to the associated winter maintenance accounts.

**CARRIED** 

## 3. **2010-131-09**

Request to Endorse Smiths Falls Correspondence to FCM for Airport Funding

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT Council formally endorse the attached correspondence from Smiths Falls to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding the renewal of aviation infrastructure funding; and

THAT a copy of the resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Gord Brown MP and Steve Clark MPP.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4. 2010-134-09

Tender for Contract 2010-23
Extend Water Services and Hydrant Leads on Water Street East

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT Council accept the tender from Ken Miller Excavating in the amount of Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$40,800.00) excluding HST, plus an Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Dollar (\$8,200) contingency for Contract No. 2010-23 for the extension of eight water services and two hydrant leads on Water Street East from Park Street to Ford Street; and

THAT the City's share of the funding for this project be allocated from the Water Management Fund; and

THAT the City of Brockville enter into a cost sharing agreement with Hydro One where Hydro One will be responsible for 50% of the costs.

CARRIED

### 5. **2010-135-09**

# Replacement of Low Emissivity Ceilings at the Centennial Youth Arena and Memorial Centre

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT Council accept the Tender received from Sport Systems Unlimited, Waterloo, Ontario in the amount of \$24,956.00 (plus HST), for the installation of the Low Emissivity ceiling and safety netting at the Centennial Youth Arena; and,

THAT Council accept the tender received from Sport Systems Unlimited, Waterloo, Ontario in the amount of \$38,431.00 (plus HST), for the installation of the Low Emissivity ceiling and safety netting at the Brockville Memorial Centre.

**CARRIED** 

# 6. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations Verbal Update re: Water Pollution Control Centre Secondary Treatment Upgrade

C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations provided a Power Point presentation showing a progress update to the Committee regarding the Brockville Water Pollution Control Centre Secondary Treatment Upgrade. (presentation attached)

# 7. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations Verbal Update re: Leeds-Grenville Waste Management Expression of Interest

Mr. Cosgrove, Director of Operations reviewed the report approved by the Joint Services' Ad Hoc Waste to Energy Committee, authorizing that a request be issued for Expressions of Interest to provide a regional Waste Management program including centralized collection locations/transfer stations, a disposal strategy, and composting and recycling programs. The disposal strategies are not limited, and therefore could include proposals to open the ED-19 landfill site, export solid waste to an existing landfill, or to utilize an energy from waste solution.

The request for Expressions of Interest is expected to be issued by the end of September, with submissions due in mid-November.

# 1. Councillor G. Beach Brockville Cycling Advisory Committee

Moved by: Councillor Beach

WHEREAS cycling as a desired mode of active transportation is an integral part of the proposed Official Plan; and

WHEREAS encouraging more people to get on bicycles more often supports several outcomes desired in the Strategic plan, specifically with respect to cycling's benefits as a sustainable, environmentally friendly mode of transportation and a healthy recreational pursuit, and for the demonstrated economic benefits through promotion of cycle tourism; and

WHEREAS fulfillment of the vision stats with the creation of a plan that harvests successes in other cities and the lessons they learned along the way, tailored to the unique context of the City of Brockville;

THEREFORE Council authorize the formation of the "Brockville Cycling Advisory Committee" as a Committee of council and direct Staff (Mr. C. Cosgrove) to work with Mr. Medcalf and others they may identify to create terms of reference and a list of nominees for the Committee, to be approved by Council.

CARRIED

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items will be brought forward to the Council Meeting of September 28, 2010 by consent:

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Tender E 2010-02 2WD Industrial Rubber Tire Backhoe Loader with Attachment

2010-129-09

Winter Maintenance Policy Amendments

2010-131-09

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The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.