



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of March 24th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Virtual - ZOOM

Present: Chair Trahan, Co-Chair Kelly, Antoine Boucher, Director of Public Works, Marius Robidas, Foreman and Monica Hawkins, Recording Clerk

1. **Agenda** - The agenda was approved as prepared- Meeting opened at 10:04 a.m.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting, February 18th, 2021 (circulated on Council agenda of February 23rd, 2021)** - Committee reviewed minutes. Antoine will confirm with the Committee to advise if the deer crossing signs have been purchased.
3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest - None for this session
4. Correspondence and Information Items:
 - a) **Director of Public Works and Engineering - Half load exemption letter or email** - Discussion took place regarding propane truck from Verner Co-op regarding the half loads in the municipality. Committee stated that we should be checking with other municipalities regarding this matter. Antoine will be contacting Superior Propane and Moore Propane for more information. It could be known as an essential service and there could be an exemption for this purpose. Antoine advised that he would do further investigation with MTO as the regulations are subject to interpretation.
 - b) **Service Request - Derland Road** – An entrance driveway located on Derland Road has a culvert located on the private side of the property. When the culvert freezes, it floods the neighbour's property located upstream. The individual with the private property culvert refuses to let public works onto his property to thaw the culvert. Since on private property, the resident must pay user fees for thawing services as per established by-law. The resident advises that he will not be paying such fees. Committee advised that this was a civic dispute. The Municipal assets such as the ditches and the road are not being affected by this culvert being frozen. Committee advised the Director of Public Works to communicate with CAO and maybe get legal advice.
 - c) **Calcium spaying** - Director of Public Works will be working on tenders for calcium and Committee advised that there could be a good possibility of a dry summer. In response to a dust complaint, it was suggested that the Director of Public Works place in the budget the amount for a skid of liquid calcium to have on hand in the event of some localized concerns.



d) Wood Chipper - Director mentioned that the municipality should investigate a wood chipper. Chair Trahan advised that they are very expensive to repair. Director will bring forward to Budget.

e) Mr. Ted McCullough, Quae Quae Road - Chair of Public Works advised that he has been communicating with Mr. McCullough

5. Referrals from past meetings:

a) **Perron's Property flooding** - Foreman advised the committee that this was to be completed in the next week or so and that he would report back at the next meeting.

b) **Active Transportation - Tim Foster/Denise Beaupre** - Committee asked Director the estimated cost for paving the side of roads for Active Transportation. Director estimated that approximately 1 km would cost an estimate of \$40,000 per each side of the road, then there could be other costs in the preparation. A separate line item will be discussed in the Capital Budget preparation.

6. **Next meeting date:** April 22nd, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

7. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.