

Public Works Committee Minutes

1. Present

Attending: Chairperson Trask, Councillors: Germs, Chuhaniuk, Haduik, Greenwood, Pruum, Froese-Kooijenga, Janzen.

Regrets: Reeve Harwood

Staff: Adam Tittlemore, Administrator; Craig Habermehl, Director of Public Works; Audrey Shoard, Treasury/Corporate Records Clerk; Nicole Bowden, Administrative Assistant.

Chairperson Trask called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m.

2. Agenda

The Committee approved the Public Works Committee Agenda with the following additions:

9. Civic Addressing – Councillor Janzen
10. Absinthe – Councillor Froese-Kooijenga
11. Bedford Acres – Speed Reduction and Dust Control – Councillor Germs

Greenwood: That the Public Works Committee Agenda be approved.

Carried Unanimously

3. Public Works Carryforward Action List

The Committee was presented the Public Works Carryforward Action List.

➤ Recommendation:

Chuhaniuk: That Administration prepare a preliminary design and costing information regarding development of walking trails along Clarence Avenue, to be considered as part of the 2020 Budget.

Carried Unanimously

➤ Recommendation:

Pruum: That the Public Works Carryforward Action List be received.

Carried Unanimously

4. Public Works Director's Report

➤ Recommendation:

Janzen: That the Public Works Director's Report be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

5. Highway 5 Improvement Corridor

The Highway 5 Corridor Safety Improvements Project involves traffic safety improvements on Highway 5. This busy corridor between Saskatoon and Humboldt has up to 3,000 vehicles per day.

The project is expected to include a combination of twinning and passing lanes, access roads, shoulder widening, and intersection improvements. There is currently no timeline for construction.

This is the second phase of improvements and is in addition to two sets of passing lanes, which opened in 2017 from Humboldt to the junction of Highway 2.

On July 18, 2019 Stantec provided Administration with a link to the Highway 5 Corridor Improvement website. The site is now live so individuals who may have questions concerning the project status and other project communications may be directed here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/transportation/highway-construction-projects/highway-planning-studies/highway-5-corridor-safety-improvements>

The first information session will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 from 4:30-7:30PM at the Manhattan Ballroom, located on Hwy 5 (3KM east of Jct. with Highway 41).

➤ **Recommendation:**

Greenwood: That Council accept the information concerning the Highway 5 Corridor Safety Improvements.

Carried Unanimously

6. WSA Program Cancellation

For years Water Security Agency (WSA) provided financial assistance to Rural Municipalities, Conservation and Development Area Authorities (C &D's) and Watershed Associations (WA's) to undertake channel clearing and beaver dam removal activities under the Channel Clearing Assistance Program.

Administration recently received correspondence from WSA informing all R.M.s that due to budget constraints, funding from the Channel Clearing Assistance Program will be discontinued.

Recommendation:

Froese-Kooijenga: That Council accept the information provided by Water Security Agency.

Carried Unanimously

7. Saskatoon Freeway

The Government of Saskatchewan, through the Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure, is currently conducting a planning study to determine the optimal alignment of the future Saskatoon Freeway. The Ministry is currently collecting data along the proposed alignment and requires access to R.M. property, namely NE 33-37-5 W3 for the purpose of utility locates, geotechnical drilling and cone penetrometer testing. These lands are located within the road right of way of the East Cory Industrial Park.

On June 13, 2019 MHI provided Administration with a link to the Saskatoon Freeway website. The site is available for individuals who may have questions concerning the project status and other project communications may be directed here:

<https://www.saskatoonfreeway.org>

➤ **Recommendation:**

Haduik: That Council accept the information concerning the Saskatoon Freeway alignment and grant access to the property located within the R.M. right of way at NE 33-37-5 W3.

Carried Unanimously

8. Range Road Upgrade North of Township Road 360

At the December 4th, 2017 Council meeting, Council directed Administration to review a ratepayer request by Deanna Klusa regarding the build-up of their summer road on Range Road 3041, north of Township Road 360, to access the NW 1-36-4-W3. They have indicated they are looking to subdivide this property. Currently, they access through SW 1-36-4-W3.

Public Works reviewed the site on December 29th, 2017 and observed that 0.5 miles (700m) of roadway is currently under water with no outlet. The estimated cost to build up 1.5 miles of this road to a "Main Farm Access Standard" is between \$400,000 and \$600,000 if contracted out.

Update:

In January of 2018, Council again reviewed the Klusa's request, regarding the build-up of the summer road portion on Range Road 3041, north of Township Road 360, to access the NW 1-36-4-W3. At that time Council resolved the following:

That the report regarding the upgrading of 1.5 miles of Range Road 3041, north of Township Road 360 to a "Main Farm Access" standard from an "Undeveloped" roadway be received as information and that the request to upgrade the summer road portion of Range Road 3041, north of Township Road 360 be DENIED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Klusa's have again approached Administration requesting the build-up of Rge Rd 3041, insisting that at one point this roadway was built to an all-weather standard. In reviewing their claim, Administration has researched R.M. maps dating back to 1973 to present and have not found any evidence of anything other than a summer/undeveloped road status along this roadway by the Klusa property.

➤ **Recommendation:**

Germs: That Council receive the information regarding the upgrading of 1.5 miles of Range Road 3041, north of Township Road 360 to a "Main Farm Access" standard from an "Undeveloped" roadway.

Carried Unanimously

9. Civic Addressing

Councillor Janzen requested an update regarding the Civic Addressing program. Administration provided an update.

10. Absinthe

Councillor Froese-Kooijenga brought forward a concern regarding absinthe and whether it is considered a noxious weed. Administration confirmed that absinthe is a noxious weed and that the R.M. will be spraying for it.

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11. **Bedford Acres – Dust Control and Speed Reduction**

Councillor Germs brought forward a concern from a resident in the Bedford Acres area regarding Dust Control that was applied recently and a question regarding potential speed reduction on Rge Rd 3044 where there are sight issues due to 2 "hills" when travelling on the road.

12. **Adjourn**

Janzen: That the Public Works Committee Meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m.
Carried Unanimously



Administrator