

PRESENT: Councillor Campbell, Chairperson
Councillor Hutchinson
Councillor Lawrence

STAFF: B. Ambardar, Manager, Engineering
L. Sym, Committee and FOI Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Johnston Road Reconstruction and Beautification Task Force adopt the agenda for the May 6, 2014 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) May 6, 2014

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Johnston Road Reconstruction and Beautification Task Force adopts the February 19, 2014 minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

4. PROJECT COST ESTIMATES AND PHASING

Staff advised that during this proposed project, the Engineering Department would inspect the sewers. A consultant provided design work and a cost estimate of the project, and Imperial Paving reviewed the cost estimate and timeframes and gave additional input. The current proposal from staff included:

- new sidewalks on the east and west side;
- new curb and gutters;
- regrading of the road
- removal of the left turn bay at North Bluff Avenue and Russell Avenue;
- driveways on the west side of the road will be removed to allow two lanes of traffic to Russell Avenue;
- the current crosswalk will be moved further south (removing pressure from North Bluff Avenue);
- new median will be included featuring double street lights, low plantings and a fence to prevent jay walking from North Bluff Avenue to Thrift Avenue; and
- hanging planters will be featured on the sidewalks.

The storm and sanitary in the area are over thirty years old, there is currently a five year plan to replace them. Included in the budget is a review of service connections to buildings.

Staff advised that video was taken of the sewers, and planned upgrades will bring the sewer system to maximum capacity.

It was noted that the construction could take nine weeks if both east and west side of Johnston Road from North Bluff Avenue to Thrift Avenue were worked on. Single lane traffic can be maintained during this time.

Funding in the amount of \$340,000 for the east sidewalk is in the capital projects budget, and the 2014 budget includes drainage sanitary upgrades at \$270,000 with \$216,000 for sanitary sewer upgrades. NOTE: Funding for north of Russell Avenue could come from the current budget.

Members discussed holding a public meeting inviting businesses affected by the proposed changes to review street renderings prepared by the consultant.

It was suggested that an artist's calls be held to beautify the banner standards, comparable to the arch on the pier.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that the public meeting be advertised in the newspaper, website and letters be forwarded to tenants / owners of a two block radius.

It was suggested that task lighting be featured in the median and ambient light on the sidewalk on the hanging basket poles. Staff will meet with the architect to review the Town Centre Guidelines.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

7. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 10:30 a.m.



Councillor Campbell, Chairperson



L. Sym, Committee & FOI Clerk