

Ways and Means Committee Minutes

Minutes of the Ways and Means Committee held on February 2, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. In attendance were Mayor Myron Dyck and Councillors John Funk, John Falk, Kevin Stott and Chris Wiebe.

1. Operations Manager Ryan Dyck joined the meeting with dialogue focused on questions relating to a number of potential projects for 2015 including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Wetlands development:
 - i. On February 18th staff, NPU and U of M will be meeting with provincial officials regarding status of the secondary cell remediation. Depending on the outcome of the meeting the plans for the 2015/16 wetlands development will be confirmed and brought to council for consideration.
 - ii. Federal Sustainability Grant was enhanced by approximately \$55,000 with funds to be expended by March 31st, 2015. Tenders were let for limestone quantities with the lowest tender being Barkman Haulage at \$55,775.00 plus GST. Materials can be used for all season walking path/road to pump site and/or other similar projects. Balance of funds for 2014/15 season will be directed towards kiosk and interpretative signs.
Recommendation: Gravel tender be awarded to Barkman Haulage in the amount of \$55,775.00.
 - iii. Jim Williamson will be contacted regarding DU contribution to the wetlands development.
 - b. Hespeler Park
 - i. Soccer field reorientation – grass seeding to be completed as early as season permits on new fields. In 2015 temporary fields to be used in NW park corner. Encouragement to budget for healthy regular fertilizing.
 - ii. Parking lot – Provincial grant of \$39,200 in matching funds. Town to complete significant amount of the work itself.
 - iii. Ball diamonds – Priority project is the redevelopment of the infields. Ryan to obtain cost estimates and see whether a temporary overlay can provide better playing conditions for 2015. Other repairs/upgrades requiring attention include: fencing, cover dugouts, backstop fencing and partitioned throwing area. Grant funding and volunteer labor may be available.
 - iv. Lighting – cost estimate to be obtained for parking lot lighting which could be used for winter ice rink, walking path and picnic shelter. Suggest for dog park lighting at old fair grounds.
 - v. Splash park – possible sites for a future splash park – either close to existing beach volleyball court or between soccer/baseball diamonds. Analysis of pro/cons and cost estimates to be obtained.

- vi. Tree planting – using the data from previous studies to consider either outsourcing or hiring summer staff with primary focus on ensuring trees plantings get a good start.
- c. Other facilities/projects
 - i. Concept of a field house was discussed with further research required.
 - ii. Research on Main Street sidewalks and development of a replacement policy.
 - iii. Ryan to check with highways on centre median feasibility.

2. Committee discussed a development opportunity.

K. Stott – J. Falk

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 152(3) of the Municipal Act, that the committee meet in camera.

“Carried”

J. Funk – J. Falk

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting of the committee held in camera be adjourned; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee while in camera discussed matters in the preliminary stages respecting long term plans for the development of the community and concurred that

- i. Each undeveloped area receiving new infrastructure service will be responsible for the payment of same whether directly by the developer or in special circumstances through the creation of a Special Services Area/Local Improvement District in accordance with the Municipal Act.
- ii. That the Town will not consider acquiring the former Puratone office complex.

“Carried”

- 3. Concurrence that on February 10th that the following delegations will meet with committee.
 - a. 8:00 a.m. – Bristol Hauling
 - b. 8:30 a.m. - Recreational facilities focus group
- 4. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.