



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores

Agenda Addendum – Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 2, 2023**
Meeting Location: **City Hall (325 Farr Drive)**
Meeting Time: **3:00 p.m.**

The following item is deemed time sensitive and is proposed to be added to the Agenda for the above noted meeting, and being circulated prior to the meeting in an effort to provide advance public notice.

Item:

Addition(s):

Section 7 – PUBLIC WORKS

7 a) – Presentations/Delegations

Councillor Wilson – Report on Attendance at Ontario Good Roads Conference

Section 9 – FIRE SERVICES

9b) Fire Department Activity Report

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor
Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of the Fire Activity Report for the period February 7 – April 10, 2023 for information purposes.

Issued by:

Kelly Conlin

Time: **12:15 p.m.**

Date: **May 1, 2023**

Kelly Conlin, Clerk

Good Roads Conference Report

The 129th Ontario Good Roads Conference was held from April 16 to 19, 2023. The following report summarizes the sessions that I attended.

Sunday April 16, 2023

Minimum Maintenance Standards Update

This session focussed primarily on the development, review and legal aspects of the Minimum Maintenance Standards used by municipalities in Ontario. The panel included a lawyer who represents municipalities, an MTO representative and an insurance representative. They discussed the importance of consistently adhering to the MMS. MMS is a statutory defence and if the regulation is met than a lawsuit is very difficult.

There were discussions regarding sidewalks, bike lanes and trails and that maintenance of these is also important and it should be clear what level of service will be provided by the municipality. For example, trails should have a reasonable level of care and again, it should be clear what will be provided.

MMS standards do not apply outside the road allowance.

Salt management plans are required by municipalities.

Electronic patrolling is allowed such as the MTO ROS system.

Opening reception

This session was an excellent opportunity to meet suppliers and exhibitors and presenters from around Ontario and the world as well as other municipal representatives from around Ontario.

Monday April 17, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier

Premier Ford spoke about building more infrastructure and the importance of working with the federal government on common projects. He then sat down and chatted with Scott Butler from Good roads. Mr. Butler asked about the difficulty that municipalities are having meeting their commitments and how the government might help. Mr. Ford indicated there were funds already going to municipalities and that the government would continue to support municipalities. He, however, did not want to raise taxes to fund initiatives.

The Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour

Minister McNaughton Discussed the labour shortage in the province and has committed funding for training to improve increase interest in public works employment. He also discussed the implementation of higher standards for washroom facilities on construction sites in the province. This has been a barrier to women working in the construction trades.

Keynote Speaker

Brent Torderin

Brent is a city planner who has worked around the world. He spoke on the theme of how we need to make our cities better places to live. He highlighted that a good transportation plan must be closely

connected with the land use plan. He discussed examples of cities where the car and its infrastructure has had very detrimental effects on the health and quality of life of citizens. He used the Gardiner expressway in Toronto as an example of very poor transportation planning that has had long term negative effects on the city. He also discussed how poor transportation planning can have effects on inequity in a community as well as negative effects on climate. He discussed that many cities have made significant changes to their transportation network by reducing car use, reducing parking and improving transit and active travel. These changes have clearly improved the quality of life for everyone in these cities. Examples include large cities such as Oslo, Paris, Madrid but also smaller cities including some here in Canada such as Edmonton and Kingston among others. He also discussed that the increase in the size of vehicles is becoming a significant problem for cities and for the safety of their citizens. These vehicles have very poor visibility and are excessively heavy. He finished by saying that towns and cities must develop transportation plans that include “complete streets” that provide a safe environment for all road users. When streets are dominated by car traffic, they are less safe, and they reduce the economic activity of a region. When there are more people on foot, businesses benefit as do all citizens.

MTO Update

Three officials from MTO, including Mike Pearsall discussed updates at MTO. The first was a discussion on recycled asphalt. Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) can be an economical and environmentally more desirable option for road reconstruction. The MTO is looking at various technology and equipment to improve the quality of RAP. The second discussion covered equipment issues. There is a lot of Roadside safety hardware that needs to be replaced on Ontario roads and some of it has been replaced to upgrade to higher standards. Roadside safety hardware is an important component of safe roads. The last discussion was regarding new snow removal and techniques that will come to Ontario. These include new wing plows and the use of potassium acetate as for treating roads for ice buildup.

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation

Minister Mulroney discussed the Importance of our transportation network and that it needs to be designed for the people who use it. She repeated previous announcements regarding road projects in Southern Ontario as well as Northern Ontario including the 2+1 pilot project on Highway 11. She also discussed the importance of effective transit systems in many Ontario communities and highlighted the projects which the Ontario government is supporting.

Rural Road Safety

This session discussed some statistics on rural road safety and road safety and agriculture. Unfortunately, the data presented in this session was poor and outdated, so it was of limited value.

Tuesday April 18, 2023

Safe System design for safer roads Kenn Beer – Safe Systems Solutions – Melbourne Australia

Mr Beer’s presentation was excellent. It focused on how important safe system design is for safe roads and streets. It is important that we design our road systems with human fragility in mind. When crashes occur, they must be survivable. He also made the point that nowhere else in society do we have as much apathy to risk as we do on our roads and this needs to be addressed. Mr. Beer’s company will be working with the OGRA to develop a road safety auditing tool for Ontario municipalities and training will

be provided to allow staff in municipalities to evaluate their own road systems to determine what step they may need to take to make their safer. Solutions to these safety design problems come in many forms from countermeasures that are more costly and can be built into future planning to measures that can be implemented quickly at low cost. Safety must be the number one priority in road design and jurisdictions that follow that do this see significant economic and social benefits.

Panel Discussion

After Mr, Beer's presentation he was joined by Val Smith form Parachute Canada, Jessica Jaremchuk form Intact insurance and Peggy Byevelde form the OFA. They all discussed the significant cost of. Road crashes and the significant impact they have on society, insurance costs and on agriculture.

Roadside Safety Hardware testing – Safer Roads Engineers, Vaughn Ontario

This was an excellent session that discussed the importance of inspecting and maintaining roadside safety hardware including guardrails and barriers. There are many old pieces of roadside safety hardware that need regular maintenance and, in some cases, need replacing. There have also been significant changes to the standards of roadside safety hardware and some of these standards have not kept up with the disturbing increase in vehicle size. These larger vehicles become less safe for occupants when they hit these guardrails because they are not designed to contain these vehicles that are heavier and higher than regular vehicles. This session also suggested that roadside safety hardware become part of a road authorities asset management plan and it also discussed that this hardware is not part of the Minimum maintenance standards.

Presentation – “I Save Lives” by Roberto Impero, SMA Road Safety

This was an excellent presentation about how Mr. Impero has developed a company which builds guardrails and crash cushions to save lives on road networks. He has introduced innovative lifesaving equipment that is used on roads around the world. His presentation presented some very emotional and dramatic components that put road safety in a different light. We too often see road fatalities and serious injuries as as an inevitable part of our transport system, but they clearly are not. There are solutions that involve everyone including road designers and road users and creating a culture that no should die on our roads. I was honoured to be part of a panel after Mr. Impero's presentation. We discussed Safe System Road design and advocacy for safer roads.

Wednesday April 19,2023

Mike Shreiner, Leader, Ontario Green Party

Mr. Shreiner discussed how land use planning and transportation are closely connected and the province needs to consider that carefully. He also discussed a number of issues associated with vehicles and the uncontrolled increase in vehicle size which is making our roads more dangerous and has detrimental effects on climate. The Greens are suggesting an increased tax for these vehicles. He also discussed the difficulty that municipalities have financing their operations and he suggested a more equitable formula as well as indicated that the greens would support 50% provincial funding for transit systems.

Presentation by the Financial Accountability Officer of Ontario – Peter Weltman

Mr Weltman discussed the difficulties in maintaining our infrastructure in Ontario and how it would become even more difficult. Upgrading and maintaining current infrastructure will be very costly even in a stable climate. But the climate has changed with more changes to come. The FAO studied various climate effects on infrastructure but only looked at three areas, extreme heat, extreme rainfall and freeze-thaw cycles. There are many other climatic factors that will affect infrastructure but these three will have significant impact on municipal infrastructure. He also discussed that climate change will have a greater and more rapid effect in Northern Ontario so NO municipalities will have some significant challenges ahead. He also spoke about the importance of adapting our infrastructure to climate change, but that will be very expensive and will only become more so in the years to come. He recommended that we all invest now in adaptation of our infrastructure because costs will only rise and it will be more difficult the complete the work in the future. The FAO has recommended focused investments in public infrastructure now to prepare for a more volatile future. This was an excellent presentation supported by some excellent data.

Hon. Greg Rickford, Ontario Minister of Northern Development

Mr. Rickford discussed many of the infrastructure projects that were being carried out by the government around the province. He mentioned a number of projects that are being planned in Northern Ontario.

Other Activities at the conference

The city attended a delegation with the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding Albert St. This delegation was led by Deputy Mayor Whelan with support from Director of Transportation Mitch McCrank, Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne and me. There is currently no communication from that delegation.

Trade Show

All City representatives used the opportunity to visit the Trade Show. This is an excellent opportunity to see new innovations in road products and services that are important to municipalities.

Conclusion

This was an excellent conference and there was significant opportunity to speak with key ministers and other officials in the municipal sector.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF**



May 2, 2023

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Total responses for the period February 7, 2023 – April 20, 2023

Total Emergency Responses (All Stations)	Estimated Dollar Loss	Estimated Dollar Saved
20	\$103,000	\$1,269,000

Station 1 - Incident Response Summary (9 Call)

- CO, 52 Carter Boulevard – False Alarm – Perceived Emergency (no CO present).
- CO, 177 Georgina Avenue – False Alarm – Equipment Malfunction (no CO present).
- Fire Call, 400 Ferguson Avenue – False Alarm – Accidental Alarm Activation.
- Fire Call, 560 Browning Street – False Alarm – Alarm System Malfunction.
- Fire Call, 519 Ferguson Avenue – False Alarm – Pot on Stove (no fire).
- Fire Call, 367 Sutherland Way – False Alarm – Pot on Stove (no fire).
- Gas Leak – Natural Gas, 419 Lawlor Street
- Other Response, 495 Ferguson – Water Leak Caused Alarm Activation.
- Assist Other FD – Mutual Aid, 26 King Street, Latchford.

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Station 2 - Incident Response Summary (7 Calls)

- CO, 566 Bolger Avenue – False Alarm – Equipment Malfunction (no CO present).
- Fire Call, 216 Hessle Avenue.

Note: Received several calls from residents living in the area of the fire wanting to thanking the fire department for a job well done.

The insurance estimate for dollars saved at this call is just shy of 1.2 million dollars.

- Fire Call, Haliburton Avenue – No Loss Outdoor Fire – Transformer.
- Fire Call, 121 Scott Street – False Alarm - Alarm System Malfunction.
- Fire Call, 55 Scott Street – False Alarm – Other False Fire Call (failed to notify).
- Fire Call, 247 Whitewood – False Alarm – Other False Fire Call (loss of water pressure)
- Vehicle Collision, Armstrong Street – Single Vehicle MVC. (Station 3 also responded)

Station 3 - Incident Response Summary (5 Calls)

- CO, 94 Driftwood Drive – False Alarm – Perceived Emergency (no CO present)
- CO, 310 Grant Drive – False Alarm – Equipment Malfunction (no CO present).
- Fire Call, 310 Grant Drive – Vehicle Fire.
- Gas Leak – Natural Gas, 237 Laurette Street
- Vehicle Collision, Armstrong Street – Single Vehicle MVC. (assist Station 2)

Total responses this year to date,

Total Emergency Responses (All Stations)	Estimated Dollar Loss	Estimated Dollar Saved
26	\$160,000	\$1,769,000

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FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

Fire safety inspections conducted for the period of February 7, 2023 – April 20, 2023, by reason included the following:

Request	Complaint	Routine	Licensing	Follow-up	Annual	Burning Permits	Total Inspections
6	11	33			1	2	53

Total Inspections year to date 2023 – 72

Public Education

- Northern College PSW's annual fire safety presentation.
- Assisted with the year end figure skating ice show.
- Assisted with the Ecole St. Croix winter carnival.
- CJTT monthly morning chats continue.
- Fire safety information via social media, CJTT, and the Speaker.

ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CHARGES

- 018478 Frontiere Road, trial set for April 12 was resolved and withdrawn.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- One application for Ontario Seal submitted to Office of the Fire Marshal through Legacy Program.
- DZ training ongoing all stations.
- Station 1 – Communications, Building Construction, Fire Dynamics, Fire Hose, and Portable Extinguishers.
- Station 2 – Communications and PPE.
- Station 3 – Communications, Building Construction, Portable Extinguishers, Technical Rescue/Auto Extrication, and SP103 Forest Firefighter Refresher.

MAINTENANCE

- Breathable air compressor semiannual maintenance completed at each station. All air sample analysis passed.
- SCBA annual flow testing completed.
- All fire apparatus annual safety's have been completed.
- Unit 3 out of service April 13th to April 19th with a blown oil line.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2022 Standard Incident Report data verified by the Office of the Fire Marshal.
- 2023 Q1 Standard Incident Reports submitted to the Office of the Fire Marshal.