MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA

COUNCIL MEETING NO. 17-16

MINUTES

June 12, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Ross Slaughter / GSS Engineering Consultants LTD
Re: Phase 1 and 2 Class EA Planning Process Isthmus Bay Rd. Improvement

Mr. Ross Slaughter reviewed the Power Point presentation relating to the Phase I and II Class Environmental Assessment Planning and Design Process for the Isthmus Bay Road Improvement. He presented the areas that need to be addressed which is an approximate three (3) kilometre stretch.

He advised that a geological survey will cost approximately $30,000.00 and is necessary to locate the lot lines. He further noted that there is no pedestrian walkway plus poor drainage, a narrow roadway and inadequate visibility in some areas due to tree cover. He stated that 40 residents expressed comments. He then proceeded to review the results. Mayor McIver inquired as to the next steps in the process to which Mr. Slaughter replied that the Environmental Assessment report may be sued as a planning tool to determine the residents’ wishes.

Mr. Slaughter stated that there are sixteen (16) species at risk in the Isthmus Bay Road study area, the road length is 6.5 kilometers with numerous easements crossing said road.

Mr. Slaughter gave five (5) alternative solutions for Council to consider:

#1 Upgrade the Isthmus Bay Road to the rural road standard - $2,584,300.00
#2 Upgrade the Isthmus Bay Road to an urban standard with curb and gutter, storm sewers and pedestrian and bike lane - $5,103,400.00
#3 Upgrade the Isthmus Bay Road to reduce flooding programs and resurface the road - $1,480,200.00
#4 Upgrade the Isthmus Bay Road to provide improved drainage, pedestrian and bike lane and wall support along the road from Everett Sideroad to Fox Drive - $4,146,000.00
#5 Do nothing

Mr. Slaughter addressed the results summary of comments received from residents noting that 45% of the respondents support resurfacing the road and 60% endorse drainage improvements.

Council was of the opinion that drainage improvements to eliminate flooding are important.
Councillor Rouse left the meeting at 3:11 p.m. and returned at 3:13 p.m.

Councillor Boyle suggested the Geological Survey be complete before the Public meeting. The CAO indicated that he will make the necessary arrangements to have a surveyor engaged for the project. It was suggested that the Acting Public Works Manager communicate with the President of Isthmus Bay Property Owners Association with respect to scheduling of a public meeting this summer.

The Planning Student left the meeting at 3:13 p.m. and returned at 3:17 p.m.

Councillor Salen left the meeting at 3:16 p.m. and returned at 3:17 p.m.

Mr. Slaughter confirmed that, once geological survey is done, the preliminary design can proceed. The Chief Administrative Officer noted that the survey cannot likely be done in 2017.

Mayor McIver thanked Mr. Slaughter for his presentation.

The Acting Public Works Manager left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.