

SVW Road Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The second meeting of the Road Committee was held at the Community Services Building on 6/6/17 at 7:05 pm.

Attendees

Committee Members: Matthew Sundal, Shirley Begg, Brian Fleming, Susan Cooper Parker and Jodie Grisdale*.

Members not in attendance

*Jodie Grisdale called into the meeting after 15 minutes and remained on speaker until she got there in person.

Approval of Minutes

Matt moved that we accept the minutes of 5/21/17 with two minor revisions and all approved.

Old Business

As per Susan's email and research, Shirley reported that postage can only be paid for when contacting the government nationally and not provincially. Thus, postage would need to be included in our budget.

Susan noted that 12 children will use the school bus next year and this information was confirmed by Jodie.

New business

Shirley relayed that in the future if guests were in attendance their comments or discussions should not be discussed or debated at that time. Instead we should listen and include that in our decisions and expectations later on. No guests were in attendance.

Matt was asked for a Council update and there was none. Shirley then read an excerpt from the Council meeting, "Council discussed objectives of the committee indicating that council request that the committee educate themselves on the issue of the bridge replacement, create a strategy and workplan to bring forward to Council." A discussion on the directive ensued and clarifications were made.

Shirley explained that the agenda was created to address the directive. We briefly considered the Terms of Reference, the AT Letter of March 14, the AMEC Report and the 2016-17 FireSmart Work Plan as educational items for the Committee. The education directive is done but will be ongoing. The FireSmart Work Plan was considered as a good example of how to ultimately design a study to present to Council. It was discussed that Joleen Molenaar would be the logical person to contact for a template that could be followed.

Susan expressed concern that the Terms of Reference lays out a hard deadline of July 30 for a Preliminary Design Report to government. Shirley reiterated that Sharon Plett had a verbal response from government that the infrastructure project was on hold until the Village got back to government. Susan cautioned that this was not in writing. It was deemed that a letter would need to be written in the future to get new deadlines.

The Committee's strategy at this time is to open up communication between the Alberta Government, the Consultant and the Council. The objective for the Village is to be actively involved in decision making with respect to the bridge project like they were in 2000.

An introductory letter was deemed necessary in order to start that communication. Instead of addressing it to Ralph Witten and Brian Mason, Shirley thought it should go to the Regional Director of Transportation, Darren Davidson. Susan passed out the letter she had written to government on May 22nd and then revised on June 3rd and asked if we could revise it as it had requested a liaison to Hatch. We went through it and made changes.

Brian brought up the AMEC report and his perspective. Shirley expressed concern that the Committee was accepting the report as written. We informally discussed certain flaws, such as aboriginal concerns, grizzlies in the area, and the South route alternative not being pristine. Susan passed out a list of items to review with Hatch, although we did not go over it.

Susan requested clarification on the Traffic Volume Report that Brian assembled. Brian interpreted the information but reported that the urban versus rural design link was beyond his expertise. We debated the cons of an urban design and determined that we need an exact type of urban design from Hatch.

Susan reported that she tried to get the yearly maintenance costs from the government on our bridge, however it was not available online. It would cost \$25 if we wanted that information per FOIP. Brian thought it was a good idea to have but it was decided to wait until later to get it.

The Assessment Report that Susan compiled proved that the Village is not the same as it was in 2001. Brian commented that we are no longer a seasonal Village and instead are on the same value level as other communities within Alberta. However, there was no way to get the building permits as Stats Canada didn't have that information. It would be helpful to have more demographics on the residences.

Susan distributed the surveys that Jodie and her had composed. Initially there was debate on whether there was a need for this before or after the presentation to the Village. Then it was questioned how many times it is appropriate to survey the residents, how much it would cost and whether it should happen through Survey Monkey or informally by a Village email. Next, each question was deliberated on. Matt wondered whether we should keep the question about main concerns with the new bridge. A lively conversation followed about what the Village truly

wants and if what they want is the bridge in the new location whether the Committee has a purpose. Matt assured all that design issues are key and that we need to have a back up option.

Shirley directed our attention back to the Work Plan for the Council - - what things need to be done and why. The following is a list of planned items for action.

Traffic Volumes : Supporting documents

Resident Survey: Find out what the community knows and wants

Post Cards: Influence government in future

Letter to Government: To open lines of communication

Bridge Inspection: Supporting documentation

Assessment Roles and Building Permits: Supporting documents and proof that Village is not what it was in 2001

Population Demographics: Supporting documentation and clearer picture

Internet Presence: Part of existing website for communication

Next steps were assigned. Susan would rewrite the government letter and survey. Matt was tasked to get the FireSmart template from Joleen and then give it to Susan who would then start working on the Work Plan.

It was decided that our next meeting would be on June 28th at 7:00 pm at the same location. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Susan Cooper Parker

6/21/17

Secretary

Date of approval