

# SVW Road Committee Meeting Minutes

## Call to order

The eighth meeting of the Road Committee was held at the Community Services Building on 9/26/17 at 7:05 pm.

## Attendees

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

## Members not in attendance

Shirley Begg was absent. \*Matt and Brian called into the meeting.

## Approval of Minutes

Jodie Grisdale nominated Matt Sundal to chair the meeting in Shirley Begg's absence. All approved. The previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved. The meeting agenda was approved with the addition of the September 1<sup>st</sup> letter from HATCH.

## Old Business

The new Village Council had a brief organizational meeting where it was confirmed that it is not a concern to have two councilors on the road committee. Thus, Brian Fleming and Matt will retain their respective positions and Matt will continue to be the Council Rep.

The letter from HATCH was next discussed. Matt thought it was promising that they were responsive to our questions. Susan Cooper Parker pointed out that AMEC Foster Wheeler will have a considerable role in the future studies as well as the road design. This was concerning as Shirley and others had reservations with the previous job AMEC did in the 2001 Study. It was hoped that because the current work is smaller in scale, that they might change the weighting of criteria for alignment.

## New business

Matt reported on a letter that was not previously shared with the committee from Alberta Transportation Department dated August 29<sup>th</sup>. The letter was signed Jennifer Burgess, Ministerial Assistant to Brian Mason and MLA Cameron Westhead was copied. It basically said thank you for the update and noted safety implications as well as social impacts will be taken into consideration. It also said ALL properties will have access to HWY 40 but possibly not in their current location. The committee decided to wait and see how this will shake out as certain properties have no secondary options for access.

The Pro's and Con's list of the three possible bridge locations that Susan put together was discussed. It was a good reference point to keep in mind when HATCH eventually determines the bridge alignment recommendation. Many items on this list do not need a study to confirm that the current location is obviously the best location. (ie. Historical, First Nations, Environmental, Social, Visual, Cuts and Fills)

The Compromises to Consider with AT were next to be discussed, written by Susan. The following are the items that all considered were important:

1. There needs to be a step down in the speed limit before the municipal boundary on both sides of the Village.
2. Better signage for School Bus Stops.
3. Crosswalks should be more visible and one additional one may be needed.
4. Another method is needed for slowing drivers in the Village when one lane bridge is gone.
5. Work Schedule is not a deal breaker. Having 6 days a week construction gets the work done in a timely manner and it'll consequently slow traffic on one day of the weekend.
6. A pedestrian lane on the bridge needs solid separation from traffic.
7. No bike or pedestrian lanes needed on roadway and only one trail is needed on one side of the road.
8. Hidden driveway signs should be installed once driveway access is determined.

With regards to traffic calming, discussions on speed cameras, speed signs, sensors, signage, traffic circles, lane interruption ensued. It was discussed that we leave this up to the consultants to determine the method for slowing traffic down. However, we need to insist on new methods as the current situation will get worse with a two lane bridge and reduced curves in the roadway.

The next item debated was whether curbs and gutters are wanted. At first glance, curbs would change the rural atmosphere yet Matt commented that curbs would lessen the possibility of people parking on the side of the road. Shoulders on the roadway could increase the possibility of illegal parking. Susan expressed the possibility of a stilling pond for runoff if curbs and gutters were installed.

Susan wanted HATCH to consider a bridge design that complimented the Village instead of a typical modern urban concrete eyesore. Brian voiced his opinion that we don't want to make waves and ask for too much. Susan disagreed ... we won't get what we want if we don't ask for it.

We all considered a possible new resident survey after the preliminary design is presented. A survey could ask whether people want curbs, what traffic calming methods would be acceptable and how they would want the bridge to fit into the landscape.

Jodie asked whether Council is waiting for the Road Committee's Work Plan. Matt assured all that it is a formality and that no one is asking for it yet.

It was decided that the next Committee Meeting would be on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Community Services Building. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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Susan Cooper Parker

10/25/17

Secretary

Date of approval