

A **Special Meeting of MUNICIPAL COUNCIL** was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Administration Building on the above date at 9:30 a.m. with the following in attendance:

Warden Jack Wentzell - District 7  
Deputy Warden Elmer Garber - District 4  
Councillor Sherman Palmer - District 2  
Councillor Donald Zwicker - District 3  
Councillor Milton Countway - District 5  
Councillor Cathy Moore - District 8  
Councillor John Veinot - District 9  
Councillor Arthur Young - District 10  
Councillor Lee Nauss - District 11  
Councillor Karen Dempsey - District 12  
Councillor Martin Bell - District 13

Absent were:

Councillor Diane Tanner - District 1  
Councillor Sandra Statton - District 6

Also in attendance were:

Tammy Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Heather Whynott, Administrative Assistant

PURPOSE OF MTG.  
DESIGN WORK re  
INTERSECTIONS -  
HIGHWAY 10 -  
OSPREY VILLAGE

Warden Wentzell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He informed Council that this Special Meeting was called to ask Council to make a decision on having some design work done relating to intersections on Highway 10. A meeting was held on April 1, 2008 with representatives of the Department of Transportation and members of the Economic Development Focus Group. The Focus Group felt we needed to make a decision today.

Ms. Wilson reviewed the information in her memo dated April 2, 2008 regarding Highway 10 upgrades and Intersections near Osprey Village (copy attached to original Minutes). The memo informs Council that the NSDOTIR (Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal) will be completing road work on Highway 10 this summer. In order to maximize efficiencies while NSDOTIR is doing their work, it has been proposed that the following arrangement could be made:

- ▶ MODL would complete the designs for the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> lane, the T-Intersection and the North Intersection.
- ▶ NSDOTIR would then use the designs for part of their Tender Call for Construction (with the road work being done by NSDOTIR designs would not be necessary). NSDOTIR would oversee the construction. The construction would include NSDOTIR's road improvements, the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> lane, the lowering of Highway 10 (North Intersection) and the roughing-in of a north and southern (T) intersection.
- ▶ MODL would pay for their portion of the materials to complete this work.

Ms. Wilson reported that this matter was brought to Council today because of timing. NSDOTIR's Tender Call date is early June 2008. Therefore the designs would need to be completed by MODL by late May 2008. With the existing procurement policy of MODL, it would take up to 60 days to award the Tender for the completion of the designs, which would mean that meeting a May 2008 deadline would not be possible.

Ms. Wilson's memo indicated that the costs to MODL would be approxi-

mately \$234,000 for design work (sewer, water, road, intersection) and approximately \$250,000 for road and intersection construction.

Deputy Warden Garber asked if these cost figures are estimates provided by our Engineer, and is there a feeling of confidence that these are good numbers?

Ms. Wilson reported that our Engineer feels that \$234,000 is a generous figure for design work. The NSDOTIR representatives did not raise any concerns about the \$250,000 figure (for road and intersection construction). They feel comfortable with the numbers the way they are.

Warden Wentzell also felt that the NSDOTIR representatives seemed to be comfortable with the construction number.

**Moved by Counc. Zwicker, seconded by Counc. Young that we accept the recommendation of the Economic Development Focus Group that Municipal Council engage the services of Terrain Group Inc., being a single-sourced service, to complete the necessary design work required for a full movement, signalized intersection known as the North Intersection, a T-intersection on the west side of Highway 10, known as the South Intersection, and the resulting Highway 10 upgrades necessitated by the same; and that the consultant incorporate the design of the sewer and water line extension along Highway 10 up to the Northern Intersection into this design.**

Counc. Nauss drew a sketch on the blackboard to explain what he feels is involved in the 0.9 metre lowering of Highway 10.

Warden Wentzell said it's his understanding that the 0.9 metre is at the peak.

Counc. Dempsey asked about the requirements of the procurement policy.

Ms. Wilson reported that the Municipality would not be following its procurement policy. However, in the past we have done that when time is an issue.

Counc. Nauss reported that it was discussed by the Focus Group at the meeting. All members were concerned about just handing it over to Terrain. However, if we delay on our end, the work will not get carried out this year.

Warden Wentzell said the timing is perfect to do this along with the Department of Transportation's work which will save us money. It would cost considerable more money if the timing was not this way.

Counc. Countway expressed his concern about handing this work over to one company without getting some other prices.

Warden Wentzell said, in discussions with our Engineer, the sensitivity of time is such that Mr. Breau planned to meet with Terrain on another matter today, and he would like to be able to tell them to also go ahead on this work.

Ms. Wilson said it would take firms time to visit and determine their price to do it.

Counc. Bell said he agrees this is an important project that we should be pursuing and cannot delay for another building season. He asked if there is going to be a letter of intent or MOU in place with the Department of Transportation with regards to their cost sharing on this.

Ms. Wilson reported that it will be discussed in more detail in the *In Camera* portion of the Committee of the Whole meeting. We understand that there will be an agreement coming in mid April regarding improvements to Highway 10.

Counc. Bell asked, when the highway is lowered, will the fill be moved into the field, or is their intent to give it away? He pointed out that it's a valuable resource that we should consider keeping, so we don't end up buying fill at a later date. Ms. Wilson said staff can look at that.

Counc. Nauss said that the Department of Transportation will be using that fill to make the third lane.

Deputy Warden Garber commented that what we are actually doing is leveraging our money. He asked if the Department of Transportation has given any indication of the extent of the improvements they're intending to do to Highway 10, and what is their cost to do their improvements?

Ms. Wilson reported that we had an estimate of \$1 million to put in a north intersection. The cost to put it in will be less than \$300,000.

Warden Wentzell noted that in order to get to one section of our land we talked about expropriation. This will alleviate that need. That decision doesn't need to be made today.

In response to Counc. Dempsey's question about hard surfacing and lights, Ms. Wilson reported that it will be a finished road when it's done. It doesn't include the lights.

Counc. Dempsey reported that she will not be at the UNSM Spring Workshop this year. She suggested that our members who do attend should make it clear that rural municipalities do contribute to provincial roads.

The question was called and **the motion was carried.**

There being no further business, at 10:00 a.m. it was moved by Counc. Moore, seconded by Counc. Bell that the meeting adjourn.

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WARDEN JACK WENTZELL, CHAIRMAN

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TAMMY WILSON, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER