

Public Works Committee Report

The Public Works Committee makes the following recommendations from its meeting on March 11, 2014:

1. Whereas the County has received a Recommendation for Award from G. Douglas Vallee Ltd. in regard to PWT 4-14 - Scott Avenue Reconstruction;

That in reliance upon the recommendation of G. Douglas Vallee Ltd. dated February 20, 2014, Tender PWT 4-14, Scott Avenue Reconstruction be awarded to Morley's Contracting (Brantford) Ltd. for the tendered price of \$968,703.74 (excluding H.S.T.);

And that G. Douglas Vallee Limited be retained for Contract Administration/Inspection at the quoted fee of \$116,011.00.

2. Whereas the Bob Devereaux Bridge project is included in the approved Capital Budget;

And Whereas the County of Brant has received a recommendation for award from G. Douglas Vallee Ltd. in regard to PWT 3-14, Bob Devereaux Bridge Replacement;

That in reliance upon the recommendation of G. Douglas Vallee Ltd. dated March 4, 2014, tender PWT 3-14, Bob Devereaux Bridge Replacement be awarded to W.G. Kelly Construction for the tendered price of \$1,545,974.00 (excluding HST).

3. Whereas Meritech Engineering was awarded RFP 6-10 for Consultant Services for the Development of the Brant 403 Business Park;

And Whereas Meritech Engineering has represented the County of Brant in the Brant 403 Business Park Grading Tender; Sewage Pumping Station Tender; Brant 403 Business Park Servicing Tender and Brant 403 Business Park Utilities Tender;

And Whereas additional engineering/design/coordination works were required for the development of both adidas and the Brant 403 Business Park;

Be it recommended that the additional engineering/design/coordination fees of \$194,914.62 be approved.

4. That RFP 2-14 Consultant Services to Conduct a Transportation Master Plan Update and Preparation of an Aggregate Resource Guide be awarded to IBI Group for the quoted price of \$185,420.00 (excluding H.S.T.).

5. Whereas the County of Brant has a fee system for oversize vehicle permits on County roads;

And Whereas the current fee structure has been reviewed and compared with the fees charged by other road authorities in Ontario;

And Whereas the current practice allows for annual permit holders to obtain a number of single trip permits at no cost;

That the fee structure be amended as recommended to provide a more equitable fee structure that will allow the County to recover the cost for administering oversize vehicle permit applications.

6. Whereas the County of Brant was required by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to enter into an agreement to allow for the construction of private facilities (i.e. adidas Canada Limited and BGI Graphics) within the Brant 403 Business Park;

And Whereas the County of Brant did enter into an agreement with the MTO under Bylaw Number 126-13;

And Whereas immediate works were required by the MTO to facilitate the construction of adidas Canada Limited;

And Whereas it was necessary for Morrison Hershfield to complete the works to address MTO requirements;

That the contract with Morrison Hershfield be amended to include additional engineering services as required by the MTO at an estimated cost of \$646,190.00(excluding HST).

7. Whereas there are more than 300 vertical curves on County of Brant roads that were identified in the 2012 Road Needs Study as deficient curves;

And Whereas some entrances are located close to substandard crest curves;

And Whereas the Ontario Traffic Manual does not include a standard sign for this purpose;

That the County of Brant adopt a standard "Hidden Entrance" sign for warning drivers of entrances with limited sight distance;

And that these signs be installed at locations to be determined by posted speed, to coincide with signage required as part of a County-wide review of existing posted speeds, to be completed in three phases over the next three years.

8. That the Speed Limit By-law Number 182-05, Schedule J, be amended by reducing the following speed limits:
- i. Alberton Road, between Thompson Road and Brant County / City of Hamilton boundary from 80km/h to 50km/h;
 - ii. Thompson Road, between Lost Mile Road and Holditch School Road, from 80km/h to 70km/h;
 - iii. Holditch School Road, between White Swan Road and Thompson Road, from 80km/h to 50km/h;
 - iv. Holditch School Road, between Thompson Road and Book Road West / Ferguson Road, from 80km/h to 70km/h;
 - v. Book Road West, between Holditch School Road / Ferguson Road and Brant County / City of Hamilton boundary, from 80km/h to 70km/h; and
 - vi. Adams Road, between Lynden Road and Johnson Road, from 80km/h to 60km/h.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councillor Powell
Vice-Chair