

## **Administration and Operations Committee Report**

The Administration and Operations Committee makes the following recommendations from its meeting on May 18, 2021:

1. That the presentation from Phil Kuckyt and Jean Souliere regarding BusPatrol and its deployment on Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk buses be referred to staff for a report to determine the next steps required of the County of Brant to enter into an agreement with BusPatrol.
2. Whereas the Infrastructure Division has had two (2) tenders close which require Council approval and have not yet been awarded;

That the following tenders be approved:

1. That OPS-RFT-21-09 Ellis Ave. and Bethel Road Resurfacing be awarded to Coco Paving Inc. for the bid price of \$1,264,994.00 (excluding HST);

And that \$439,000.00 for Ellis Ave. (GL#733320) and \$96,000.00 for Bethel Road (GL#733460) for a total of \$535,000.00 be allocated from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve.

2. That OPS-RFT-21-10 Major Urban Resurfacing be awarded to Associated Paving and Materials Ltd. for the bid price of \$1,382,689.25 (excluding HST).

3. Whereas the COVID-19 Global Pandemic has affected the manner in which business is conducted for all sectors including construction;

And Whereas the County of Brant has a large volume of road work proposed for the 2021 construction season;

And Whereas, due to internal and external capacity challenges, several projects are behind schedule but in the process of tendering;

And Whereas expediting the tender approval process for these projects can help to optimize the available construction window to complete the projects;

That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to expedite approval of the following projects by bringing tender awards directly to special meetings of Council, to be held in conjunction with the current standing committee meeting schedule, as required and applicable:

- OPS-RFT-21-11 Low Volume Roads
- OPS-RFT-21-13 Jenkins Road Hard Surfacing
- OPS-RFT-21-14 Burtch Road Urbanization
- OPS-RFT-21-15 Laurel Street Reconstruction
- OPS-RFT-21-16 - Cedar Street Reconstruction

4. Whereas Council approved the fire department capital budget for apparatus and equipment replacement for firefighting operations in the 2021 Capital budget;

And Whereas in response to CPS-RFP-21-02 - Fire Pumper Truck, Dependable Emergency Vehicles provided a price of \$608,500 (HST excluded) and scored the most allocated points for a compliant bid in which two suppliers submitted proposals;

That CPS-RFP-21-02 - Fire Pumper Truck be awarded to Dependable Emergency Vehicles to replace Pumper 351 for Mt. Pleasant Station No 5 for the submitted price of \$608,500 (HST excluded.)

5. That the following tax rates be approved:

Property Class	Property Subclass	Tax Rate
Residential		0.0084031
Residential	Farmland awaiting Development Phase 1	0.0054620
Multi-Residential		0.0142853
Commercial	Full; New Construction	0.0159659
Commercial	Excess land; vacant land	0.0103778
Commercial	Small Scale on-Farm	0.0039916
Industrial	Full; New Construction	0.0214279
Industrial	Farmland awaiting Development Phase 1	0.0054620
Industrial	Excess land; vacant land	0.0139282
Industrial	Small Scale on-farm	0.0053570
Farmland		0.0020168
Managed Forest		0.0021009
Landfill		0.0092434
Pipeline		0.0149155

And further that the by-law to implement these recommendations be forwarded to Council for consideration.

6. That the Council of the County of Brant nominate Jim Harder for the 2021 Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

7. Whereas the Province of Ontario passed the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 (Bill 68) and established a Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSP), and once in force, will repeal the Police Services Act, 1990 (PSA);

And Whereas section 67 of the CSPA requires there be an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board, for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality or in a First Nations community;

And Whereas the Ministry is required to develop a regulation related to the composition of each OPP detachment board and hence has developed an “OPP Detachment Board Framework”;

And Whereas the Ministry has developed a flexible approach that allows municipalities and First Nations to determine the preferred composition of their detachment board(s) and submit a proposal;

And Whereas the County of Brant current Police Services Board has provided input on the proposal before being presented to Council;

That the County move forward with one OPP Detachment Board, with 6 members comprising the Mayor or designate, one council member, 2 community appointments and 2 provincial appointments.

8. Whereas at its session on April 27, 2021, County of Brant Council directed that further discussion regarding the structure at 12 Broadway Street West be undertaken, including with the property owner and the Brant Heritage Committee, and to report back within one meeting cycle;

And Whereas the Brant Heritage Committee has undertaken a heritage evaluation of the structure at 12 Broadway Street West in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act;

And Whereas the heritage evaluation does not recommend that the structure be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act;

And Whereas the Brant Heritage Committee has indicated support for the staff report and recommendation regarding the structure;

That staff be directed to work with the property owner to determine appropriate heritage recognition for this site and the area.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Councillor Peirce  
Chair