



The Corporation of the County of Northumberland

Public Works Committee

Minutes

July 29, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6

Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and Virtual)

Members Present: Chair Scott Jibb
Warden Brian Ostrander
Councillor John Logel

Council Members Councillor Robert Crate (*attended virtually*)
Present (Non-Voting): Councillor Mandy Martin (*attended virtually*)

1. Notices

1.a Accessible Format

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1.b Meeting Format

This Committee Meeting was held using a hybrid meeting model. The public were invited to attend in-person in Council Chambers, view the meeting via the live stream, or join online or by phone using Zoom Conference Technology.

2. Call to Order

Chair Scott Jibb called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2.a Territorial Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-460

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the agenda for the July 29, 2024 Public Works Committee be approved."

Carried

4. Disclosures of Interest

- No disclosures

5. Delegations

N/A

6. Business Arising from Last Meeting

N/A

7. Communications

7.a Correspondence, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) 'Calling for Investment in Municipal Infrastructure for Eastern Ontario's Small and Rural Communities'

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-461

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Warden Brian Ostrander

"Whereas Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both new growth related infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including local roads and bridges, clean water, wastewater, waste facilities, and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries; and

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has calculated that Municipal Governments across Canada are responsible for approximately 60 percent of public infrastructure that supports our

economy and quality of life, but only receive 10 cents of every tax dollar;
and

Whereas the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) region's capital infrastructure deficit has increased by 58 percent since 2011 and is now at \$6 billion, and growing; and

Whereas in 2018, the Ontario Government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop and fully fund capital asset management plans by July 2025; and

Whereas the EOWC has released a regional Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper showing key infrastructure data, opportunities and challenges in small rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario; and

Whereas Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with sustainable, innovative infrastructure partnership and investment from the Federal and Ontario Governments; and

Whereas the infrastructure deficit for small rural municipalities cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue, restricted municipal borrowing capacity, and municipalities limited ability to generate revenue; and

Whereas small rural taxpayers cannot afford dramatic increases to pay for the current and future infrastructure;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the EOWC regarding 'Calling for Investment in Municipal Infrastructure for Eastern Ontario's Small and Rural Communities', recommend that County Council joins the EOWC, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and FCM in calling on the Federal and Ontario Governments to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That the Committee recommend that County Council calls upon the Federal and Ontario Governments to immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the EOWC's Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the key

stakeholders listed in the EOWC correspondence as well as MP Philip Lawrence (Northumberland—Peterborough South), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland—Peterborough South), and Northumberland County’s 7 Member Municipalities.”

Carried

7.b Correspondence, 'Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities'

- Municipality of Mattawan
- Township of Georgian Bay
- Town of Kearney
- Municipality of Tweed
- Municipality of North Dundas
- Township of Bonnechere Valley
- Township of North Glengarry

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-462

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander
Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Mattawan, Township of Georgian Bay, Town of Kearney, Municipality of Tweed, Municipality of North Dundas, Township of Bonnechere Valley and Township of North Glengarry regarding 'Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities', for information, noting that County Council previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the June 19, 2024 County Council meeting; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive the correspondence for information."

Carried

7.c Correspondence, John Cullen 'Climate and Municipal Government Responsibilities'

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-463

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Warden Brian Ostrander

"**That** the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from John Cullen regarding 'Climate and Municipal Government Responsibilities' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

Carried

7.d Correspondence, City of St. Catherines 'Green Roads Pilot Project'

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-464

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the City of St. Catherines regarding 'Green Roads Pilot Project', recommend that County Council refer this item to staff for review and direct staff to provide an update at a future Committee / Council meeting."

Carried

7.e Correspondence, Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) 'Possible Increased Permit Requests from Internet Service Providers through the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program'

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-465

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Warden Brian Ostrander

"**That** the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) regarding 'Possible Increased Permit Requests from Internet Service Providers through the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

Carried

8. Staff Reports

8.a Quarter 2, 2024 Financial Analysis

Matthew Nitsch, Director Finance / Treasurer

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-466

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee receive the Quarter 2, 2024 Financial Analysis for Transportation, Environmental Services (Waste), Facilities, and the Golden Plough Lodge (GPL) and Northumberland County Archives and Museum (NCAM) Redevelopment Project for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive the Quarter 2, 2024 Financial Analysis for information."

Carried

8.b Report 2024-084 '4746 County Road 74, Port Hope - Development Agreement'

Peter Deshane, Manager of Infrastructure

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-467

Moved by Councillor John Logel

Seconded by Warden Brian Ostrander

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered Report 2024-084 '4746 County Road 74, Port Hope - Development Agreement', recommend that County Council direct staff to enter into a Development Agreement with Leisa Raye Clifford and the Municipality of Port Hope for the construction of two temporary entrances off of County Road 74, which shall ultimately be permanently located off of a future Municipal Road."

Carried

8.c Northumberland Radio Tower Project Update - Presentation

Carol Coleman, Associate Director Engineering

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-468

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

“That the Public Works Committee receive the presentation regarding Northumberland Radio Tower Project Update for information; and

Further That the Public Works Committee recommend that County Council receive the PowerPoint presentation for information.”

Carried

9. Other Matters Considered by Committee

9.a Agricultural Advisory Group - Meeting Minutes

Committee Resolution 2024-07-29-469

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"That the Public Works Committee receive the Minutes from the February 20, 2024 meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Group for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive the minutes for information.”

Carried

10. Media Questions

11. Closed Session

N/A

12. Motion to Rise and Result from Closed Session

N/A

13. Next Meeting - Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

- Note date change due to Statutory Holiday.

14. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.