



**Special Committee of the Whole Minutes
January 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Council Chambers**

PRESENT Mayor Black, Deputy Mayor Redmond, Councillor Fritz, Councillor Randell, Councillor Seccaspina, Councillor Atkinson

STAFF: Diane Smithson, CAO
Dave Young, Director of Public Works
Liam MacIntosh, Public Works Technician

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Councillor Randell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Fritz

Seconded by Mayor Black

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No declarations were made.

4) BUSINESS

- a. **Members of the Committee to provide feedback regarding the various elements of the Bridge Street Reconstruction that are to be included in the presentation by RV Anderson Associates Limited at the public information centre scheduled for January 27th, 2020**

Dave Young, Public Works Director advised Committee regarding visits to and discussions had with other communities who have undertaken or are in the planning process for undertaking reconstruction projects of their downtown areas. He advised that of the costs / cost estimates provided, that landscaping as a percentage of the overall project costs were in the range of 15-35% with our estimate currently standing at 20%.

Chair Councillor Randell, a member of the Stakeholder Committee for the Bridge Street Reconstruction project apologized to Councillors who are not members of the Committee about not forwarding information on the project discussions at the Stakeholder level which led to the higher pricing presented at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

The Committee discussed:

- Items which could potentially be removed from the project either now or after the project is tendered which would not jeopardize the integrity of the project and or which should remain in the project as it would be more economical to complete them at the time of construction;
- The high cost of the crosswalks and whether this amount could be reduced
- Requesting the consultant to review logistics for deliveries to businesses during construction
- Rural Economic Development (RED) grant opportunity to apply for items such as street furniture (benches, garbage/recycling containers), lighting, and signage
- The funding capability of the Town to pay back long term borrowing for the project due to growth occurring within the municipality
- Mayor Black will arrange for a presentation from the Town of Arnprior that has gone through this process to share its experience

After the discussions, the following motion was presented:

Moved by Councillor Tennant

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Redmond

THAT Committee authorize R.V. Anderson Associates Limited to present to the public at the Public Information Centre scheduled for January 27, 2020, the information on the preliminary design options and cost estimate for the reconstruction of Bridge Street presented to Committee of the Whole on December 10, 2019.

CARRIED

5) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Atkinson

Seconded by Councillor Fritz

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

CARRIED