



Town of Paradise

Public Works Committee Meeting

October 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Boardroom

Council Present: Glen Carew, Councillor, Chairperson
Patrick Martin, Councillor
Larry Vaters, Councillor
Dan Bobbett, Mayor, Ex-Officio
Tommy Maher, Councillor (Guest)

Staff Present: Lisa Niblock, CAO
Nelson Whalen, Director of Public Works
Brian Dredge, Manager of Public Works
Claudine Hannebury, Administrative Assistant

Staff Absent: Stephanie Duggan, Administrative Assistant

1. Safety Moment

Councillor Carew shared a safety moment with the committee.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes were adopted as presented.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Council Approvals

a. Supply and Delivery of Four (4) New Pickup Trucks 2024

The committee discussed the purchase and delivery of four (4) new pickup trucks for 2024 and recommend moving forward with awarding the contract for four half ton quad cabs to Hickman Motors Limited.

6. Information

a. Budget 2025 Public Works

The Budget Drivers for 2025 were presented for informational purposes. The committee had nothing to add to the department budget presented by staff.

b. Operations Update

The operations update was provided for information.

c. Snow Clearing Policy

The committee reviewed the snow clearing policy and recommended some changes that will be completed and brought back to the next meeting for review prior to Council approval.

d. Snow Clearing 2024 Presentation

Staff presented the committee with an outlook and benchmarking on snow clearing for the 2024/2025 seasons. Some items of concerns brought forward by staff and council are as follows:

- Radio Frequency: There exists a dead zone throughout the Town, and the staff are working in conjunction with the provider to explore possible enhancements.
- Council Feedback: The Council had recommended a debriefing at the end of the season for either the committee or all of Council.
- Public Engagement: It is essential that Cul-Du-Sacs receive the same attention as other streets. Staff are advised to ensure that all streets have one cut during the initial pass, moving in the opposite direction and directing efforts towards the center. The committee recommend maximizing the use of loaders in Cul-Du-Sacs.
- Intersection Visibility: It is recommended to increase frequency snow clearing as resources become available. A rubber tire backhoe will be mobilized to high traffic impact intersections during street widening.
- Oversized Parking Lots During a Snowfall: The Town Hall will be addressed first, followed by the Paradise Double Ice Complex and then the St. Thomas Line Community Center, with all other town facilities to be completed as additional resources become available.
- Communications: Residents will be informed that the Town will be clearing snow on their streets, and Municipal Enforcement will be requested to patrol the streets to remind residents to keep their vehicles off the road.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.