

Council Highlights Regular Council Meeting – February 8, 2016

Local Improvements

Council adopted recommendation from the Engineering & Works Department to increase the local improvement rate charged to residents from \$18/foot (\$59/meter) to \$35/foot (\$115/meter). Discussion focused on the significant increases in actual construction cost over the last 25 years since the rate was last set. In order to ensure the success of the Town's current 10-Year Capital Works Plan, Council intends to approve the motion at the next Committee of the Whole.

Notices of intention have been delivered to residents living on properties where local improvements are scheduled to take place this year on Beverly Crescent, Woolridge Street and Hawthorne Drive.

Animal Control

Council made a motion to revise the Animal Control By-Law per a recommendation made by the Town Clerk. Pet owners whose animal is frequently found "at-large" will incur an elevated fine for repeat offences. Animal Control will charge \$50 for a first offence, \$75 for the second offence and \$100 for third and subsequent offences. The inclusion of an elevated fine will act as a deterrent for animal owners to ensure their pets are not roaming.

Speed Reduction on Gunningsville Boulevard

Council made a motion to reduce the speed limit on Gunningsville Blvd., at the intersection at Pinewood Rd./Robertson St. from 70 km/h to 50 km/h. Left-turn lanes will be added as part of the 2016 lane markings portion of the Capital Works Plan.

Strategic Plan Update

The Chief Administrative Officer, Colin Smith, presented Council with the year-end status of 2015 Strategic Plan Priorities and shared staff's 2016 Strategic Plan Priorities. Council endorsed the new priorities and discussed the need for a review and update of the Strategic Plan in 2016.

Traffic By-Law

Council made a motion to revise the Traffic By-Law with the following changes to parking restrictions:

Replace **Devere Road** north side with:

Devere Road north side west from Cleveland Avenue to end

Replace **Findlay Boulevard** both sides with: **Findlay Boulevard** both sides from Whitepine Road to Gunningsville Boulevard

Replace **Pinewood Road** both sides from Findlay Boulevard to Gunningsville Boulevard with: **Pinewood Road** both sides from Findlay Boulevard to Pine Glen Road

Replace **Whitepine Road** both sides from Trites Road to Warren Avenue with: **Whitepine Road** both sides from Buckingham Avenue to Cleveland Avenue

Add: Wilson Road west side from 117 Wilson Road to Waterfall Avenue

Council Remuneration

Recommendations from the Council Compensation Committee included a \$5000 increase to the Mayor's salary and a \$1000 increase to the Deputy Mayor's salary. The Committee felt Council salaries should be more in line with other communities in the province. These changes become effective with the swearing-in of the newly elected Council in May 2016.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will take place on **Monday, February 22, 2015** beginning at 7 p.m. The agenda will be available online on Thursday prior to the meeting. Questions about Council highlights can be directed to the Town Clerk at clerk@townofriverview.ca