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<p>The Corporation of the Town of Spanish Council Minutes Special Meeting of Monday, February 24, 2020 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers</p>

Present:	Jocelyne Bishop Karen Von Pickartz Sandra Trudel Mary-Louise Zarichney Pam Lortie	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillor Councillor CAO
Excused:	Debra Joncas	Councillor

Rick Smith, Chair, Public Works Committee
Ken McVety, Public Works Supervisor

Members of the Public:
Tom Joncas
Debbie Joncas

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for the disclosure of any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof. None was disclosed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #20-02-33

MOVED BY: Sandra Trudel

SECONDED BY: Mary-Louise Zarichney

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of February 24, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

DELEGATIONS – Mr. Dan Stala, Traffic Specialist, Traffic Section, Sault Ste. Marie Area, Ministry of Transportation, Northeast Region

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Council’s concerns about the sharp curve to the east of the downtown area and to address any deficiencies. Dan discussed each point that was sent to him in an email from the CAO on February 21, 2010.

1. Widen the centre line – similar to Mississauga FN –

Not a bad idea – 1 metre separation between the yellows – would visually narrow the lanes causing people to slow down – good place to start – the more room you give drivers, the more comfortable they become.

2. Add a rumble strip at the centre and along the outside of the lanes;

Good safety measure, however they are very audible. They have been installed in other areas, such as Hagar, but had to be removed due to complaints from the public. If Council would like to proceed, a resolution will be required, as there may be some pushback from citizens. The condition of the asphalt will also have to be checked to make sure that the rumble strip can be installed.

3. Add chevrons to the south side of the curve (east bound traffic);

Add chevrons to the south side of the curve (east bound traffic) – yes, agree – will start a work order when back at the office – work order will be done immediately – frost in the ground may delay a bit – very reflective – will be seen by both directions – will start at the 60 sign – won't go all the way around the corner.

4. Add a flashing light on a black/yellow checkered sign westbound at the curve;

Would like to start with the chevrons.

5. Increase the size of the speed limit signs;

Yes, agree. The size of the sign has not been found to make a difference, but will increase the size.

6. Add a flashing amber light to the speed limit sign east of the curve;

This goes against policy and cannot be offered. It would be setting precedent. A flashing light is cautionary and a speed limit sign is regulatory.

7. Move the 60 km/h sign east to the current 70 km/h sign;

Yes, can do this, but will have to move back the 70 as well to allow for a transition.

8. Add signage warning of sharp curve ahead;

Will look at the existing signage and move it if it's blocked by other signs. Can install a larger sign if it's presently a small one.

9. Add streetlighting from Cutler Avenue to Anne Street;

Studies don't warrant, but would possibly consider a joint project. The benefit/cost analysis doesn't warrant. Dan will provide the illumination analysis results. Partnership would not be financial; currently they would only assist in reviewing the documents to ensure they meet the proper standards. Dan suggested that we can speak to Eric about financial partnership.

10. Widen the lanes;

See #1

11. Add pedestrian signs;

Dan feels that this won't slow down the traffic. Deputy Mayor Von Pickartz advised that there is a playground in the vicinity. Dan suggested that if Council wanted these erected, to make the request.

Children Playing Sign – advise Dan of this request – would be in both directions

Other items brought up by Council:

1. Can the 60 km/h sign at the west end of the community be moved further west, so that traffic is slowed down before it enters the community?

60 km/h sign west of town – will install a 70 km/h ahead of the 60 to transition

2. The turning lane into Cutler Avenue continues to be a concern with traffic using the turning lane as a passing lane. It needs to be clarified that this is not a passing lane. It was felt that the "Passing Lanes 2km Ahead" sign west of the community may be confusing the situation. We did speak about erecting a "Through Traffic Keep Right" sign or something similar at our meeting on April 19, 2019.

"through traffic keep right" - agree – work order issued last year - will find out where this work order is. Mayor Bishop advised that there is a sign west of the community advising of a passing lane 2 km ahead, which could be confusing motorists. Dan will look into this and will consider removing the sign.

3. Why is the winter maintenance route longer in our area? Apparently the crew no longer uses the turn-around on the Massey flats, and have essentially added about an hour to the rotation. This creates very dangerous driving conditions during a snow storm.

Winter maintenance route – wasn't aware that it has changed – has put out a request to find out if the route has changed – doesn't have an answer right now, but will let us know.

Items brought up by Mr. Stala:

Chevrons on the highway – about 2 cm above the asphalt – will send a photo – set of 3 – gives the impression that the highway is narrowing

Sound won't be audible in the winter – rumbles will fill up and freeze and you will lose the sound effect.

Summary of actions to be taken:

- Widen centre lines
- Add chevrons to the south side of the curve
- Add a rumble line – Council resolution required
- Increase the size of speed limit signs
- Increase the size of signage warning of sharp curve ahead and move if it's blocked by other signs
- Move the 60 km/hr sign back to the 70 km/hr sign location and add a 70 further back for a transition at the east end of town
- Add a 70 km/hr sign ahead of the 60 at the west end of town for a transition
- Erect either “Children Playing” or “Pedestrian” signage west of the curve – council resolution required
- “Through Traffic Keep Right” signage to be erected prior to the turning lane at the east end of the curve.

Other:

Ken – street signs – can these be moved to behind the sidewalk rather than the front to permit for easier maintenance of the sidewalks – Dan will look into the ownership of the property.

Signs – east and west of the community – Dan will look into where they are and have they re-erected.

RESOLUTION #20-02-34

MOVED BY: Karen Von Pickartz

SECONDED BY: Sandra Trudel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to meet again on Monday, March 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for a Regular Meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Jocelyne Bishop, Mayor



Pam Lortie, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer