

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF STETTLER COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009 IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor J. Hunter

Councillors A. Campbell, D. Dennis, D. Garbutt & R. Peeples

Town Manager R. Stoutenberg
Assistant CAO G. Switenky
Director of Operational Services, J. Keith
Development Officer, W. Holowachuk
P. Nelson, CET - Tagish Engineering

Press (1)

Absent: Councillors D. Richards & L. Thorogood

Call to Order: Mayor J. Hunter called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

1. **Discussion re: Town of Stettler Downtown Sidewalk Standard**

Mayor Hunter welcomed Phil Nelson, CET representative of Tagish Engineering to the meeting.

P. Nelson explained that previously (April 1, 2008) Council approved a railroad track conceptual design (UMA) to be the standard treatment for future sidewalk replacements in the downtown core. Subsequent to this decision Tagish Engineering together with Proform Concrete has explored various practical installation options and has concluded that a respectable railroad concept is likely not achievable at an affordable price.

Town Manager, R. Stoutenberg explained that downtown sidewalks along 51st Street and at the north end of Main Street are part of a larger 2009 paving tender #2. Given installation/cost concerns approved sidewalk standards need to be re-addressed by Council; so as to not hold up the entire paving tender process. He advised that a decision needs to be made based on the following alternatives:

1. Plain/colored concrete – broomed not stamped.
2. Stamped and colored concrete.
3. Original railroad track design concept (assume it will be costly and will likely cause further delays).
4. Delay/remove the downtown sidewalk locations from the 2009 paving tender #2 allowing for further installation methodology research to be undertaken.

Roundtable discussion commenced regarding the winter/wet traction base of various forms of "Stamped Concrete" installations, and whether this treatment is appropriate/acceptable as a downtown sidewalk standard. It was noted that the size/width of the stamp can be varied.

Discussion ensued regarding the use/partial integration of paving stones. It was stated that based on feedback previously received from affected downtown property owners along 51st Street, they do not support the traditional installation of pavers.

Discussion ensued regarding alternative concrete installation techniques that could possibly be considered.

It was mutually agreed that a majority of Council Members continue to support a railroad track sidewalk design concept. Further roundtable discussion resulted in a suggestion to utilize "Key ways or Tracks" within the initial basic concrete pour/form that could subsequently be filled with colored concrete.

P. Nelson stated that investigation of alternative installation methods will involve more research time with Proform Concrete and will likely take another two weeks. It was further stated that realistic pricing cannot be predicted at this stage given the unique nature of the installation, however both Tagish and Proform are sensitive to cost.

P. Nelson advised that if Proform considers any process to be feasible then (small) samples could be requested from interested concrete companies as part of their tender.

Councillor Peoples stated that he supports a basic/broomed concrete with a color additive.

Mayor Hunter concluded that under the circumstances downtown sidewalks should be delayed/removed from the Town's 2009 paving tender #2 so as not to hold up other Town projects.

It was mutually understood that P. Nelson will discuss a "Key way track" option with Proform, as well as explore other practical techniques. Tagish will then have to tender separately for downtown sidewalks and will request pricing options for alternative treatments:

1. Basic broomed, with and without color.
2. Key way rail track design with one or two colors, if practical upon further investigation.
3. Stamped option, only if deemed appropriate upon further investigation.

2. **Adjournment:**

Motion 09:04:01

Moved by Councillor Campbell that this regular meeting of the Town of Stettler Council be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous at 1:02 p.m.

Mayor

Assistant CAO