



SPECIAL ~ REGULAR COUNCIL #36-2004

Thursday, December 9, 2004
Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

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- PRESENT:** Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Huguette Burroughs, Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Mark MacDonald, Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Chris Savard
- ABSENT:** Councillors Korey Kennedy, Jacques Lemire and Perry Lalonde
- ADMINISTRATION:** Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrator, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk and Normand Levac.
- INVITED GUESTS:** Penny Stewart and Kevin Hosler representing the Ministry of Environment
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Mayor Phil Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Optimist Park Water Quality Monitoring Update - P002

Mr. John St. Marseille, Senior Environmental Engineer, representing The Thompson Group provided a summary report on their recent findings at the Optimist Park in reference to the 2004 Environmental Quality. Presentation given, addressed the report of the TRG findings as to groundwater, soil and surface water. It was noted that the City retained the services of TRG to complete quality investigation to address the Ministry of the Environment Provincial Officer's Order of December 5, 2003(POO). Details of their approach in so far as historical data, sampling, measurements and analysis was reviewed and finally their findings of the physical hydrogeology of the area. Mr. St. Marseille summarized their evaluation on the groundwater quality, surface water quality and soil quality.

In conclusion, the commentary indicated that TRG would be continuing to review additional characterization (groundwater, surface water); additional monitoring (groundwater, surface water) and Long Term Site Management (including risk implications).

2. MOE

Immediately following the TRG presentation, representatives of the Ministry of the Environment, Ms Penny Stewart stood to reconfirm the findings presented by The Thompson Group and indicated that once a more complete report was made available, that a thorough review would be conducted by the Ministry. All wells were well placed and continue to be monitored that allows TRG the detection of leachate and plume in the Optimist Park Area. At present there were no health effects or environmental impact on the residents of St. Michel.

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3. Municipal Engineering Position

Mr. Norm Levac, Manager of Engineering, Environmental and Construction Services outlined the history of Optimist Park and the Groundwater Mounding report back to October 2002, the process identified on a go-forward basis referenced to additional groundwater investigation being undertaken by TRG and Current Status of Dewatering issues being addressed on an ongoing basis.

Mr. Levac indicated that the City would need to consider precedence, liability, cost and final approvals to bring this matter to a successful conclusion.

Motion

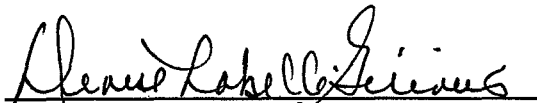
Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Huguette Burroughs that the Manager of Engineering, Environmental and Construction Services prepare a report that would detail the type of work yet to be completed, the cost of additional studies and the time frame under which this work could be completed.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that Special Meeting #36-2004 be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Motion Carried



DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CLERK



PHIL POIRIER
MAYOR