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GARDINER ROAD IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

January 6, 2016

2:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

****Please Note: Any matter listed on this agenda may be acted upon by the Gardiner Road Improvement Study Committee****

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Vote on the committee minutes of November 30, 2015

D. New Business

01 The GRISC will discuss the following crucial questions concerning Gardiner Road:

1. What firm details of Exeter's plan for Gardiner Road are known?
2. Is it known if Exeter's plan for Gardiner Road requires the use of Richmond town property or the property of Richmond residents?
3. In the event that Exeter's plan includes the clearing or paving of space located within Richmond town lands, does the Richmond Town Council need to approve such action on the part of Exeter?
4. Does the Town of Richmond bear any accountability to the residents of Richmond as to the outcomes Exeter's Gardiner Road development project?

5. Do any residents along Gardiner Road want the road to become open to through traffic?
 6. Is any data or relevant information available from official sources to substantiate the claim by the Exeter Town Council that incomplete sections of Gardiner Road pose an obstacle to emergency services response in the area?
- 02 To the extent that the questions in '01' above can be addressed by municipal officials in either the town of Exeter or the town of Richmond, the GRISC will discuss options for making official requests on behalf of the GRISC via correspondence to such officials.
- 03 Discussion as to the format which the GRISC will use in its report to the Richmond Town Council. A suggested format is below, although any format can be used that supports the reporting objectives of the GRISC:
- I. Executive Summary
 - II. Findings
 - III. Planning Factors and Considerations
 - IV. Recommendations
- 04 Review video and GIS mapping of Gardiner Road
- 05 Best use considerations for Gardiner Road (note: this list is not all-inclusive; the general public is encouraged to propose any and all factors that they may deem relevant to the development of Gardiner Road)
1. If the road project does not proceed, what are the impacts on:
 - a. Safety and Security in the Gardiner/ King Arthur Court area
 - b. Traffic along Gardiner Road and the King Arthur Court area
 - c. Maintenance costs of the existing adjacent sections of road
 2. If the project involves clearing the southern impassable section (approximately 207' long) of Gardiner Road, what are the impacts on:
 - a. Safety and Security in the Gardiner Road/ King Arthur Court area
 - b. Traffic along Gardiner Road and in the King Arthur Court area
 - c. Environmental considerations for Glen Brook, and if Flood Resiliency Management Plan recommendations are followed
 - d. Water runoff and sediment buildup downslope of the developed section
 - e. Property rights of Richmond and Exeter residents adjacent to the section to be developed by Exeter
 - f. Continued maintenance costs associated with the newly passable section
 - g. The GRISC will discuss how road surface quality (pavement vs. dirt vs. gravel) and other engineering factors will impact the considerations listed above.

3. If the project involves clearing the southern (approximately 207' long) and northern (approximately 688' long) impassable sections of Gardiner Road, what are the impacts on:
 - a. Safety and Security in the Gardiner Road/ King Arthur Court area
 - b. Traffic along Gardiner Road and in the King Arthur Court area
 - c. Environmental considerations for Glen Brook, and if the Flood Resiliency Management Plan recommendations are followed
 - d. Water runoff and sediment buildup downslope of the developed section
 - e. Property rights of Richmond and Exeter residents adjacent to the section to be developed by Exeter
 - f. Continued maintenance costs associated with the newly passable section
 - g. The GRISC will discuss how road surface quality (pavement vs. dirt vs. gravel) and other engineering factors will impact the considerations listed above.

06 Discussion of estimated initial development costs to make the road passable as indicated '05', above.

1. Comparison of construction costs for:
 - a. Dirt surface
 - b. Gravel surface
 - c. Paved/ Asphalt surface

07 Review of information requests that have been made to-date to the town of Exeter as well as other municipal officials in the town of Richmond.

D. Public Forum

E. Adjournment

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