

**(B) PWM 2010-03**

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**Subject: Policy TP 3.1 Emergency Access to Bruce Nuclear Power Development – Request for Amendment**

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**Report**

**Summary:** Policy TP 3.1 was adopted by Council on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and has provided access to the Bruce Nuclear Power Development during winter storm events when Highway No. 21 and Bruce County Road No. 23 are closed. The “gated access” is opened only at the request of the Bruce Nuclear Power Development and for their bus traffic only.

Residents have requested that the “emergency gate” be open to the public for varying periods of time during the winter months.

The Public Works Committee met on February 26<sup>th</sup> and is recommending that Council amend the policy and allow the gate to be left open for the motoring public between the hours of 0600 and 2100 when No. 21 Highway and Bruce County Road No. 23 are closed by the Ontario Provincial Police.

The Stakeholders attended a meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> and agreed that the existing policy has worked well and recommend that the policy be left in place as written.

The Stakeholders were circulated a copy of the draft policy suggesting the gate be open for the public and asking for their comments. At the time of writing the report one reply was received from Roberta Trelford, Emergency Planning Coordinator. (See Appendix ‘A’)

**Origin:** At the request of Council.

**Analysis:** This report is further to Report PWM 2010-01 and the discussions at the Public Works Committee Meeting held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, regarding the Emergency Access to the Bruce Nuclear Power Development Policy TP 3.1.

At the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council granted the Public Works Committee additional time to consider the various options and ramifications of each before formalizing a recommendation to Council in regards to changing the policy.

Subsequently, on February 19<sup>th</sup>, the Public Works Manager convened a meeting of the Stakeholders to review the policy. In attendance were Ross Lamont and Pam McLaughlin of Bruce Power; Paul Bradley of the Ontario Provincial Police; Roberta Trelford, Emergency Planning Coordinator; Laura Haight, Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Public Works Committee; Jim O’Rourke, Public Works Manager. Absent: Brian Knox, County Engineer.

The Stakeholders in attendance agreed that the policy has worked well and recommend that the policy remain in place as written.

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Prior to the meeting, the County Engineer stated that the County is neutral on this topic, comfortable with the status quo, and would support the Committee (Stakeholders) decision. Furthermore, the County of Bruce is not planning any improvements to Bruce County Road No. 23.

At the February 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting, the Public Works Committee passed the following motion.

**Moved by Ron Hewitt**

**Seconded by Gordon Campbell**

**That the Public Works Committee recommends to Council the adoption**

**of the revision to Policy TP 3.1 - Emergency Access to the Bruce Nuclear Power Development.**

**And further that the motion be forwarded to Council for approval in principle.**

**Carried.**

The revision to the policy allows the “gate” to be open for the public between the hours of 0600 and 2100 during an “event”. The Stakeholders would determine the logistics of how the policy would operate.

**NOTE: If this policy is adopted by Council, the Public Works Manager recommends the Municipal roadway along the “emergency route” be signed “No Parking” and “No Heavy Trucks”.**

**Existing Policy:** TP 3.1

**Financial**

**Considerations:** There are minimal costs to implementing the revised policy due to after hours snow removal and gate closings. These costs would be covered in the operating budget.

**Options:**

1. That Council confirm that Policy TP 3.1 “The Emergency Access Gate Policy” remain in place as approved January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
2. That Council amend Policy TP 3.1 in principle to allow that the “Emergency Gate” be open to traffic when Highway No. 21 and Bruce County Road No. 23 are closed by Ontario Provincial

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Police, due to winter conditions and further that the gate be maintained as open between the hours of 0600 and 2100 until the event is over, and further that the Municipal roadways along the “emergency route” be signed no parking and no heavy trucks and further that this approval is given in principle subject to the stakeholders establishing the operating logistics and further that the amended policy be reviewed after one “event”.

3. That Council amend Policy TP 3.1 in some other manner.

**Preferred Option:** There is no doubt from the perspective of a “Transportation Network”, the roadway through Mystic Cove and Victoria Street should be one continuous road.

However, the design standards used to build the existing roadway are a concern. Mr. Potter, our Municipal Engineer stated it this way in a letter dated, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. *“You asked that we look at the horizontal alignment of the existing portion of the road. We find that many of the horizontal radii along the road are in the order of 40 – 50 metres. Even if these curves were properly super elevated these would be considered deficient at design speeds of 50 kms/hour (or even 40 kms/hour). This does not mean that such a road would be inappropriate for emergency access. It simply means that it is inappropriate for these roads to become major residential or minor collector roads handling high volumes of traffic on a regular basis.”*

Mr. Potter goes on to say, *“If a connection were to be considered, ...proper speed controls, signage and perhaps speed bumps should be considered....”*.

The Public Works Manager, representing the Municipality, is one of the Stakeholders responsible for developing Policy TP 3.1. These Stakeholders met on February 19<sup>th</sup> and unanimously agreed that the existing policy has worked well and that the policy remain in place as written.

Option No. 1 is the recommended option, Council Meeting Date April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

**CAO's Comments:** I concur.

**Delegations:** Bob Taylor – *written submission attached*

**COW RECOMMENDATION**