

Paving lot at Rotary Place could get more priority

By Bill Rea

Planned paving work is going to take place in the parking lot at Albion Bolton Community Centre (ABCC), although it's going to be more costly than had first been planned.

Caledon council approved the revised estimate Tuesday.

And Councillor Patti Foley was successful in getting her colleagues to give some extra priority to the paving of the lot at Rotary Place on Bolton's north hill, next to the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness (CCRW).

Town staff had reported \$500,000 had been budgeted for the work at ABCC. C. Valley Paving Limited had the lowest compliant tender bid to do the work last year, but it was over budget, so staff said the request for tender was cancelled. Their report also stated C. Valley has done similar projects for the Town of Aurora, as well as for Metrolinx, and the work has been deemed satisfactory. Council accepted the staff recommendation to give the job to C. Valley, although it's cost is going to be almost \$31,000 more than what had been planned. That shortfall is to be covered through a tax-funded capital contingency reserve fund, which staff said has a current balance of almost \$400,000.

But in view of the shortfall, staff suggested roughly \$30,000 that was earmarked for the parking lot at Rotary Place be held for the 2015 capital budget.

That did not appeal to Foley. She was able to get her fellow councillors to go along with creating a new capital project established for this year for the Rotary Place Parking Lot paving, with the \$30,000 funded from the tax funded capital reserve. And if the work doesn't go ahead this year, that money will remain as a deposit for a full parking lot reconstruction in 2015.

Foley showed council pictures of the poor state of the parking lot, pointing out vulnerable seniors have to make their way across it. "It has to be fixed," she declared, adding it should be done this year.

Public Works Director David Loveridge told acting mayor Richard Paterak that spending \$30,000 this year on the lot would only amount to a short-term fix. He said there will need to be an accessibility review, as well as a look at the infrastructure on the site.

"That's not going to happen for \$30,000," he said, adding they're looking at something like \$200,000 to do the job properly.

Councillor Rob Mezzapelli supported Foley, and he wondered if there operating funds available to improve what's already in place. Loveridge told him they could do some filling and compacting that would provide short-term benefit.