PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES 18-006
9:30 a.m.
Monday, April 30, 2018
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor L. Ferguson (Chair)
Councillor T. Jackson (Vice Chair)
Councillors C. Collins, S. Merulla, R. Pasuta, A. VanderBeek, T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillor D. Conley - Illness

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Road Safety Campaign – Speeding and Aggressive Driving/Road Safety Pledge (PW17045(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(VanderBeek/Collins)
That Report PW17045(a) respecting the Road Safety Campaign – Speeding and Aggressive Driving/Road Safety Pledge, be received.

CARRIED

2. Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access (Wards 2, 7 and 8) (PED18097) (Item 5.2)

(VanderBeek/Jackson)
That Report PED18097 respecting a Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access, be received.

CARRIED

3. Staffing Changes to Address Solid Waste Management By-law Enforcement and Illegal Dumping (PW18033/PED18092) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Whitehead)
That three full-time equivalent (FTE) Municipal Law Enforcement Officer positions at the cost of $305,780 be transferred from the Municipal Law Enforcement Section, Licensing and By-Law Services Division, Planning and Economic Development Department to the Waste Collection Section, Environmental Services Division, Public Works Department to provide enhanced enforcement of the Solid Waste Management By-law 09-067 and address illegal dumping activities on public property.

CARRIED

4. Over the Road Banner Program (PW18034/CMO18012) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Whitehead/Collins)
(a) That at this time the Roads & Traffic Division of the Public Works Department not proceed with the repair or replacement of the “over the road” banner across Main Street West; fronting City Hall;

(b) That staff report back on a digital replacement program for the traditional “over the road” banner program for 2019;

(c) That alternative solutions be utilized for the remainder of the 2018 banner program at the Main Street fronting City Hall location and King Street, Dundas location.

CARRIED

5. Scenic Drive Repairs (Item 9.1)

(Whitehead/Merulla)
WHEREAS, modern winters appear to have accelerated the deterioration of Scenic Drive, from West 32nd to Garth Street, and Denlow Avenue, from Scenic Drive to Garth Street as a result of increased frequency of freeze/thaw cycles and more extreme variability of temperatures; and,

WHEREAS, we have current competitively bid projects and prices available as a base for comparison and negotiation that can be used to ensure value for money on the award of the proposed works, and,

WHEREAS, given the current resources along with the time needed to complete a tender and award process, road improvements cannot be addressed within our normal process manner during the 2018 construction process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That Scenic Drive, from West 32nd to Garth Street, and Denlow Avenue, from Scenic Drive to Garth Street, at an estimated cost of $900,000, be rehabilitated using asset preservation practices, with the work to include the rehabilitation of the existing asphalt with repaving; and,

(b) That the Ward 8 allocation, in the amount of $900,000 (Project ID 4031811808) previously approved from the Investment Stabilization Reserve (No. 112300), be utilized to fund the asset preservation of Scenic Drive, from West 32nd to Garth Street, and Denlow Avenue, from Scenic Drive to Garth Street, and,

(c) That upon project completion, should any surplus funding be generated, that the same be transferred to the Ward 8 road maintenance being project no. 4031611608, and,

(d) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to procure all or some of the proposed works identified through Procurement Policy #11 Non-Competitive Procurements, where deemed appropriate, to expedite the works for this construction season.

CARRIED

6. Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Funding Projects (Item 9.2)

(Collins/Merulla)
WHEREAS, modern winters appear to have accelerated the deterioration of roads in the Davis Creek Neighbourhood, as a result of increased frequency of freeze/thaw cycles and more extreme variability of temperatures; and,

WHEREAS, the sidewalks of Fairway Drive, Nicklaus Drive, St. Andrews Drive, Elford Crescent, Wedgewood Avenue, Glen Manor Street, Jennifer Court, Palmerston Place, Putting Place and Chipping Place were replaced in 2017 and funded through the 2017 Ward 5 Area Rating Reserve Account; and,

WHEREAS, we have current competitively bid projects and prices available as a base for comparison and negotiation that can be used to ensure value for money on the award of the proposed works, and,

WHEREAS, given the current resources along with the time needed to complete a tender and award process, road improvements cannot be addressed within our normal process manner during the 2018 construction process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That St. Andrews Drive, Fairway Drive, Glen Manor Street, Elford Crescent, Jennifer Court, Palmerston Place, Chipping Place, Wedgewood Avenue, Putting Place and Nicklaus Drive, at an estimated cost of $1.33M, be rehabilitated using asset preservation practices, with the work to include the rehabilitation of the existing asphalt with repaving; and,

(b) That $430,000 from Ward 5 Area Rating Reserve # 108055 be utilized to fund the asset preservation of the aforementioned streets, and,

(c) That the Ward 5 allocation, in the amount of $900,000 (Project ID 4031811805) previously approved from the Investment Stabilization Reserve (No. 112300), be utilized to fund the asset preservation of various Davis Creek Neighbourhood streets, and,

(d) That upon project completion, should any surplus funding be generated, that the same be transferred to the Ward 5 road maintenance being project no. 4031611605, and,

(e) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to procure all or some of the proposed works identified through Procurement Policy #11 Non-Competitive Procurements, where deemed appropriate, to expedite the works for this construction season.

CARRIED

7. Meadowbrook Drive Repairs (Item 9.3)

(Ferguson/Merulla)
WHEREAS, modern winters appear to have accelerated the deterioration of Meadowbrook Drive, from Wilson Street to Jerseyville Road, as a result of increased frequency of freeze/thaw cycles and more extreme variability of temperatures; and,

WHEREAS, we have current competitively bid projects and prices available as a base for comparison and negotiation that can be used to ensure value for money on the award of the proposed works, and,

WHEREAS, given the current resources along with the time needed to complete a tender and award process, road improvements cannot be addressed within our normal process manner during the 2018 construction process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That Meadowbrook Drive, at an estimated cost of $900,000, be rehabilitated using asset preservation practices, with the work to include the rehabilitation of the existing asphalt with repaving; and,

(b) That the Ward 12 allocation, in the amount of $900,000 (Project ID 4031811812) previously approved from the Investment Stabilization Reserve (No. 112300), be utilized to fund the asset preservation of Meadowbrook Drive, and,

(c) That upon project completion, should any surplus funding be generated, that the same be transferred to the Ward 12 road maintenance being project no. 4031611612, and,

(d) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to procure all or some of the proposed works identified through Procurement Policy #11 Non-Competitive Procurements, where deemed appropriate, to expedite the works for this construction season.

CARRIED

8. Emergency Shoreline Protection Works (Added Item 10.1)

(Collins/Merulla)
WHEREAS, the waterfront trails at Bayfront to Cootes and at Confederation Beach Park were heavily damaged during extreme storm events in May 2017, requiring temporary closures and repair works, and;

WHEREAS, staff have been working to design and install shoreline protection measures in two of three badly affected areas in Confederation Beach Park, and;

WHEREAS, the recent storm of April 14, 15, and 16, 2018 caused further damage to the beach and trail at Confederation Beach Park, and;

WHEREAS, under the recently announced Canada-Ontario Bilateral Infrastructure Agreement, the Green Infrastructure Stream, will support projects that enable greater adaptation and resilience to the impacts of climate change and climate-related disaster mitigation, and;

WHEREAS, the operating and capital budgets of the Parks Section of Public Works is not established to address emergency works of the magnitude required in this matter to address concerns for public safety and protection of property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the costs for design and construction of emergency shoreline protection works, to address 2017 and 2018 damage, at Confederation Beach Park, valued at $875,000, be funded from the unallocated capital reserve;

(b) That the Environmental Services staff report back to Public Works Committee on the options, costs and timing to address the 2017 and 2018 damage shoreline erosion and trail repair Bayfront Park;

(c) That Environmental Services staff undertake a comprehensive study of the Lake Ontario and Hamilton Harbour shorelines, from the lift bridge to the eastern boundary of Confederation Park, and the shoreline from Bayfront Park to Cootes, to determine options (including hard protection measures) and costs to protect City lands and residents from extreme storm events, and that the costs to undertake the study, estimated at $300,000, be funded from the unallocated capital reserve; and

(d) That staff report to the Public Works Committee in regards to the alignment of the projects that emerge from the comprehensive study of the Lake Ontario and Hamilton Harbour shorelines, from the lift bridge to the eastern boundary of Confederation Park, and the shoreline from Bayfront Park to Cootes, to the Green Infrastructure stream; and

(e) That staff report back on options and costs for item (c) and possible external funding sources, such as the Green Infrastructure Stream.

CARRIED

9. Capital Repairs to Veevers House (EcoHouse) (Ward 5) (Added Item 10.2)

(Collins/Merulla)
That the capital repairs totalling $9,033.22 to the City owned building ‘Veevers House’ located at 22 Veevers Drive be funded from Ward 5 area rating account 10805.

CARRIED

10. Ward 2 Investment Stabilization Reserve Fund (Added Item 10.3)

(Merulla/Collins)
WHEREAS, modern winters appear to have accelerated the deterioration of Hunter Street, from James Street to Queen Street, Hess Street South, from Hunter to Main Street West, and Aberdeen Avenue, from Queen Street to Bay Street South, as a result of increased frequency of freeze/thaw cycles and more extreme variability of temperatures; and,

WHEREAS, we have current competitively bid projects and prices available as a base for comparison and negotiation that can be used to ensure value for money on the award of the proposed works; and,

WHEREAS, given the current resources along with the time needed to complete a tender and award process, road improvements cannot be addressed within our normal process manner during the 2018 construction process,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That Hunter Street, at an estimated cost of $620,000, Hess Street South, at an estimated cost of $130,000, and Aberdeen Avenue, at an estimated cost of $280,000 be rehabilitated using asset preservation practices, with the work to include the rehabilitation of the existing asphalt with repaving

(b) That the Ward 2 allocation, in the amount of $900,000 (Project ID 4031811802) previously approved from the Investment Stabilization Reserve (No.112300), be utilized to fund the asset preservation of Hunter Street, from James Street to Queen Street, and Aberdeen Avenue, from Queen Street to Bay Street

(c) That the Ward 2 Road Maintenance allocation, in the amount of $130,000 (Project ID 4031611602), be utilized to fund the asset preservation of Hess Street, from Hunter Street to Main Street

(d) That upon project completion, should any surplus funding be generated, that the same be transferred to the Ward 2 road maintenance being project no. 4031611602

(e) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to procure all or some of the proposed works identified through Procurement Policy #11 Non-Competitive Procurements, where deemed appropriate, to expedite the works for this construction season.

CARRIED

11. Amendment to Item 8.5 of the Public Works Committee Report 17-013, respecting Report PW17080 (Ward 1)- Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park (Added Item 10.5)

(Jackson/Merulla)
WHEREAS, at its meeting of November 22, 2017, Council approved Item 8.5 of the Public Works Committee Report 17-013 as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Aviary have made good progress in its recent organizational efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Aviary have requested additional time to confirm a new location for the birds of the Aviary and report back to Public Works Committee,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That sub-section (b) to Item 8.5 of the Public Works Committee Report 17-013, respecting Report PW17080 (Ward 1)- Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park be amended by deleting the words “no later than June 30, 2018” and replacing them with the words “at the first meeting in February 2019” and by deleting the words “November 22, 2018” and replacing them with the words “July 11, 2019” to read as follows:

(b) That the Friends of the Aviary (FOTA) work with Animal Control Section, Building and Licensing Division, and a licensed Veterinarian to commence immediate efforts to find an alternate location for the birds, and to report back ~~**no later than June 30, 2018**~~ ***at the first meeting in February 2019***, to Public Works Committee to confirm the new location for the birds. The move to an alternate location must be completed no later than ~~**November 22, 2018**~~ ***July 11, 2019***;

(b) That sub-section (d) to Item 8.5 of the Public Works Committee Report 17-013, respecting Report PW17080 (Ward 1)- Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park be amended by deleting the words “November 23, 2018” and replacing them with the words “July 12, 2019”, to read as follows:

(d) That with FOTA confirming a new location for the birds as per recommendation (b) that FOTA assume ownership of the existing birds at the Aviary on ~~**November 23, 2018**~~ ***July 12, 2019*** 5:00 PM for a fee of $1.00, and that the Director of Environmental Services Division be authorized to take all necessary steps to transfer ownership of the birds.

(c) That sub-section (e) to Item 8.5 of the PW Committee Report 17-013, respecting Report PW 17080 (Ward 1) – Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park, be amended by deleting the words “by June 30, 2018 5:00 p.m.” and replacing them with the words “as per sub-section (b) to Item 8.5 of the PW Committee Report 17-013”, as amended, to read as follows:

(e) That should the Friends of the Aviary not be successful in confirming an alternate location for the birds as per sub-section (b) of the PW Committee Report 17-013, as amended, that that the Animal Control Section, Building and Licensing Division, and a licensed Veterinarian commence relocating the birds, and that the Director of Environmental Services Division be authorized to take all necessary steps to terminate the new agreement between the City of Hamilton and FOTA.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 4)

4.2 James Lafferty respecting Damage from Truck Traffic on Corlis Road (for a future meeting).

2. ADDED CONSENT ITEM (Item 5)

5.3 Correspondence from Melanie Suchecki, Board Chair, Friends of the Aviary, respecting a Request for an Extension to find new space for the birds.

3. REVISED MOTIONS (Item 9)

Revisions to account numbers and project IDs were made to the following motions:

9.1 Scenic Drive Repairs

9.2 Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Funding Projects (Ward 5)

9.3 Meadowbrook Drive Repairs

4. ADDED NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

10.1 Emergency Shoreline Protection Works

10.2 Capital Repairs to Veevers House (EcoHouse) (Ward 5)

10.3 Notice of Motion Ward 2 Investment Stabilization Reserve Funded Projects

10.4 Amendment to Item 8.5 of Public Works Committee Report 17-013 respecting Report PW17080 (Ward 1) – Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park

(Whitehead/VanderBeek)
That the Agenda for the April 30, 2018 meeting of the Public Works Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) April 16, 2018 (Item 3.1)

(VanderBeek/Whitehead)
That the Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Public Works Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 4)

(i) Alan Hansell, Stewards of Cootes Watershed, respecting an update to the Public Works Committee on their work (Item 4.1)

(Whitehead/VanderBeek)
That the delegation request from Alan Hansell, Stewards of Cootes Watershed, respecting an update to the Public Works Committee on their work, be approved for a future meeting.

CARRIED

(ii) James Lafferty respecting Damage from Truck Traffic on Corlis Road in Binbrook (Added Item 4.2)

(Collins/Merulla)
That the delegation request from James Lafferty respecting Damage from Truck Traffic on Corlis Road in Binbrook, be approved for a future meeting.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Melanie Suchecki, Board Chair, Friends of the Aviary, respecting a Request for an Extension to find new space for the birds (Added Item 5.3)

(Jackson/Merulla)
That the Correspondence from Melanie Suchecki, Board Chair, Friends of the Aviary, respecting a Request for an Extension to find new space for the birds, be referred to the consideration of Item 10.4 – being an Amendment to Item 8.5 of Public Works Committee Report 17-013 respecting Report PW17080 (Ward 1) – Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park.

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Michael Gemmell, Executive Director, Green Venture, respecting an Update on Green Venture's Outreach and Education work completed on behalf of the City of Hamilton (Item 6.1)

Mr. Michael Gemmell, Executive Director of Green Venture, provided the Committee with an update about Green Venture's Outreach and Education work, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record and is available through the Office of the City Clerk and on www.hamilton.ca.

(Collins/VanderBeek)
That the delegation from Michael Gemmell, Executive Director, Green Venture, respecting an Update on Green Venture's Outreach and Education work completed on behalf of the City of Hamilton, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Julie Gordon respecting Opposition to Aerial Spraying to combat Gypsy Moths (Item 6.2)

Ms. Julie Gordon addressed the Committee respecting her opposition to the aerial spraying to combat Gypsy Moths.

(VanderBeek/Whitehead)
That the delegation from Julie Gordon respecting Opposition to Aerial Spraying to combat Gypsy Moths, be received.

CARRIED

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Recycling Market Impacts on the Hamilton Blue Box Program (Item 7.1)

Mr. Emil Prpic, Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal, addressed the Committee respecting the impact that the recycling market has on the Hamilton Blue Box Program, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record and is available through the Office of the City Clerk and on www.hamilton.ca.

(Collins/Merulla)
That the presentation respecting Recycling Market Impacts on the Hamilton Blue Box Program, be received.

CARRIED

(h) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Meadowbrook Drive Repairs (Item 9.3)

Councillor Ferguson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Jackson in order to introduce a motion respecting Meadowbrook Drive Repairs.

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 7.

Councillor Ferguson assumed the Chair.

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

(i) Emergency Shoreline Protection Works (Added Item 10.1)

Councillor Collins introduced a Notice of Motion respecting Emergency Shoreline Protection Works.

(Collins/Merulla)
That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Emergency Shoreline Protection Works.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 8.

(ii) Capital Repairs to Veevers House (EcoHouse) (Ward 5) (Added Item 10.2)

Councillor Collins introduced a Notice of Motion respecting Capital Repairs to Veevers House (EcoHouse).

(Collins/Merulla)
That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Capital Repairs to Veevers House (EcoHouse).

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 9.

(iii) Ward 2 Investment Stabilization Reserve Funded Projects (Added Item 10.3)

Councillor Merulla introduced a Notice of Motion respecting Ward 2 Investment Stabilization Reserve Funded Projects.

(Merulla/Collins)
That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Ward 2 Investment Stabilization Reserve Funded Projects.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 10.

(iv) Amendment to Item 8.5 of Public Works committee Report 17-013 respecting Report PW17080 (Ward 1) – Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park (Added Item 10.4)

(i) Correspondence from Melanie Suchecki, Board Chair, Friends of the Aviary, respecting a Request for an Extension to find new space for the birds (Added Item 5.3)

That the Correspondence from Melanie Suchecki, Board Chair, Friends of the Aviary, respecting a Request for an Extension to find new space for the birds, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Amendment to Item 8.5 of Public Works committee Report 17-013 respecting Report PW17080 (Ward 1) – Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park (Added Item 10.4)

Councillor Jackson introduced a Notice of Motion respecting Amendment to Item 8.5 of Public Works committee Report 17-013 respecting Report PW17080 (Ward 1) – Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park.

(Jackson/Merulla)
That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting an Amendment to Item 8.5 of Public Works committee Report 17-013 respecting Report PW17080 (Ward 1) – Aviary, 85 Oak Knoll Drive, Churchill Park.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 11.

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Update from the General Manager of Public Works respecting Items/Matters of Interest to the Committee (Item 11.1)

There was no update to provide at this time.

(ii) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(a) Transfer of Item (Item 11.2(a))

Mandatory Drive Thru Garbage Containers

(Merulla/Collins)
That the matter respecting Mandatory Drive Thru Garbage Containers remain with the Public Works Committee.

CARRIED

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Whitehead/Collins)
That there being no further business, the Public Works Committee be adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor L. Ferguson, Chair
Public Works Committee

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