

Request to Speak to a Committee of Council

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Standing Committee Requested

Kindly indicate which Standing Committee: *

Public Works

Requestor Information

Name of Individual: * Pamela Blais of Metropole Consultants

Name of Organization: Friends of Red Hill Valley

Do you or your organization represent a lobbyist (voluntary) Yes
 No

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Reason(s) for delegation request: * The noted urban planner Dr Pamela Blais, has agreed to be this year's Spirit of Red Hill Valley lecturer on Monday, November 7. Her 2010 book – Perverse Cities: Hidden Subsidies, Wonky Policy and Urban Sprawl – has won critical praise including being short-listed for the Donner Prize. More information is available at <http://perversecities.ca/> Dr Blais suggests that urban planning has focused on curbing sprawl by treating its symptoms — aiming to regulate more compact, livable urban forms into being. Most urbanists view sprawl as an expensive and unsustainable pattern of development while a few defend it as the natural expression of the market and consumer lifestyle preferences. In Perverse Cities, Blais argues that both views fail to recognize market distortions and flawed policy that drive sprawl. She shows that, as a result of crude public policies, a wide range of urban goods and services are subject to inaccurate price signals, including housing, non-residential properties, transportation and utilities. Mis-pricing creates hidden, "perverse" subsidies and incentives that promote sprawl while discouraging more efficient and sustainable urban forms — clearly not what most planners and environmentalists have in mind. Ms Blais has agreed to be available to speak to the regular meeting of the Public Works committee on the morning of November 7. Please accept this as our application for her to speak. We would suggest that her stature and message deserve an extended hearing, and hope you can urge the committee to allocate 15 minutes for her presentation. She is aware of the mandate of the Public Works committee and will tailor her presentation to that mandate. She is not available to speak on any other day than November 7.

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?* Yes
 No

Overhead projector required for the presentation

Power Point required for the presentation

Requests to speak to Council are forwarded to the Standing Committee for consideration. Once considered by Committee, and approved, you will be notified of the date for your presentation.

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