



Public Works Committee

MINUTES

9:30 a.m.

Monday, January 16, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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- Present:** Councillor B. McHattie (Chair), L. Ferguson (Vice-Chair)
Councillors C. Collins, S. Merulla, T. Jackson,
S. Duvall, L. Ferguson, R. Powers
- Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor R. Pasuta – City Business
Councillor T. Whitehead –Personal
- Also Present:** Mayor B. Bratina
Councillors J. Partridge, J. Farr, M. Pearson
C. Murray, City Manager
G. Davis, General Manager Public Works
B. Goodger, Senior Director of Operations & Waste Management
J. Mater, Senior Director of Transportation, Energy & Facilities
D. McKinnon, Director of Water and Wastewater Operations
C. Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services
P. Parker, Director of Support Services
R. Norman, Acting Director, Environment and Sustainable
Infrastructure
M. Stewart, S. Barnhart, J. Rowen, Public Works
T. Tollis, City Treasurer
R. Male, Director of Financial Services
D. Edwards, Senior Solicitor
E. Filippone, Solicitor
A. Grozelle, Legislative Co-ordinator, City Clerk's Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Update to Proposed Westbound Ramps to Highway 403 (PW11027a) (Wards
1 and 12) (Item 5.3)**

(Ferguson/Powers)

That report PW11027a respecting Update to Proposed Westbound Ramps to
Highway 403, be received. **CARRIED**

2. Proposed Permanent Closure of Palacebeach Trail - Bridgeport Phase 1 and 3 (PW12002) (Ward 11) (Item 6.2)

(Jackson/Merulla)

- (a) That the application to permanently close a portion of the road allowance being Palacebeach Trail, part of Block 114 on Plan 62M-1073 being Part 1 on Plan 62R-19174 be approved;
- (b) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare a By-law to permanently close the highway;
- (c) That the draft By-law attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW12002 be introduced, read, and passed by Council;
- (d) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to register a certified copy of the By-law permanently closing the highway in the proper Land Titles Office;
- (e) That the By-law permanently closing the highway does not take effect until a certified copy of the By-law is registered in the proper Land Titles Office;
- (f) That the one foot reserve, part of Block 114 on Plan 62M-1073, be reconveyed to Homes by Desantis (Meadows) Incorporated.

CARRIED

Note: There is no Item 3 to Report 12-001 due to a typographical error.

4. Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review - Draft Final Report (PW12004) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Duvall)

That staff be directed to include the following items in the Table of Contents of the Final version of the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review Report:

- (a) Tipping fee review at Community Recycling Centres (CRC)
- (b) The cause and effect relationship of the implementation of the one bag limit on illegal dumping. This item is to include consultations with Municipal Law Enforcement and the Clean City Liaison Committee

CARRIED

(Powers/Jackson)

That Report PW12004 respecting Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review Draft Final Report, be received.

CARRIED

**5. Clean City Liaison Committee Terms of Reference (PW12003)(City Wide)
(Item 8.2)**

(Collins/Ferguson)

That the revised terms of reference for the Clean City Liaison Committee attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW12003 be approved. **CARRIED**

6. Delegation Request from Hamaz Khan of the Hillfield Strathallan College Environment Club respecting a proposal to seek formal designation as a "Blue Community" (Item 6.1)

(McHattie/Powers)

That the handouts provided by Hamaz Khan of the Hillfield Strathallan College Environment Club attached as Appendix B to Report 12-001 be received. **CARRIED**

7. Delegation Request from Vaughan Martin of the Flamborough Community Council respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.5)

(Powers/Jackson)

That the handout provided by Vaughan Martin of the Flamborough Community Council attached as Appendix C to Report 12-001 be received. **CARRIED**

8. Delegation Request from Larry Pomerantz of the Hamilton Civic League respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.7)

(Jackson/Ferguson)

That the handout provided by Larry Pomerantz of the Hamilton Civic League attached as Appendix D to Report 12-001 be received. **CARRIED**

9 Referral of Outstanding Business List Item to Planning Committee (Item 11.1)

(Jackson/Powers)

That the Outstanding Business List Item respecting the East Gwillimbury Resolution on Brownfield Redevelopment be referred to the Planning Committee. **CARRIED**

10. Appointments to Fill Vacancies on the Hamilton Cycling Committee (Item 12.1)

(Duvall/Collins)

That Tyler Shepherd and Jordan Fysh be appointed to the Hamilton Cycling Committee until such time as successors are appointed following the 2014 election.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item A)

(i) 2011 Ontario Concrete Award for Courtcliffe Park Project (Ward 15) (Item A)

Chair McHattie announced that Courtcliffe Park in Carlisle was recently recognized with an Ontario Concrete Award in the category of Specialty Concrete Products. The Chair indicated that this location posed difficulties for design because the rural setting contained no stormwater management infrastructure. Because of this stormwater needed to flow directly into the floodplain and ultimately the adjacent creek system. Chair McHattie indicated that staff used pervious concrete as a stormwater management solution to help ease environmental impacts of the expanded parking lot as well as a number of other innovative stormwater management technologies employed as part of the park revitalization project.

Chair McHattie indicated that Courtcliffe Park is the first instance in Hamilton of the installation of pervious concrete as a Low Impact Development technique for managing stormwater. He indicated that this is being used as a pilot project that will enable the City to understand the behaviour and performance of pervious concrete pavement in our community. The Ontario Concrete Award recognizes the efforts of the pervious concrete parking lot design led by Landscape Architectural Services staff, with construction supervision of this unique concrete application, from Construction Services staff.

Chair McHattie presented the award to Public Works staff Meghan Stewart, Steve Barnhart, Rob Norman and Jeff Rowen

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- 4.3 Delegation Request from Vaughan Martin of the Flamborough Community Council respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide)

- 4.4 Delegation Request from Dr. Lynda Lukasik of Environment Hamilton respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide)
- 4.5 Delegation Request from Larry Pomerantz of the Hamilton Civic League respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide)
- 4.6 Delegation Request from Lisa Schumph of the Salvation Army Lawson Ministries respecting support to changes to the ATS Eligibility Criteria

(Powers/Jackson)

That the January 16, 2012 Public Works Committee Agenda be approved, as amended. **CARRIED**

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) December 5, 2011 (Item 3.1)

(Duvall/Merulla)

That the Minutes of the December 5, 2011 Public Works Committee be approved, as presented. **CARRIED**

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Delegation Request from Peter Hutton of the Waste Reduction Task Force respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

(Collins/Merulla)

That the Delegation Request from Peter Hutton of the Waste Reduction Task Force, respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d), be approved and the rules of order be waived to allow the delegation to be heard today. **CARRIED**

- (ii) **Delegation Request from Paulina Leung of Emterra Environmental Ltd. respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)**

(Powers/Jackson)

That the Delegation Request from Paulina Leung of Emterra Environmental Ltd, respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d), be denied. **CARRIED**

- (iii) **Delegation Request from Vaughan Martin of the Flamborough Community Council respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Item 4.3)**

(Collins/Merulla)

That the Delegation Request from Vaughan Martin of the Flamborough Community Council, respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d), be approved and the rules of order be waived to allow the delegation to be heard today. **CARRIED**

- (iv) **Delegation Request from Dr. Lynda Lukasik of Environment Hamilton respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Item 4.4)**

(Collins/Merulla)

That the Delegation Request from Dr. Lynda Lukasik of Environment Hamilton, respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d), be approved and the rules of order be waived to allow the delegation to be heard today. **CARRIED**

- (v) **Delegation Request from Larry Pomerantz of the Hamilton Civic League respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Item 4.5)**

(Collins/Merulla)

That the Delegation Request from Larry Pomerantz of the Hamilton Civic League, respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d), be approved and the rules of order be waived to allow the delegation to be heard today. **CARRIED**

- (vi) **Delegation Request from Lisa Schumph of the Salvation Army Lawson Ministries respecting support to changes to the ATS Eligibility Criteria (Item 4.6)**

(Jackson/Collins)

That the Delegation Request from Lisa Schumph of the Salvation Army Lawson Ministries respecting support to changes to the ATS Eligibility Criteria be approved. **CARRIED**

(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

- (i) **Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (Item 5.1)**

(Powers/Ferguson)

That the following Sub-Committee Minutes be received.

5.1.1 Hamilton Cycling Committee – October 5, 2011

5.1.2 Solid Waste Master Plan Steering Committee – November 10, 2011

5.1.3 Clean City Liaison Committee – November 17, 2011 **CARRIED**

- (ii) **Halton-Hamilton Source Water Protection Committee - November 8, 2011 (Item 5.2)**

(Collins/Powers)

That the Minutes of the Halton-Hamilton Source Water Protection Committee November 8, 2011 meeting be received. **CARRIED**

(g) DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 6)

- (i) **Delegation Request from Hamaz Khan of the Hillfield Strathallan College Environment Club respecting a proposal to seek formal designation as a “Blue Community” (Item 6.1)**

Hamaz Khan of the Hillfield Strathallan College Environment Club addressed the Committee respecting the Blue Community designation. Mr. Khan provided several handouts for the review of Committee members. He outlined his clubs desire to see the City of Hamilton to recognize water as a basic human right and become a “Blue Community”. Asked the City of Hamilton to phase out or stop selling bottled water at City facilities.

Committee members thanked the Hillfield Strathallan College Environment Club for their presentation.

(McHattie/Powers)

That staff be directed to liaison with the Hillfield Strathlan College Environment Club and report back to the Public Works Committee on requirements to make the City of Hamilton a “Blue Community”.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Powers)

That the presentation by Hamaz Khan of the Hillfield Strathallan College Environment Club be received.

CARRIED

For disposition on this item refer to Item 5.

(ii) Proposed Permanent Closure of Palacebeach Trail - Bridgeport Phase 1 and 3 (PW12002) (Item 6.2)

Chair McHattie asked if any members of the public were in attendance that wished to speak to the Proposed Permanent Closure of Palacebeach Trail. No one came forward.

For disposition on this item refer to item 2.

(iii) Delegation by Peter Hutton of the Waste Reduction Task Force respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.3)

Peter Hutton of the Waste Reduction Task Force addressed the Committee with the aid of a Power Point Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the Official Record.

Mr. Hutton discussed the composition of the Task Force and their work. He indicated that the education aspect of bi-weekly pick up needs to address the public misconception that weekly pick up of recycling and green bins won't continue.

Councillor Powers asked for clarification on the overall diversion rate of 49% inquiring if single family homes are exceeding this rate. Mr. Hutton indicated that residential homes have a diversion rate of around 60% and that more focus is required on multi-residential waste diversion.

Committee members discussed focusing more on multi-residential accommodations, businesses and schools. There was also discussion on illegal dumping.

(Powers/Merulla)

That the delegation by Peter Hutton of the Waste Reduction Task Force respecting agenda Item 7.1 be received.

CARRIED

- (iv) **Delegation by Vaughan Martin of the Flamborough Community Council respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) and Item 8.1 Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review – Draft Final Report (PW12003) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.5)**

Vaughan Martin of the Flamborough Community Council addressed the Committee respecting agenda Items 7.1 and 8.1. Mr. Martin provided a handout to the Committee members outlining the Flamborough Community Councils recommendations regarding the review of the Solid Waste Management Master Plan (SWMMP) and Collection System Procurement Process for 2013-2020. He provided an overview of the five recommendations of the Flamborough Community Council.

Mr. Martin spoke in support of bi-weekly collection, however would like to see committee consider other changes as well for increased flexibility in the system. The Flamborough Community Council is also in support of expanding the City's CCF and MRF to process material from other municipalities, giving priority to Hamilton's needs. Continued use of the Glanbrook Landfill for the next five years then undertaking a review of disposal capacity needs is also supported. The review should include consideration of EFW and thermal technologies as well as best practices from other municipalities.

For disposition on this item refer to Item 6.

(Powers/Jackson)

That the delegation by Vaughan Martin of the Flamborough Community Council respecting agenda Item 7.1 be received. **CARRIED**

- (v) **Delegation Request from Dr. Lynda Lukasik of Environment Hamilton respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.6)**

Dr. Lynda Lukasik of Environment Hamilton addressed the Committee respecting agenda Item 7.1.

Dr. Lukasik Discussed the need to make sure that there is public information available and community outreach and involvement. She also suggested that the Committee give consideration to the six bag bi-weekly limit and asked that it be reduced, either initially or incrementally throughout the seven year term.

(Collins/Powers)

That the delegation by Dr. Lynda Lukasik of Environment Hamilton respecting agenda Item 7.1 be received. **CARRIED**

(vi) Delegation Request from Larry Pomerantz of the Hamilton Civic League respecting agenda Item 7.1, Waste Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.7)

Larry Pomerantz of the Hamilton Civic League addressed the Committee respecting agenda Item 7.1. He provided a handout to committee members that outlined his presentation.

Mr. Pomerantz indicated that increasing the bag limit to 6 bags bi-weekly would discourage people from other waste diversion methods. Discussed that what is important is the weight limit not the bag limit.

(Jackson/Ferguson)

That the delegation by Larry Pomerantz of the Hamilton Civic League respecting agenda Item 7.1 be received. **CARRIED**

For disposition on this Item refer to Item 8.

(h) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Waste Collection Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d) (City Wide) (Item 7.1) (Item 7.1)

Debbie Edwards, Senior Solicitor provided committee members with an update on the RFP complaint process and outlined the options available to committee members to accommodate possible complainants being heard at the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee.

Beth Goodger, Senior Director of Operations & Waste Management and Pat Parker, Director of Support Services addressed the Committee with the aid of a Power Point Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

Staff outlined the report and recommendations before Committee and outlined the options presented for their consideration.

Committee members inquired about landfill lifespan and capacities based on the various options presented for consideration.

Committee members asked about waste and recycling services in other municipalities and how this was factored into the options presented. There was also discussion on public education on the move to a bi-weekly system.

Committee members discussed their desire to address the specific issue around bi-weekly pick up of items like diapers and kitty litter.

Committee members discussed the various options available to them and asked staff for clarification on how different combinations of these options would impact cost savings and diversion rates.

Councillor Duvall asked staff to factor the costs of illegal dumping into their overall consideration.

Councillor Pearson asked what the amount of profit the City made in 2011 from the sale of Recyclable materials. Staff indicated that they would have to review the number and get back to the Committee.

Staff outlined the issues Committee had requested further information on as follows:

- Staff will resolve any RFP complaint process related matters and will be meeting with the proponent that sent letters to the Councillors.
- Investigate if there is any cost savings for moving to bi-weekly bulk collection for Project 3.
- Investigate how other municipalities educate the public about a bi-weekly collection system, especially around diapers and pet waste. Investigate if there any relief valves that can be put in place in the system specifically around these issues.
- Provide further details on landfill capacity and the waste diversion possible through the various options presented to Committee.
- Provide additional information on the proposed weekly Leaf and Yard Waste collection service on where staff and resources are utilized during the times of year when these materials are not being generated.
- Provide a further summary of the cost of the various options and clarification of potential savings.

Committee members requested staff bring back information respecting the following:

- Provide information on an acceptable reduction in the bi-weekly 6 bag limit as well as consider if this reduction would require a continuance of the Special Considerations policy. If the continuation of Special Considerations policy is to be considered staff are requested to provide information on making this system broader.
- Staff are to consider a pilot Bulk Waste collection reuse event. Councillor Powers offered Dundas as a possible location for this pilot.

- Councillor Powers stated that the Committee should stay the course for the next seven years with whatever system they agree to, unless circumstances come forward that require an alteration. Chair McHattie indicated that he agrees with this; however would like to see additional action taken on the multi-residential diversion rates.
- Staff are to investigate the consequences of allowing pet waste and diapers in green carts, and provide details the additional financial costs and technical difficulties this would create
- Councillor Duvall asked staff to compare the cost of waiving tipping fees to that of a bag tag system. Staff indicated that waiving of tipping fees is something that they will be reporting back on as part of the options to reduce the six bag bi-weekly limit; however they had not recommended the City move to a tag system. Councillor Duvall requested that staff provide information on how a tag system would work, including costs.
- Committee members asked for the information from staff as expediently as possible.

(Collins/Merulla)

That the staff presentation respecting Report PW11030d, Waste Collection Procurement Process for 2013-2020, be received.

CARRIED

(Ferguson/Jackson)

That Report PW11030d, Waste Collection Procurement Process for 2013-2020 be referred to the February 6, 2012 Public Works Committee meeting.

CARRIED

(i) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review - Draft Final Report (PW12004) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Duvall)

That staff be directed to include the following items in the Table of Contents of the Final version of the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review Report:

- (a) Tipping fee review at Community Recycling Centres (CRC)
- (b) The cause and effect relationship of the implementation of the one bag limit on illegal dumping. This item is to include consultations with Municipal Law Enforcement and the Clean City Liaison Committee

CARRIED

(Jackson/Powers)

That a special Public Works Committee meeting be held in April to address the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review and all members of Council be invited to attend. **CARRIED**

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

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(a) Referral to Planning Committee

That the following item be referred to the Planning Committee:

(Jackson/Powers)

- (i) Item S - East Gwillimbury Resolution, respecting
Brownfield Redevelopment**

CARRIED

(k) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Appointment of members to the Hamilton Cycling Committee (Item 12.1)

Committee indicated that they did not need to go into Closed Session to discuss the appointments.

For disposition on this item refer to Item 10.

(l) ADJOURNMENT

(Ferguson /Jackson)

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. McHattie, Chair
Public Works Committee

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator
January 16, 2012