



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES 13-011

9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 16, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors L. Ferguson (Chair), T. Whitehead (Vice Chair),
B. McHattie, S. Merulla, R. Powers, C. Collins, S. Duvall

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors, T. Jackson, R. Pasuta – Vacation

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Central Park Subsurface Soil Investigation (PW13069) (Item 5.3)

(Collins/Merulla)

That Report PW13069 respecting Central Park Subsurface Soil Investigation, be received.

CARRIED

2. Free Street Tree Planting Program (No Copy) (Item 7.1)

(Collins/Merulla)

That staff be directed to consult with the appropriate City Housing Hamilton staff respecting extending the Free Street Planting Program to City Housing properties.

CARRIED

3. PRESTO Fare Card System Project (City Wide) (PW04117e) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Whitehead/McHattie)

That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to implement a PRESTO weekly loyalty program, effective October 14, 2013.

CARRIED

4. Tree Removal at 7 Virginia Court (Added Item 10.1 & 9.2)

(Collins/Merulla)

Whereas the resident of 7 Virginia Court has indicated that the City planted a tree on private property by accident approximately thirty-five years ago; and

Whereas the resident of 7 Virginia Court has indicated that the City has historically provided maintenance and care for the tree; and

Whereas the resident has indicated that the tree's roots are regularly interfering with sewer lines, incurring routine visits by City of Hamilton work crews to clear obstructions; and

Whereas the property owner of 7 Virginia Court has expressed his desire to his Ward Councillor that the City remove the tree.

Therefore be it resolved that:

That forestry staff be directed to remove the tree located at 7 Virginia Court.

CARRIED

5. Installation of an all-way Stop Control at the intersection of McNeilly Road and Barton Street (Ward 11) (Added Item 10.2 & 9.3)

(Powers/Merulla)

(a) That an all-way Stop Control and marked pedestrian walkway be placed at the intersection of McNeilly Road and Barton Street;

(b) That the appropriate amending By-law be passed.

CARRIED

6. Royal Connaught Streetscaping (Ward 2) (Added Item 10.3 & 9.4)

(Merulla/Powers)

That the appropriate staff from Public Works be directed to coordinate with the owner of the Royal Connaught in order to achieve the desired Streetscaping on Main Street between John Street South and Catherine Street South.

CARRIED

7. Referral of Outstanding Business List Item to the General Issues Committee (Item 11.1)

(McHattie/Powers)

That the following item be referred to the General Issues Committee with the revised Due Date:

- (i) Item G - Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities Report
13-002
Due Date - October 7, 2013
New Date - October 16, 2013

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) WITHDRAWN - Delegation from Nicholas Schwetz respecting residential parking on Locke Street (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Added as Item 9.1 – Motion respecting Future Requests for Lot Severances in the Developed Communities of Old Ancaster
- (iii) Added as Item 10.1 – Notice of Motion Tree Removal at 7 Virginia Court
- (iv) Added as Item 10.2 – Notice of Motion Installation of an All-way Stop Control at the intersection of McNeilly Road and Barton Street (Ward 11)

(Collins/Powers)

That the September 16, 2013 Public Works Committee Agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) September 3, 2013 (Item 3.1)

(Powers/Duvall)

That the Minutes of the September 3, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) **Delegation Request from John Vesprini respecting Report PW13065, Poor Drainage on Lake Avenue Drive (Added item 4.1) (No Copy)**

(Collins/Merulla)

That the delegation request from John Vesprini respecting Report PW 13065 Poor Drainage on Lake Avenue Drive, be approved for a future Committee meeting. **CARRIED**

(e) CONSENT ITEMS

- (i) **Minutes of Various Sub-Committees(FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY)(Item 5.1)**

(Collins/Merulla)

That the following Sub-committee Minutes be received.

- (a) Hamilton Cycling Committee
(i) June 5, 2013
(ii) July 3, 2013

CARRIED

- (ii) **Poor Drainage on Lake Avenue Drive (PW13065) (Ward 9) (Item 5.2)**

(Collins/Merulla)

That Report PW13065 respecting, Poor Drainage on Lake Avenue Drive, be tabled to the next Public Works Committee meeting.

CARRIED

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) **Delegation from Nicholas Schwetz respecting residential parking on Locke Street (Item 6.1)**

Mr. Schwetz contacted the Committee Clerk and withdrew his delegation prior to the Public Works Committee meeting.

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) **Free Street Tree Planting Program (No Copy) (Item 7.1)**

Mike McNamara, Manager of Forestry & Horticulture, addressed the Committee respecting Free Street Tree Planting Program with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

Mr. McNamara provided an overview of the Free Street Planting Program which began in 2004 and has planted over 30,000 trees. He indicated that they expect to plant 6,000 trees this year and has made huge strides in planting a diverse range and species of trees to provide more protection against pest and diseases. He spoke to the goal to increase the tree canopy to over 35% in the City by 2030. Mr. McNamara outline how the program operates, provided details on how residents can access the program and described the outreach and promotion done by staff.

(Powers/Collins)

That the presentation, respecting Free Street Tree Planting Program, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 2.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Future Requests for Lot Severances in the Developed Communities of Old Ancaster (Item 9.1)

(Ferguson/McHattie)

Whereas most of old Ancaster has rural cross section with open ditches for drainage rather than storm sewers; and

Whereas most lots in old Ancaster were large to accommodate septic systems before sanitary sewers were installed in the 1970's; and

Whereas there has been a significant change in heavy rain events in recent years; and

Whereas there have been a number of applications to split lots by severance; resulting in an increase in water run off, as pervious surfaces are being covered with additional driveways and roofs, resulting in the faster run off of rain; and

Whereas downstream properties have been at significant risk as overland ditches from storm drainage increases, resulting from this additional run off;

Therefore be it Resolved:

That staff be directed to determine if future requests for lot severances, in the developed communities of old Ancaster, that do not have storm sewers should not be permitted, due to potential downstream flooding, and report to the Public Works Committee.

CARRIED

(ii) Tree Removal at 7 Virginia Court (Added Item 10.1 & 9.2)

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 4.

(iii) Installation of an all-way Stop Control at the intersection of McNeilly Road and Barton Street (Ward 11) (Added Item 10.2 & 9.3)

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 5.

(iv) Royal Connaught Streetscaping (Ward 2) (Added Item 10.3 & 9.4)

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 6.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor C. Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion on behalf of Councillor T. Jackson.

(i) Tree Removal at 7 Virginia Court (Added Item 10.1)

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Whereas the resident has indicated that the tree's roots are regularly interfering with sewer lines, incurring routine visits by City of Hamilton work crews to clear obstructions; and

Whereas the property owner of 7 Virginia Court has expressed his desire to his Ward Councillor that the City remove the tree.

Therefore be it resolved that:

That forestry staff be directed to remove the tree located at 7 Virginia Court.

(Collins/Merulla)

That the rules of order be waived to allow a Motion to proceed respecting the removal of a tree located at 7 Virginia Court.

CARRIED

Councillor R. Powers introduced the following Notice of Motion.

(ii) Installation of an all-way Stop Control at the intersection of McNeilly Road and Barton Street (Ward 11) (Added Item 10.2)

- (a) That an all-way Stop Control and marked pedestrian walkway be placed at the intersection of McNeilly Road and Barton Street;
- (b) That the appropriate amending By-law be passed.

(Powers/Merulla)

That the rules of order be waived to allow a Motion to proceed Installation of an all-way Stop Control at the intersection of McNeilly Road and Barton Street.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 5.

Councillor S. Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion.

(iii) Royal Connaught Streetscaping (Ward 2) (Added Item 10.3 & 9.4)

That the appropriate staff from Public Works be directed to coordinate with the owner of the Royal Connaught in order to achieve the desired Streetscaping on Main Street between John Street South and Catherine Street South.

(Merulla/Powers)

That the rules of order be waived to allow a Motion to proceed respecting Royal Connaught Streetscaping.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 6.

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

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Powers/McHattie)

- (a) That the following item be approved for removal from the Outstanding Business List:

- (i) Item B - Correspondence Central Neighbourhood Association

CARRIED

(Merulla/Collins)

- (b) That the following proposed new due dates be approved

- (i) Item N - Tree Health and Maintenance in the Downtown Area
Current Date - October 7, 2013

New Date - November 18, 2013

(Powers/Whitehead)

That staff be directed to include an evaluation of Tree Health and Maintenance in the Dundas Downtown area in their Report to the Public Works Committee.

CARRIED

- (ii) Item K - Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation
Current Date - October 21, 2013
New Date – December 2, 2013

CARRIED

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Powers/Duvall)

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 10:41a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor L. Ferguson, Chair
Public Works Committee

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk