



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 15-007

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors S. Merulla (Chair), A. VanderBeek (Vice Chair)
C. Collins, S. Duvall, D. Conley, L. Ferguson

Absent with Regrets: Councillor Jackson – Personal
Councillor Whitehead – City Business
Councillor Pasuta - Personal

Also Present: Councillors J. Farr, M. Green and M. Pearson

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 15-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. HSR Bus Traffic on Redfern Avenue (PW15039) (Ward 8) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 5.1)

That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to take no action on the petition from residents requesting a reduction in HSR bus traffic on Redfern Avenue.

2. Temporary Road Closure of Hess Street - King to Main for Hesstival (PW15035) (Ward 2) (Item 5.2)

That the application from Hesstival for the temporary closure of Hess Street between Main Street and King Street, from 6:00 a.m. Saturday June 13, 2015, to 3:00 a.m. Sunday June 14, 2015, to hold a street festival, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) That the City may revoke the temporary road closure at any time to gain access for emergency services;
- (ii) That no property owner or resident within the barricaded area be denied access to their property upon request;
- (iii) That the applicant ensure that clean-up operations be carried out immediately before the re-opening of the roads, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works or designate at the expense of the event organizer;
- (iv) That all barricading and traffic control be supplied by the applicant, and must conform to "Ministry of Transportation Book 7 - Temporary Conditions";
- (v) That all barricading and traffic control be subject to the direction and satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works or designate with all costs the responsibility of the applicant;
- (vi) That all warning boards and detour signs manufactured and installed by the City of Hamilton in advance of the closure be at the expense of the applicant;
- (vii) That the applicant notify all property owners and tenants along the closed portion of the route of the event in writing a minimum of two weeks in advance of the closure. The notice must be completed prior to the event in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works or designate, providing, but not limited to a 24-hour contact name and telephone number;
- (viii) That the applicant provide proof of \$2,000,000 public liability insurance naming the City of Hamilton as an added insured party with a provision for cross liability, and holding the City of Hamilton harmless from all actions, causes of action, interests, claims, demands, costs, damages, expenses and loss;
- (ix) That the applicant pay the required full road closure fee of \$621.75 made payable to "The City of Hamilton" prior to road closure.

3. Red Hill Valley Parkway Improvements (PW13081(a)) (Wards 5, 6 and 9) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.3)

That PW Report 13081(a) respecting Red Hill Valley Parkway Improvements be received.

4. Pedestrian Signal Program Update (TOE01010(b)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.4)

That PW Report TOE01010(b)) respecting a Pedestrian Signal Program Update be received.

5. Roads-Equipment Installation By-law - Permit Fee (PW15030(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

That a new provisional permit fee of \$200, under By-law 15-091, for equipment which will be accessed by the public (community mailboxes and any similar equipment) be approved and added to the User Fees and Charges By-law.

6. Traffic Operations and Engineering – The “Tools of the Trade” (Item 7.1)

- (a) That staff be directed, as part of the 2016 Budget Process, to develop a list of what neighbourhood traffic calming projects and increased traffic safety measures can be enhanced; and,
- (b) That staff include on that list information about what neighbourhood traffic calming projects have not been undertaken due to funding constraints; and,
- (c) That the implications and constraints related to using the Red Light Camera fund to support the projects be identified.

7. Hess Street South Sewer Connections (Item 9.1)

- (a) That the homeowners at numbers 379, 383, 385 and 389 Hess Street South each be provided a sewer lateral connection to the new sewer front their residences through the current construction contract; and,
- (b) That the homeowners directly undertake the work to realign their sewer outlets from the rear yards to the front; and,
- (c) That three quotes be obtained by the homeowners for this works; and,
- (d) That the homeowners be compensated by the City of Hamilton for the cost of this work through the Ward 2 Capital Reserve Account.

8. Additional Safety Measures for the Red Hill Valley Parkway and the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (Added Item 10.1)

That staff be directed to investigate additional safety measures for the Red Hill Valley Parkway and the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway, such as additional guardrails, lighting, lane markings or other means to help prevent further fatalities and serious injuries; and, report to the Public Works Committee with recommendations by December 7, 2015.

9. Battlefield Creek (Added Item 10.2)

That staff be directed to investigate the storm water outlets and infrastructure in Battlefield Creek (between King Street and Lake Avenue North) to ensure they are fully functional, and;

That a conditional assessment be undertaken of the same infrastructure, and;

That Public Works staff be directed to investigate the obstructions in Battlefield Creek and report to the Public Works Committee with a remedial action plan.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) Added as Item 6.1 – a Delegation Request from Wilf Rudd, Bal Harbour Committee, respecting Safety Concerns related to the Truck Route surrounding Green Millen Developments (for today's meeting)
- (ii) Added as Item 6.2 – a Delegation Request from Ernest Romain respecting the Condition of a Retaining Wall facing Wilson Street East in Ancaster (for a future meeting)
- (iii) Added as Item 6.3 – a Delegation Request from David Beland, Friends of Gage Park, respecting the Gage Park Bike Pump Track (for a future meeting)
- (iv) Added as Item 10.1 – a Notice of Motion respecting Additional Safety Measures for the Red Hill Valley Parkway and the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway
- (v) Added as Item 10.2 – a Notice of Motion respecting Battlefield Creek

The Agenda for the May 21, 2015 meeting of the Public Works Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) May 4, 2015 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the May 4, 2015 Public Works Committee meeting, were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Delegation Request from Wilf Rudd, Bal Harbour Committee, respecting Safety Concerns related to the Truck Route surrounding Green Millen Developments (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.1)

The delegation request from Wilf Rudd, Bal Harbour Committee, respecting Safety Concerns related to the Truck Route surrounding Green Millen Developments be approved for today's meeting.

(ii) Delegation Request from Ernest Romain respecting the Condition of a Retaining Wall facing Wilson Street East in Ancaster (for a future meeting) (Added Item 4.2)

The delegation request from Ernest Romain respecting the Condition of a Retaining Wall facing Wilson Street East in Ancaster, was approved for a future meeting.

(iii) Delegation Request from David Beland, Friends of Gage Park, respecting the Gage Park Bike Pump Track (for a future meeting) (Added Item 4.3)

The delegation request from David Beland, Friends of Gage Park, respecting the Gage Park Bike Pump Track was approved for a future meeting.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Roads-Equipment Installation By-law – Permit Fee (PW15030(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

Chair Merulla informed the Committee members that because Item 6.1 relates to a proposed permit fee that a public meeting was required.

Chair Merulla indicated that a notice about the public meeting was placed in local newspapers and on the City of Hamilton's website advising anyone that they may appear before the Committee. The Committee Clerk advised that no one registered to speak to this issue.

Chair Merulla asked if any members of the public wished to come forward to speak to this matter. No members of the public came forward.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 5.

(ii) Delegation from Wilf Rudd, Bal Harbour Committee, respecting Safety Concerns related to the Truck Route surrounding Green Millen Developments (Added Item 6.2)

Mr. Ron Naccarato of the Bal Harbour Committee, on behalf of Mr. Wilf Rudd, addressed the Committee regarding his concerns about Safety with the Truck Route surrounding Green Millen Developments with the aid of a visual presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the public record. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- The Bal Harbour Committee is not opposed to development in the area but they want to ensure that traffic corridors are safe
- The Bal Harbour Committee is worried that future/new developments will only add to traffic issues
- Photographs and Maps of the area were shown
- Concerns about the Safety of Children in Particular
- Major Concerns:
 - Traffic Study Update
 - Traffic Route
 - Trail
 - Signage
 - Speed Limits
 - Street Naming
 - Public Transportation

The delegation from Mr. Naccarato, on behalf of Mr. Wilf Rudd, of the Bal Harbour Committee, respecting Safety Concerns with the Truck Route surrounding Green Millen Developments, was received.

The concerns and material presented by the Bal Harbour Committee respecting Safety Concerns related to the Truck Route surrounding Green Millen Developments was referred to staff and the Ward Councillor to address the issues that were raised.

(f) PRESENTATION (Item 7)

(i) Traffic Operations and Engineering – The “Tools of the Trade” (Item 7.1)

Mr. Dave Ferguson, Superintendent, Traffic Engineering, made a presentation to the Committee respecting Traffic Operations and Engineering - The “Tools of the Trade” with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

Mr. Ferguson’s presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- History of Traffic Operations and Engineering
- Balancing Various Interests
- Traffic Signal Operations
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Strategic Road Safety Program

The presentation respecting Traffic Operations and Engineering – The “Tools of the Trade”, was received.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 7.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Hess Street South Sewer Connections (Item 9.1)

Whereas, the houses at numbers 379, 383, 385 and 389 Hess Street South are currently serviced by a sewer system that is over 100 years old; and,

Whereas, much of the sewer is located in the rear yard portion of private property in close proximity or under existing structures; and,
Whereas, Hess Street South from Aberdeen to the south end is currently undergoing reconstruction and the installation of new sewers,

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That the homeowners at numbers 379, 383, 385 and 389 Hess Street South each be provided a sewer lateral connection to the new sewer front their residences through the current construction contract; and,
- (b) That the homeowners directly undertake the work to realign their sewer outlets from the rear yards to the front; and,

- (c) That three quotes be obtained by the homeowners for this works; and,
- (d) That the homeowners be compensated by the City of Hamilton for the cost of this work through the Ward 2 Capital Reserve Account.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 7.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTIONS (Item 10)

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Additional Safety Measures for the Red Hill Valley Parkway and the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (Added Item 10.1)

Whereas, the tragic deaths of Olivia Smosarski and Jordyn Hastings on May 6, 2015 occurred on the Red Hill Valley Parkway; and,

Whereas, the City of Hamilton parkways have been the scene of other traffic fatalities and accidents;

Therefore be it resolved:

That staff be directed to investigate additional safety measures for the Red Hill Valley Parkway and the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway, such as additional guardrails, lighting, lane markings or other means to help prevent further fatalities and serious injuries; and, report to the Public Works Committee with recommendations by December 7, 2015.

The rules of order were waived to allow the introduction of a Motion respecting Additional Safety Measures for the Red Hill Valley Parkway and the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 8.

Councillor Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Battlefield Creek (Added Item 10.2)

That staff be directed to investigate the storm water outlets and infrastructure in Battlefield Creek (between King Street and Lake Avenue North) to ensure they are fully functional, and;

That a conditional assessment be undertaken of the same infrastructure, and;

That Public Works staff be directed to investigate the obstructions in Battlefield Creek and report to the Public Works Committee with a remedial action plan.

The rules of order were waived to allow the introduction of a Motion respecting Battlefield Creek.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 9.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Public Works Committee

Lauri Leduc
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