



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 15-016

9:30 a.m.

Monday, December 7, 2015

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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- Present:** Councillor S. Merulla (Chair)
Councillors C. Collins, T. Jackson, T. Whitehead, D. Conley,
L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek (Vice Chair)
- Absent with Regrets:** Councillor R. Pasuta – City Business
- Also Present:** Councillor M. Pearson
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THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 15-016 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan (PW13015(c)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

The Report PW13015(c) respecting the Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan, be received.

2. Intersection Control List (PW15001(h)) (Wards 2, 6, 10, 11 and 12) (Item 5.2)

- (a) That the appropriate By-law be presented to Council to provide traffic control as follows:

Intersection		Stop Direction		Class	Location / Comments / Petition	Ward
Street 1	Street 2	Existing	Requested			
Section "A" Ancaster						
(a)	Yahara Place	Nakoma Road	Yield	NB/SB	A	Public request to change existing yield to stop control 12
Section "E" Hamilton						
(b)	Compton Place	Edgewood Avenue	NC	NB	A	Housekeeping item – T-type intersection 6
(c)	Sherwood Rise	Edgewood Avenue	NC	NB	A	Housekeeping item – T-type intersection 6
(d)	Wellwood Street	Edgewood Avenue	NC	NB	A	Housekeeping item – T-type intersection 6
(e)	Brock Street	John Street North	EB/WB	NB/SB	A	North End TMP 2
(f)	Hughson Street North	Wood Street East	NB/SB	EB/WB	A	North End TMP 2
(g)	Hughson Street North	Simcoe Street East	NB/SB	EB/WB	A	North End TMP 2
(h)	Mary Street	Picton Street East	EB/WB	NB/SB	A	North End TMP 2
(i)	Mountain Brow Boulevard	Fennell Avenue East	EB	NB/SB	B	Safety Improvements 6
Section "F" Stoney Creek						
(j)	Worsley Street	Federal Street	EB/WB	NB/SB	A	Location supported by staff & Councillor 10
(k)	Northampton Boulevard / Kingspoint Circle	Westhampton Way / Kingspoint Circle	NB/SB	EB/WB	A	Lake Ponte Park safety review 11
(l)	Easthampton Road / Goldeye Drive	Northampton Boulevard	EB/WB	NB/SB	A	Lake Ponte Park safety review 11
(m)	Springsread Avenue	Easthampton Road / Cardiff Lane	NB/SB	EB/WB	A	Lake Ponte Park safety review 11
(n)	Springsread Avenue	Westhampton Way	NB/SB	EB/WB	A	Lake Ponte Park safety review 11

- (b) That the following Stop Control be approved and that the appropriate By-Law be presented to Council:

Intersection		Stop Direction		Class	Location / Comments / Petition	Ward	
Street 1	Street 2	Existing	Requested				
(a)	<i>Ferndale Avenue</i>	<i>Scotia Avenue</i>	<i>EB</i>	<i>NB/SB</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Petition to Ward Councillor</i>	<i>5</i>

Legend

No Control Existing (New Subdivision) - **NC**

Intersection Class: **A** - Local/Local **B** - Local/Collector **C** - Collector/Collector

3. 2016 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission - Hamilton Cycling Committee (PW15089) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

- (a) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCyC) 2016 base budget submission, in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), as described in Appendix A to PW Report 15-016, be approved and forwarded to the 2016 budget process (General Issues Committee);
- (b) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2016 of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), funded by the Volunteer Committee Reserve (#112212) reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2016 budget process (General Issues Committee).

4. History of the Plans for Closure of Second Road West (PW15088) (Wards 6, 9 and 11) (Item 5.4)

That Report PW15088 respecting the History of the Plans for Closure of Second Road West, be received.

5. Status of High Wattage Street Lighting Incentive as of December 2015 (PW14119(c)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

That Report PW14119(c) respecting the Status of High Wattage Street Lighting Incentive as of December 2015, be received.

6. Bus Hoist Standardization (PW15090) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)

That the General Manager of Public Works or delegate be authorized to use Procurement Policy 14 to standardize the purchase and installation of shallow excavation replacement shop hoists from Nova Quip Lifting Systems in order to accommodate the maintenance of the Transit revenue bus fleet with funding approved for this purchase through Capital budgets #5301451500 and #5301551500, Replace Bus Hoists.

7. Gord Gilmet, Ruetgers Canada Inc., respecting an Extension to the Sewer Use Bylaw Compliance Agreement (Added Item 6.1)

- (a) That staff be directed to work with Ruetgers Canada Inc. to establish an acceptable Sewer Discharge Compliance Permit (with a schedule to accommodate the necessary upgrades and commissioning of works necessary to come into compliance with the City's Sewer Use By-Law with a final end date of June 30, 2017);
- (b) That a report be prepared for the Public Works Committee on the outcome of this discussion.

8. Confederation Park Management Agreement (PW11005(c)/FCS15090) (Ward 5) (Item 7.2)

- (a) That Appendix B attached to PW Report 15-016 respecting *Operational Review of Confederation Park, Hamilton, ON, Sierra Planning and Management, 2015*, be received;
- (b) That based on the results of the operational review the City of Hamilton continue with the Hamilton Conservation Authority as the operators under agreement to manage Confederation Park moving forward;
 - (i) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to negotiate a long-term operating agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority for Confederation Park in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
 - (ii) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement as outlined in Report PW11005c/FCS15090;
- (c) That payment to the Hamilton Conservation Authority of \$696,217 to cover the Confederation Park accumulated deficit to December 31, 2014 be approved and funded from the following;

- (i) Tax Stabilization Reserve #110046 – for the operating deficit from 2014 of \$366,397;
- (ii) 2014 Year-End Operating Budget Surplus – for the accumulated operating deficit to 2013 of \$329,820 (previously approved by Council through Report FCS14047b);
- (d) That an increase to the operating budget for Confederation Park in the amount of \$70,000 be referred to the 2016 budget process for consideration;
- (e) That a Waterpark Reserve be established as follows;
 - (i) That the 2015 operating surplus from the Waterpark operations, estimated at \$300,000, be transferred to the Waterpark Reserve with the exact amount to be determined when the HCA's financial audited statements are finalized in the spring of 2016;
 - (ii) That future annual Waterpark operating surpluses (if realized) be transferred to the Waterpark Reserve so that at least a minimum balance of \$300,000 is maintained, and that reserve funds at or below the \$300,000 level be used to offset future annual operating deficits (if realized);
 - (iii) That Waterpark Reserve balance above the \$300,000 minimum level be available for use for capital improvements at the Waterpark, as approved by the City of Hamilton in consultation with the Waterpark operators, and as one component of a comprehensive 10-year capital plan as outlined in Report PW11005c/FCS15090;
- (f) That the Consolidated Loan Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Conservation Authority, as amended on December 8, 2008, in the amount of \$1,699,015 be cancelled as mutually agreed;
- (g) That the capital expenditures for Confederation Park of \$1,699,015 be funded and repaid from the Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve 108020 at \$264,790 annually until December 2023.

9. Creating Accessible Washrooms on the Hamilton Beach Front Trail (PW15087) (Ward 5) (Outstanding Business Item) (Item 8.1)

That Report PW15087 respecting Creating Accessible Washrooms on the Hamilton Beach Front Trail be received and referred to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disability for review and comment.

10. The Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) & Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Safety Review (PW15091) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the General Manager of Public Works be directed to implement the short-term safety options identified in Appendix C to PW Report 15-016 and that these options be funded from the Red Light Camera Reserve (112203) and that staff be directed to report back to Public Works Committee on the results;
- (b) That the design with request to the medium and long term items in PW Report 15-016 as Appendix D be deferred pending the outcome of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) update;
- (c) That a request be made to the Hamilton Chief of Police and the Hamilton Police Services Board to undertake regular speed and aggressive driving enforcement on the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) and that they be requested to report back to Council annually on the results;
- (d) That a copy of Report PW15091 be provided to the Joint Stewardship Board of the Red Hill Valley for information;
- (e) ***That staff be directed to install signs stating the penalties and costs associated with speeding at appropriate locations on the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway and the Red Hill Valley Parkway.***

11. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for 2016 (Item 9.1)

- (a) That Councillor T. Whitehead be appointed as Chair of the Public Works Committee for 2016
- (b) That Councillor A. VanderBeek be appointed as Vice Chair of the Public Works Committee for 2016.

12. Implementing Photo Radar on the Linc and Red Hill Valley Parkway (Added Item 10.1)

That Public Works staff seek out provincial approval from the Ministry of Transportation to allow the City of Hamilton to implement photo radar on the Linc and Red Hill Valley Parkway.

13. Residential Protective Plumbing Program (LS15037) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

That Report LS15037 respecting the Residential Protective Plumbing Program be received and remain confidential.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item A)

(i) Commendation for HSR Operator

Chair Merulla introduced Ms. Christina Edwards, an HSR Operator, and thanked her for her actions in saving the life of a citizen.

While driving her route, Ms. Edwards stopped and performed live-saving CPR on an elderly woman lying on the sidewalk. Ms. Edwards helped the woman until paramedics arrived and the woman was transported to hospital. Chair Merulla commended Ms. Edwards for her quick-thinking actions and presented her with a certificate of commendation.

(ii) City of Hamilton Urban Design Award

Chair Merulla congratulated the City's Public Works Department upon receiving several awards recently.

The Gore Park Pedestrianization Initiative and the Establishment of Veterans' Place was recognized with an Urban Design Award for Outstanding Achievement and Excellence in Urban Design. The Gore Park Pedestrianization Project was also recognized by the Ontario Concrete Association with an Award for Architectural Hardscape Excellence. The project team joined Chair Merulla at the podium and were presented with the awards. Staff on the project team who were recognized were: Jeff Harris, Jeff Pidsadny and Le'Ann Seely.

(iii) Gore Park Pedestrianization Award

Chair Merulla also recognized staff upon receiving the Award of Excellence in Heritage Restoration for the Gage Park Restoration Project. Chair Merulla was joined at the podium by Steve Barnhart and H.T. Lam. Lawrence Stasiuk was also congratulated for his work on the project but he was unable to attend the meeting.

(b) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) Added Item 4.3 – Delegation Request from Gord Gilmet, Ruetgers Canada Inc., respecting an Extension to the Sewer Use Bylaw Compliance Agreement (for today's meeting)
- (ii) Added Item 4.4 – Delegation Request from Alan Hansell, Stewards of Cootes Watershed, respecting a Fee for Service Proposal for Watershed Clean Up (for a future meeting)
- (iii) Added Item 10.1 – Notice of Motion respecting Implementing Photo Radar on the Linc and Red Hill Valley Parkway

The Agenda for the December 7, 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) November 16, 2015 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the November 16, 2015 Public Works Committee meeting, were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Alex Kutly respecting Measures to Increase Efforts to Reduce Material going to Landfills (for a future meeting) (Item 4.1)

The delegation request from Alex Kutly respecting Measures to Increase Efforts to Reduce Material going to Landfills, was approved for a future meeting.

(ii) Cassandra Ferdinand respecting the Use of Colloidal Silver to Treat Sewage Water (for a future meeting) (Item 4.2)

The delegation request from Cassandra Ferdinand respecting the Use of Colloidal Silver to Treat Sewage Water, was approved for a future meeting.

- (iii) **Gord Gilmet, Ruetgers Canada Inc., respecting an Extension to a Sewer Use Bylaw Compliance Agreement (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.3)**

The delegation request from Gord Gilmet, Ruetgers Canada Inc., respecting an Extension to a Sewer Use Bylaw Compliance Agreement, was approved for today's meeting.

- (iv) **Alan Hansell, Stewarts of Cootes Watershed, respecting a Fee for Service Proposal for Watershed Clean Up (for a future meeting) (Added Item 4.4)**

The delegation request from Alan Hansell, Stewarts of Cootes Watershed, respecting a Fee for Service Proposal for Watershed Clean Up, was approved for a future meeting.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

- (i) **Intersection Control List (PW15001(h)) (Wards 2, 6, 10, 11 and 12) (Item 5.2)**

That PW Report 15001(h) respecting an Intersection Control List be amended by adding the installation of an All-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of Ferndale Avenue and Scotia Avenue.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

- (ii) **Minutes of Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCyC) (Item 5.6)**

- (i) **July 8, 2015 (Item 5.6)**

The July 8, 2015 minutes of the Hamilton Cycling Committee were received.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) **Gord Gilmet, Ruetgers Canada Inc., respecting an Extension to the Sewer Use Bylaw Compliance Agreement (Added Item 6.1)**

Mr. Gord Gilmet, Ruetgers Canada Inc., addressed the Committee respecting an Extension to the Sewer Use Bylaw Compliance Agreement with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record. Mr. Gilmet's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following information:

- Background on Ruetgers Canada
- Current Sewer Discharge Permit
- Improvements Achieved in Wastewater Quality
- Proposed Work Plan to Support the Request for a Sewer Discharge Permit

The delegation from Gord Gilmet, Ruetgers Canada Inc., respecting an Extension to the Sewer Use Bylaw Compliance Agreement, was received.

Chair Merulla relinquished the Chair to Councillor Collins in order to introduce a motion respecting Item 6.1.

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 7.

Councillor Merulla reassumed the Chair.

(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Status of PRESTO (Item 7.1)

Ms. Nancy Purser, Manager, Transit Support Services, addressed the Committee respecting the Status of PRESTO with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

Ms. Purser's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following information:

- What is PRESTO
- Council's Fare Policy and PRESTO
 - Ticket Fares
 - Monthly Pass Fares
 - Agreements
- Customer Benefits and Value
- GTA Fare System Project

- PRESTO Short Term Challenges
 - Market Share
 - Operating Agreement
 - Equipment

The presentation respecting the status of PRESTO, was received.

**(ii) Confederation Park Management Agreement (PW11005(c)/FCS15090)
(Ward 5) (Item 7.2)**

Mr. Peter Wobschall, Supervisor of Policy and Programs and Mr. Brian McMullen, Director, Financial Policy and Planning, addressed the Committee respecting the Confederation Park Management Agreement with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following information:

- Background
 - Confederation Park Business Units (City-Wide Park and Waterpark)
 - Successful Partnership with the Hamilton Conservation Authority
 - Budget
- Situational Analysis
 - Overview
 - Deficit
 - Operating Budgets
 - Investment
 - Loan
 - Operational Review
- Operational Review Recommendations
- Next Steps

The presentation respecting the Confederation Park Management Agreement, was received.

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 8.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) The Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Safety Review (PW15091) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 8.2)

Staff were directed to report to the Public Works Committee with information on the costs and process of investigating an improved lighting system on the Red Hill Valley Parkway and the Linc.

Staff were directed to investigate installing rumble strips on the sides of the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway with consideration being made to the possible noise side-effects that rumble strips may have on nearby property owners and report to the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Ferguson requested to be recorded as being **OPPOSED** to the Installation of Permanent Raised Pavement Markings from Greenhill Avenue to the Queen Elizabeth Way as outlined in Appendix A to PW15091.

For further disposition on this matter, refer to Item 10.

(i) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Implementing Photo Radar on the Linc and Red Hill Valley Parkway (Added Item 9.1)

- (a) That Public Works staff seek out provincial approval from the Ministry of Transportation to allow the City of Hamilton to implement photo radar on the Linc and Red Hill Valley Parkway.
- (b) That Public Works staff assess the feasibility of addressing an identified imperative countermeasure to public safety issues related to the Linc and Red Hill Valley Parkway, through the feasibility of implementing Photo Radar on our Parkways, and protecting the taxpayers from unnecessary tax implications, and report to the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Ferguson requested to be recorded as being **OPPOSED** to this Item.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 12.

(j) NOTICES OF MOTIONS (Item 10)

Chair Merulla relinquished the Chair to Councillor Whitehead in order to introduce the following Notice of Motion:

(j) Implementing Photo Radar on the Linc and Red Hill Valley Parkway (Added Item 10.1)

Whereas, enforcement of speeding has been identified as one imperative countermeasure to combat public safety issues related to the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) and Lincoln Alexander Parkway (Linc);

Whereas, the Hamilton Police Services has formally and publicly indicated the only means of increasing enforcement through the largest budgetary pressure of the City of Hamilton would be to exasperate the already unsustainable Hamilton Police Services budget by hiring specialized enforcement personnel;

Whereas, many other jurisdiction have implemented Photo radar to successfully to alter driver behaviour and increase public safety with no financial impact to the Hamilton taxpayer;

Whereas, Red Light cameras have been a success in combating public safety issue in Hamilton with no increased enforcement and tax implication from the Hamilton Police Services;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That Public Works staff seek out provincial approval from the Ministry of Transportation to allow the City of Hamilton to implement photo radar on the Linc and RHVP
- (b) That Public Works staff assess the feasibility of addressing an identified imperative countermeasure to public safety issues related to the Linc and RHVP, through the feasibility of implementing Photo Radar on our Parkways, and protecting the taxpayers from unnecessary tax implications, and report to the Public Works Committee.

The rules of order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Implementing Photo Radar on the Linc and Red Hill Valley Parkway.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item (i).

Councillor Merulla reassumed the Chair.

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

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

- (a) The following Items were considered complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List:
 - (i) History of the Plans for Closures of Second Road West
 - (ii) Status of High Wattage Street Light Incentive

(b) The following Item was transferred from the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee to the Outstanding Business List of the General Issues Committee:

(i) Statue to Honour Nikola Tesla

(l) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

Committee moved into Closed Session, at 12:25 p.m. respecting Item 12. – Report LS15037 respecting the Residential Protective Plumbing Program pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (f) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

(i) Residential Protective Plumbing Program (LS15037) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 13.

(m) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Public Works Committee

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