

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT 21-005

1:30 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2021 Council Chambers Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West

Present:	Councillors A. VanderBeek (Chair), N. Nann (Vice-Chair), C. Collins, J.P. Danko, J. Farr, L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, S. Merulla, E. Pauls, and M. Pearson
Absent with Regrets:	Councillor T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence
Also Present:	Councillor M. Wilson

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 21-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Consent Items (Item 7)
 - (a) That Consent Items 7.1 to 7.4 be received, as presented:
 - (i) Biosolids Facility Update and Product Information (PW11098(g)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)
 - (ii) Clean and Green Hamilton Strategy 2020 Year-End Update (PW21016) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)
 - (iii) Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan (PW21023) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)
 - (iv) Winter Control Program (PW21018) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)
- 2. Sidewalk Snow Clearing Update (PW19022(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report PW19022(c), respecting a Sidewalk Snow Clearing Update, be received.

3. Confederation Beach Park - Wild Waterworks 2021 Season (PW21020) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton accept the recommendation from the Hamilton Conservation Authority, operator of Wild Waterworks at Confederation Beach Park, for Wild Waterworks, which was endorsed by the Park Management Review Team, to remain closed for the 2021 Operating Season due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton provide an estimated \$300,000 in financial support for the Wild Waterworks closure in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that it be charged to the Public Works Environmental Services budget and be funded through any federal/provincial COVID-19 amounts received; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works be granted the authority to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, any revisions to the Management Agreement with the HCA and any related or ancillary documents necessary to implement Recommendation (a) each in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alleyway Abutting 63 New Street, Hamilton (PW21021) (Ward 1) (Item 9.2)

- (a) That the application of the owner of 63 New Street, Hamilton, to permanently close and purchase a portion of the public unassumed alleyway, abutting the south side of 63 New Street, Hamilton, running east/west from the westerly limit of the alleyway to the east property limit of 63 New Street, Hamilton ("Subject Lands"), as shown on Appendix "A", attached to Public Works Committee Report 21-005, be approved, subject to the following conditions:
 - That the applicant makes an application to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, under Section 88 of the Registry Act, for an order to permanently close the Subject Lands, if required by the City, subject to:
 - (1) The General Manager of Public Works, or designate, signing the appropriate documentation to obtain any required court order; and,
 - (2) The documentation regarding any required application to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice being prepared by the applicant, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor;
 - (ii) That the applicant be fully responsible for the deposit of a reference plan in the proper land registry office, and that said plan be

prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor, to the satisfaction of the Manager, Geomatics and Corridor Management Section, and that the applicant also deposit a reproducible copy of said plan with the Manager, Geomatics and Corridor Management Section;

- (iii) That, subject to any required application to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to permanently close the Subject Lands being approved:
 - The City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws to permanently close and sell the alleyway, for enactment by Council;
 - (2) That the City Solicitor be authorized to amend and waive such terms as the City Solicitor considers reasonable to give effect to this authorization and direction;
 - (3) The Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to enter into any requisite easement agreements, right of way agreements, and/or other agreements deemed necessary to affect the orderly disposition of the Subject Lands and to proceed to sell the Subject Lands to the owner of 63 New Street, Hamilton, as described in Report PW21021, in accordance with the City of Hamilton Sale of Land Policy Bylaw 14-204;
 - (4) The City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transfer of the Subject Lands to the owner of 63 New Street, Hamilton, pursuant to an Agreement of Purchase and Sale or Offer to Purchase as negotiated by the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department;
 - (5) The City Solicitor be authorized and directed to register a certified copy of the by-law permanently closing and selling the alleyway in the proper land registry office; and,
 - (6) The Public Works Department publish any required notice of the City's intention to pass the by-law and/or permanently sell the closed alleyway pursuant to City of Hamilton Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204.

5. Valley Inn Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (PW21022) (Ward 1) (Item 10.1)

(a) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and directed to file the Valley Inn Bridge Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental

Assessment Project File Report (PFR) with the Municipal Clerk for a minimum thirty (30) day public review period;

- (b) That upon completion of the minimum thirty (30) day public review period, the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and directed to proceed with the implementation of the preferred alternative, to be funded through Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve (108020) and to be repaid once the donation is received from the McNally Foundation with construction scheduled for 2021; and,
- (c) That the name of the bridge be changed from Valley Inn Road Bridge to Valley Inn Bridge, to reflect the existing active transportation use of the bridge.

6. Installation of Speed Cushions on Cranbrook Drive, Hamilton (Ward 14) (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, residents in the Gilkson neighbourhood have reported an extensive amount of speeding complaints regarding Cranbrook Dr to the Ward 14 office; and,

WHEREAS the residents who live on Cranbrook Drive are requesting the installation of traffic calming measures along Cranbrook Drive to address roadway safety concerns related to school children of R.A. Riddell School;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be authorized and directed to install two speed cushions on Cranbrook Drive, between Greendale Drive and Gemini Drive, at a cost not to exceed \$14,400, to be funded from the Ward 14 Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Account; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

7. Ward 1 Contribution to the Trees Please Program of Environment Hamilton and the Hamilton Naturalists' Club (Item 11.2)

WHEREAS, Trees Please is a project of Environment Hamilton and the Hamilton Naturalists' Club created in the hopes of improving Hamilton's overall air quality; and,

WHEREAS, the program offers free native tree giveaways to Hamilton residents across the City to help increase the urban tree canopy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$4,300 be allocated from the Ward 1 Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Account towards the Trees Please program of Environment Hamilton and the Hamilton Naturalists' Club; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

8. Installation of Traffic Calming Measures at Various Locations throughout Ward 2 (Item 11.3)

WHEREAS, residents are requesting the installation of speed cushions on various roadways throughout Ward 2 to address roadway safety concerns as a result of speeding and cut-through traffic;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Transportation Operations and Maintenance staff be authorized and directed to install traffic calming measures on the following roadways as part of the 2021 Traffic Calming program:
 - (i) Liberty Street from Hunter Street East to Grove Street, Hamilton (1 speed cushion);
 - (ii) Grove Street from Wellington Street South to Liberty Street, Hamilton (1 speed cushion);
 - (iii) Ferguson Street South from Liberty Street to Hunter Street East, Hamilton (2 speed cushions);
 - (iv) Duke Street from Bay Street South to Caroline Street South, Hamilton (1 speed cushion);
 - MacNab Street North from Mulberry Street to Colbourne Street, Hamilton (2 speed cushions);
 - (vi) West Avenue South from Stinson Street to Hunter Street East, Hamilton (1 speed cushion);
 - (vii) John Street North from Burlington Street East to Guise Street East, Hamilton (2 speed cushions);
 - (viii) Bold Street from Caroline St Street to Bay Street South, Hamilton (1 speed cushion);
- (b) That all costs associated with the installation of traffic calming measures at the identified locations throughout Ward 2 be funded from the Ward 2

Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Account (108052) at a total cost not to exceed \$79,500 (including contingency); and,

(c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

9. Private Tree Giveaway (Ward 2) (Item 11.4)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has declared a climate emergency;

WHEREAS, increasing the urban tree canopy by providing trees for planting on private property has many environmental benefits to the residents of Ward 2 and the wider City; and,

WHEREAS, private tree giveaways are not currently funded under existing tree planting programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the supply and distribution of approximately 200 small native trees, at a cost of \$2,715, be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Account; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

10. Beasley Neighbourhood Safety Audit (Ward 2) (Item 11.5)

WHEREAS, Vision Zero and Complete Streets principles are used in the City of Hamilton to provide a safer environment for all road users;

WHEREAS, the Ward 2 office has requested a review of the Beasley neighbourhood with a focus on Vision Zero principles at problem locations and to provide a guideline for safety enhancements given the road width, classification, surrounding land use, proximity to schools/playgrounds, access roads from arterials, on-street parking and other considerations; and,

WHEREAS, staff do not have the internal resources to provide a comprehensive audit of the entire Beasley neighbourhood;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That staff be authorized and directed to retain a consultant to undertake a safety audit of the Beasley neighbourhood with the intent of providing a Complete Streets report identifying areas of concerns and recommendations

to provide a safer environment for all road users based on Vision Zero and Complete Streets principles, to be funded from the Ward 2 Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve (108052) to an upset limit of \$149,999, as per the Purchasing Policy for Roster Assignments; and,

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

11. New Stop Controls at the Intersection of Rexford Drive and Ashcroft Drive, Hamilton (Ward 6) (Item 11.6)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to creating safe neighborhoods and vibrant communities;

WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of both pedestrians and motorists is a priority; and,

WHEREAS, this request was driven and initiated by resident concerns to the Ward 6 Councillor's Office;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be authorized and directed to take the required steps to add new stop controls on Rexford Drive at Ashcroft Drive to convert the intersection to an all-way stop.

12. Sidewalk Widening on the North Side of Cannon Street East, between Elgin Street and Ferguson Avenue North, Hamilton (Ward 2) (Added Item 11.7)

- (a) That sidewalk widening on the north side of Cannon Street East, between Elgin Street and Ferguson Avenue North, Hamilton, fronting the Depave Community Greening project, at a cost of \$30,000, be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Account; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

13. Central Composting Facility-Legal Issues Update (CONFIDENTIAL) (LS21011/PW21024) (City Wide) (Item 14.1)

- (a) That Report LS21011/PW21024, respecting a Central Composting Facility-Legal Issues Update, be received; and,
- (b) That Report LS21011/PW21024, respecting a Central Composting Facility-Legal Issues Update, remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

- 9.2 Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alleyway Abutting 63 New Street, Hamilton (PW21021) (Ward 1)
 - 9.2.a. Registered Delegations:
 - 9.2.a.a. Michael Renshaw

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

12.1 Sidewalk Widening on the North Side of Cannon Street East, between Elgin Street and Ferguson Avenue North, Hamilton (Ward 2)

The agenda for the April 19, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) March 22, 2021 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the March 22, 2021 meeting of the Public Works Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Sidewalk Snow Clearing Update (PW19022(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Edward Soldo, Director, Transportation Operations and Maintenance, addressed Committee respecting Report PW19022(c), Sidewalk Snow Clearing Update, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation, respecting Report PW19022(c), Sidewalk Snow Clearing Update, was received.

The following Motion was DEFEATED:

- (a) That the level of service for winter sidewalk snow removal be enhanced as defined as Scenario 2 – Priority 1 and 2A Roadways – Maintaining sidewalks in the existing level of service plus the addition of an estimated 783 km of sidewalk along transit routes, at an estimated cost of \$4.44 million, to be approved from the 2022 Public Works Operating Budget, as follows:
 - Service Level 2A
 Activate when snow accumulation is 5 cm or greater
 Snow packed condition with de-icing material application
- (b) That staff prepare to report back with an implementation plan to proceed with Service Level Scenario 2A as outlined in this report.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(ii) Confederation Beach Park - Wild Waterworks 2021 Season (PW21020) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

Lisa Burnside and Neil McDougall, Hamilton Conservation Authority, addressed Committee respecting Report PW21020, Confederation Beach Park - Wild Waterworks 2021 Season, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation, respecting Report PW21020, Confederation Beach Park - Wild Waterworks 2021 Season, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Krista Jamieson respecting a Request for Snow Removal in City-Owned Alleyways (approved on March 22, 2021) (Item 9.1)

Krista Jamieson addressed the Committee respecting a Request for Snow Removal in City-Owned Alleyways, with the aid of a presentation.

The delegation from Krista Jamieson, respecting a Request for Snow Removal in City-Owned Alleyways, was received.

(ii) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alleyway Abutting 63 New Street, Hamilton (PW21021) (Ward 1) (Item 9.2)

Councillor VanderBeek advised that notice of the Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alleyway Abutting 63 New Street, Hamilton (PW21021) (Ward 1) was given as required under the City's By-law #14-204 – the Sale of Land Policy By-law.

The Committee Clerk advised that there was one registered speaker.

Registered Speaker:

1. Michael Renshaw

Michael Renshaw addressed the Committee in support of the Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alleyway Abutting 63 New Street, Hamilton (PW21021) (Ward 1).

The registered delegation was received.

The public meeting was closed.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) Sidewalk Widening on the North Side of Cannon Street East, between Elgin Street and Ferguson Avenue North, Hamilton (Ward 2) (Added Item 12.1)

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Sidewalk Widening on the North Side of Cannon Street East, between Elgin Street and Ferguson Avenue North, Hamilton (Ward 2).

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)

The following amendments to the Public Works Committee's Outstanding Business List, were approved:

- (a) Item Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:
 - (i) City of Hamilton's Cemeteries Business Plan Addressed as Item (h)(i) of Public Works Committee Report 21-004 (PW21015) Item on OBL: AAO

- Sidewalk Snow Clearing Program
 Addressed as Item 8.1 on today's agenda Report
 PW19022(c)
 Item on OBL: ABS
- (a) Items Requiring a New Due Date:
 - (i) Certificate of Recognition (COR[™]) Program Item on OBL: AQ
 Current Due Date: June 14, 2021
 Proposed New Due Date: Q1 2022
 - (ii) Roadway Safety Measures on Aberdeen Avenue from Queen Street to Longwood Road Item on OBL: AZ Current Due Date: May 3, 2021 Proposed New Due Date: July 7, 2021
 - (iii) Road Safety Review and Appropriate Measures at the York Road and Newman Road Intersection Item on OBL: AAE Current Due Date: April 9, 2021 Proposed New Due Date: May 17, 2021
 - (iv) Feasibility of Implementation of a Digital Automated Information System on the Lincoln Alexander Parkway and Red Hill Valley Parkway Item on OBL: AAU Current Due Date: June 14, 2021 Proposed New Due Date: Q2 2022
 - Management of the Aviary at 85 Oak Knoll Drive Item on OBL: AAY Current Due Date: June 14, 2021 Proposed New Due Date: December 6, 2021
 - (vi) Regulation of E-Scooters
 Item on OBL: ABN
 Current Due Date: April 19, 2021
 Proposed New Due Date: May 3, 2021

(h) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

Committee moved into Closed Session respecting Item 14.1, pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential

litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

(i) Central Composting Facility-Legal Issues Update (LS21011/PW21024) (City Wide) (Item 14.1)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 13.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor A. VanderBeek Chair, Public Works Committee

Alicia Davenport Legislative Coordinator Office of the City Clerk

