



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES 24-002**

1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5, 2024
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors M. Spadafora (Chair), A. Wilson (Vice-Chair), J. Beattie, C. Cassar, J. P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls and M. Wilson

Absent with Regrets: Councillor M. Tadeson – City Business

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Intersection Control List – PW24001 (Wards 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14) (Item 9.1)**

(A. Wilson/Nann)

That the appropriate by-law be presented to Council to provide traffic control as follows:

Intersection		Stop/Yield Control Direction		Class	Comments	Ward
Street 1	Street 2	Existing	Requested			
Section "A" Ancaster						
(a)	Grandell Drive	Whittington Drive	EB/WB	NB/SB	A	All-way stop warranted 12
(b)	Vansickle Street	Panabaker Drive	NC	EB	A	Missing stop control 12

Intersection		Stop/Yield Control Direction		Class	Comments	Ward
Street 1	Street 2	Existing	Requested			
(c)	Book Road East	Southcote Road	All	EB/WB	D	Housekeeping 12
Section "E" Hamilton						
(d)	Ship Street	Hillyard Street	NC	EB	A	Missing stop control 3
(e)	Folkestone Avenue	Bellingham Drive	EB	NB/SB	A	All-way stop warranted 7
(f)	Gurnett Drive	Gurnett Gate	NB	EB/WB	A	All-way stop warranted 14
(g)	Bond Street North	Glen Road	WB	NB/SB	A	All-way stop warranted 1
(h)	Marion Avenue North	North Oval	EB/WB	NB/SB	A	Safety Enhancements 1
(i)	Kings Mead Crescent	Lynbrook Drive	NC	SB	A	Missing stop control 8
Section "F" Stoney Creek						
(j)	Pinelands Avenue	Community Avenue	EB/WB	NB/SB	A	All-way stop warranted 10

Intersection		Stop/Yield Control Direction		Class	Comments	Ward	
Street 1	Street 2	Existing	Requested				
(k)	Royce Avenue	Glen Cannon Drive	NB	EB/WB	A	All-way stop warranted	10
(l)	Morrisey Boulevard	Crafter Crescent	NB	EB/WB	A	All-way stop warranted	9
(m)	Hemlock Avenue	Henley Drive	NB/SB	EB/WB	A	All-way stop motioned	

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

- Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes – Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
- Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- Not Present – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
- Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

2. HSR Ridership Recovery Outstanding Business List Item (PW21056(b)) (City Wide) (Item 11.1)

(Pauls/A. Wilson)

- (a) That City Council, further to report PW21056(a), permanently provides delegated authority to the General Manager, Public Works to establish short-term fare promotions for the purposes of stimulating transit ridership recovery, encouraging new customers, and promoting the new network design;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works, or designate report back to City Council annually regarding any short-term fare promotion; and

- (c) That the 72-hour fare product priced at the equivalent of six (6) single rides be made a permanent fare concession effective March 1, 2024.
- (d) ***That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee respecting HSR ridership analysis numbers from 2019 through 2023.***

Result: Main Motion, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes – Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Not Present – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
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Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

3. Garner Road and Highway 6 Ministry of Transportation Agreement (PW24006/PED24030) (Ward 12) (Item 11.2)

(Cassar/Hwang)

That the General Manager, Public Works or his designate be authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario, and all amendments and ancillary documents, for the purpose of completing the installation of a new traffic signal, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation Ontario, at the intersection of Garner Road East and the Highway 6 South off-ramp in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

4. Delegated Authority for the Locates Program (PW24008) (City Wide) (Added Item 11.3)

(Hwang/A. Wilson)

That the General Manager, Public Works, or their designate, be authorized and directed to enter into agreements and any ancillary agreements with Dedicated Locators as defined in the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012, S.O. 2012, c.4., in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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5. Re-instating the Tree Canopy within Westdale Business Improvement Area (Ward 1) (Item 12.1)

(M. Wilson/Spadafora)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton, was recognized as a 2022 Tree City of the World by the United Nations;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's Urban Forest Strategy sets out the importance of the urban forest to the economic, social and environmental health of the city;

WHEREAS, trees are one tool that cities have to help mitigate the effects of climate change and create more livable cities while accommodating increased population and density;

WHEREAS, the streets along the Westdale Business Improvement Area has lost much of its original canopy to age and stress;

WHEREAS, the replacement trees that were installed throughout the Westdale Business Improvement Area to replace larger shade trees lack diversity and are all small ornamental tree species that provide minimal impact on the overall urban tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to increase the level of tree planting from the current rate of 10,000 to 12,000 trees per year to 20,000 trees per year and achieve a City-wide urban tree canopy target of 40% by 2050.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Public Works staff be authorized and directed to use a tree spade to transplant eight existing ornamental street trees from the Westdale Business Improvement Area into parks within Ward 1;
- (b) That Public Works staff be authorized and directed to purchase and install fourteen new replacement street trees along the Westdale King Street within the Westdale Business Improvement Area that will promote diversity and shade within the streetscape;
- (c) That the funding for the spading of the eight trees within the Westdale Business Improvement Area at a cost not to exceed \$5,100, including contingency, be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Re-Investment Reserve (108051) be approved; and
- (d) That the General Manager of Public Works 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.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
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Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1(c) Paula Kilburn, Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities -
WITHDRAWN

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.3 Delegated Authority for the Locates Program (PW24008) (City Wide)

CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS:

That the delegation from James Kemp, Accessibility Committee for
Persons with Disabilities, be heard as the last delegation (Item 7.1(b)).

(McMeekin/M. Wilson)

That the Agenda for the February 5, 2024, Public Works Committee meeting be
approved, as amended.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Not Present – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) **January 15, 2024 (Item 4.1)**

(Cassar/Nann)

That the Minutes of the January 15, 2024, meeting of the Public Works Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Not Present – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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(d) **COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

(Danko/Beattie)

That the correspondence from Gottfried Schwarzer respecting Waste Enforcement at City of Hamilton in lower part of town (Item 5.1), be received.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

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(e) **DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

(i) **Delegations Respecting Accessibility Issues with the HSR (Approved January 15, 2024)**

The following Delegations addressed the Committee respecting Accessibility Issues with the HSR:

- (a) Mark McNeil, Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.1(a))
- (b) James Kemp, Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.1(b))

(ii) **(Pauls/Beattie)**

That James Kemp be granted an additional 5 minutes, beyond the 5-minute time limit, to complete their delegation respecting Accessibility Issues with the HSR.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

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Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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(iii) **(Pauls/Cassar)**

That the following Delegations respecting Accessibility Issues with the HSR, be received:

- (a) Mark McNeil, Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.1(a))
- (b) James Kemp, Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.1(b))

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(iii) (Kroetsch/Beattie)

That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee by the end of Q3 2024, respecting the concerns expressed on February 5, 2024 by Delegations from the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Accessibility Issues with the HSR.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

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(f) **DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 11)**

(i) **HSR Ridership Recovery Outstanding Business List Item
(PW21056(b)) (City Wide) (Item 11.1)**

(Pauls/A. Wilson)

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- (c) That the 72-hour fare product priced at the equivalent of six (6) single rides be made a permanent fare concession effective March 1, 2024.

(Beattie/Hwang)

That Report PW21056(b), respecting HSR Ridership Recovery Outstanding Business List Item, be **amended** by adding recommendation (d), to read as follows:

- (d) ***That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee respecting HSR ridership analysis numbers from 2019 through 2023.***

Result: Amendment, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

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

(g) **GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 14)**

(i) **Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 14.1)**

(A. Wilson/Nann)

That the following amendments to the Public Works Committee's Outstanding Business List, be approved:

- (1) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed (Item 14.1(a))
 - (i) HSR Ridership Recovery through Fare Incentives (Item 14.1(a)(a))
Addressed as Item 11.1 on today's agenda - Report (PW21056(b)) (City Wide)
 - (ii) HSR Ridership Recovery through Fare Incentives, Adjusting the Age Group of Children who can Ride Free with a PRESTO card (Item 14.1(a)(b))
Addressed as Item 11.1 on today's agenda - Report (PW21056(b)) (City Wide)
 - (iii) Feasibility of Expanding HSR Free Ridership to ages 14 and under (Item 14.1(a)(c))
Addressed as Item 11.1 on today's agenda - Report (PW21056(b)) (City Wide)
- (2) Items Requiring a New Due Date (Item 14.1(b))
 - (i) Main Street Two-Way Conversion Implementation and One-way Street Conversion Considerations (Item 14.1(b)(a))
Current Due Date: February 5, 2024
Proposed New Due Date: February 20, 2024

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

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(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

(Beattie/Hwang)

That there being no further business, the Public Works Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Spadafora, Chair,
Public Works Committee

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk