



Public Works Committee MINUTES

9:30 a.m.
Monday, April 2, 2012
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor R. Pasuta – Vacation

Also Present: Councillor B. Morelli
J. Mater, Acting General Manager Public Works
B. Goodger, Senior Director, Operations & Waste Management
B. Shynal, Director of Operations
P. Parker, Director of Support Services
G. Moore, Director of Engineering Services
G. Lupton, Director of Energy, Fleet, Facilities & Traffic
R. Norman, Acting Director, Environment and Sustainable
Infrastructure
T. Chessman, Manager of Energy Initiatives
J. DiDomenico, Manager of Policy and Programs
A. Grozelle, Legislative Co-ordinator, City Clerk’s Office

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

1. Intersection Control List (PW12001(b)) (Wards 11 & 12) (Item 5.3)

(Collins/Jackson)

That the appropriate By-law to provide traffic control as follows, be passed:

Intersection		Stop Direction		Class	Location / Comments / Petition	Ward	
Street 1	Street 2	Existing	Requested				
(a)	Pisa Dr.	Galileo Dr.	N/C	NB	B	E. of Jones Rd., N. of QEW	11
(b)	Dartmouth Gate	Galileo Dr.	N/C	NB	B	E. of Jones Rd., N. of QEW	11
(c)	Whittington Dr.	Grandell Dr.	N/C	EB	B	E. of Southcote Rd., N. of Garner Rd.	12

CARRIED

2. The Gore Pedestrianization Initiative – Pilot Project (PW12024) (Ward 2 with City Wide Implications) (Item 5.4)

(Collins/Jackson)

That Report PW12024, respecting The Gore Pedestrianization Initiative – Pilot Project, be received. **CARRIED**

3. Petition for Cul-de-Sac North of 580 Glover Road (PW12021) (Ward 11) (Item 5.5)

(Collins/Jackson)

That Report PW12021, respecting Petition for Cul-de-Sac North of 580 Glover Road, be received. **CARRIED**

4. Chedoke Radial Trail Emergency Bridge Replacement (PW12027) - (Wards 1 & 8) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

(Collins/Jackson)

That Report PW12027, respecting Chedoke Radial Trail Emergency Bridge Replacement, be received. **CARRIED**

5. Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 20 - 22 George Street, Hamilton (PW12023) - (Ward 2) (Item 6.1)

(Powers/Ferguson)

(a) That the public unassumed alley abutting 20 - 22 George Street be permanently closed and transferred to the owners of 20 - 22 George Street, Hamilton, as shown on Appendix "B" attached to Report PW12023, subject to the following conditions:

(i) That the applicant makes an application to a District Court Judge, under Section 88 of the Registry Act, R.S.O. 1990, for an order to permanently close and purchase the subject lands;

(ii) That the General Manager, Public Works or his designate sign the appropriate documentation confirming that no public funds have been expended on the lands to be closed;

(iii) That the documentation regarding the application to the District Court Judge be prepared by the applicant, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor;

(iv) That the applicant register a reference plan under the Registry Act and that said plan be prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor to the

satisfaction of the Manager, Surveys and Technical Services Section and that the applicant deposit a reproducible copy of said plan with the Manager, Surveys and Technical Services Section;

- (b) That provided the Judge's Order to permanently close the lands is granted:
 - (i) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare the by-law to permanently close the highway;
 - (ii) That the appropriate by-law be introduced and enacted by Council;
 - (iii) That the Economic Development and Real Estate Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell this closed highway for fair market value, in accordance with the Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land, By-law No. 04-299;
 - (iv) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to register a certified copy of the by-law permanently closing the highway in the proper land registry office;
 - (v) That the by-law permanently closing the highway does not take effect until a certified copy of the by-law is registered in the proper land registry office;

CARRIED

6. 2011 Annual Energy Report (City Wide) (PW12025) (Item 7.1)

(Ferguson/Jackson)

That Report PW12025, respecting 2011 Annual Energy Report, be received.

CARRIED

7. Authorization for Access to Ministry of Transportation Authorized Requester Information System (ARIS) Program (PW12026) - (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Merulla/Whitehead)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton renew the agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for authorization to access the Ministry of Transportation's driver licence retrieval database program known as Authorized Requester Information System (ARIS) to obtain driver's licence abstracts for City employees who operate city/transit owned/leased/rented vehicles;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the required documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works or designate be authorized to execute any further renewals and amendments to the said agreement as may be required by the Ministry from time to time providing the terms of any renewal or amendment are satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

8. Columbia International College - Transportation Program (TOE02192a) - (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Collins/Duvall)

That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to enter into a Transportation Program Agreement with Columbia Housing Services Inc. for a term ending on July 31, 2013, with an option to renew for a further three (3) year period, such agreement to include provision of an HSR bus pass under an annual fee arrangement and a dedicated school transportation component, subject to the approval of the City Solicitor as to form and content of the Agreement.

CARRIED

9. Naming of New Parks in Ward 11 (PW12028) (Ward 11) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Merulla/Collins)

- (a) That the request to name the park site commonly known as Fairgrounds Community Park, located on Fall Fair Way, Fairgrounds Community Park (Appendix "A" attached to Report PW12028), be approved at this time as the request meets the criteria set out in the Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy;
- (b) That the request to name the park site commonly known as Jackson Heights Park, located on Tanglewood Drive, Jackson Heights Park (Appendix "B" attached to Report PW12028), be approved at this time as the request meets the criteria set out in the Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy;
- (c) That the request to name the park site commonly known as Southbrook Park, located on Southbrook Drive, Southbrook Park (Appendix "C" attached to Report PW12028), be approved at this time as the request meets the criteria set out in the Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy;
- (d) That the request to name the park site commonly known as Summit Park, located on Lillyvalley Lane, Summit Park (Appendix "D" attached to Report PW12028), be approved at this time as the request meets the criteria set out in the Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy. **CARRIED**

10. Winter Control Program - Review of Service Level for Urban Residential Class Three Roadways (Snow plowing activation) (Item 9.1)

(Ferguson/Merulla)

That Staff be directed to review the plowing activation parameters within the Winter Control Program Service Level to identify opportunities to enhance active transportation opportunities including pedestrian activity on class three residential roadways within the urban area, which have been constructed without pedestrian facilities and report back with an incremental operating cost impact for the program activation protocol.

CARRIED

11. Earth Day Walk and Earth Day Tree Planting Festival HSR Transportation (Item 9.2)

(Powers/Whitehead)

That Staff be directed to provide shuttle service for the annual Earth Day Walk and Earth Day Tree Planting Festival on Saturday April 21, 2012 with the understanding that the service can be accommodated within the Transit special events budget

CARRIED

12. Earth Day Eco Festival HSR Transportation (Item 9.3)

(Powers/ Whitehead)

That Staff be directed to provide shuttle service for the Earth Day Eco Festival in coordination with Green Venture on May 15, 16, and 17 with the understanding that the service can be accommodated within the Transit special events budget.

CARRIED

13. Installation of Speed Humps on Stanley Avenue (Item 9.4)

(Powers/Duvall)

- a) That two speed humps and associated signs be installed on Stanley Avenue between Queen Street South and Locke Street South;
- b) That funding for the speed humps and associated sign installation be charged to account # 4040916102.

CARRIED

14. Wentworth Street and Sanford Avenue 2-way Traffic Study (Item 9.5)

(Collins/Duvall)

- (a) That staff be directed to undertake a proper EA assessment to investigate the conversion to two-way traffic of Wentworth Street and Sanford Avenue from Delaware Avenue to King Street East and report back with the results to the Public Works Committee.

- (b) That funding for the EA estimated in the amount \$100,000 be derived from Specific Area Transportation MP Account # 4030955369. **CARRIED**

15. Correspondence from the 4th Ancaster Brownies respecting reducing environmental footprints (Item 11.1)

(Ferguson/Duvall)

That the Correspondence from the 4th Ancaster Brownies respecting reducing environmental footprints, be received. **CARRIED**

16. Referral of Outstanding Business List Item respecting Randle Reef to the General Issues Committee. (Added Item 11.3(c))

(Collins/Jackson)

That the Outstanding Business List item respecting Randle Reef be referred to the General Issues Committee. **CARRIED**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

Outstanding Business List

11.3 (c) Referral to General Issues Committee

(i) Item K - Randle Reef

(Collins/Duvall)

That the April 2, 2012 Public Works Committee Agenda be approved, as amended. **CARRIED**

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) **March 5, 2012 (Item 3.1)**

(Collins/Powers)

That the Minutes of the March 5, 2012 Public Works Committee be approved, as presented. **CARRIED**

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

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

(Collins/Jackson)

That the following Advisory and Sub-committee Minutes be received for information:

5.1.1 Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee – February 8, 2012

5.1.2 Clean City Liaison Committee – February 2, 2012

CARRIED

(ii) Lake Erie Source Protection Committee (Item 5.2)

(Collins/Jackson)

That the following Minutes of the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee be received.

- (a) November 3, 2011
- (b) December 15, 2011
- (c) January 12, 2012
- (d) February 2, 2012

CARRIED

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 20 - 22 George Street, Hamilton (PW12023) - (Ward 2) (Item 6.1)

Chair McHattie notified the Committee members that Item 6.1 is part of a public meeting. Chair McHattie indicated that notice of this proposed closure has been advertised in the Spectator on Friday March 23rd advising that any one whose lands are prejudicially affected may appear before the Committee this morning. The Clerk has advised that no one registered to speak to this issue. Chair McHattie asked if any members of the public wished to come forward to speak to this matter. No members of the public came forward.

(Powers/Ferguson)

That the staff presentation respecting Report PW12023 Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 20 - 22 George Street, Hamilton be waived. **CARRIED**

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 5.

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) 2011 Annual Energy Report (PW12025) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Tom Chessman, Manager of Energy Initiatives addressed Committee with the aid of Power Point Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official Record.

Mr. Chessman indicated that the City of Hamilton is on track in terms of reductions in energy intensity. He discussed how the City has surpassed the 10% reduction target and bringing that number down to 14%. He outlined how 2011 saw \$6 million in additional cumulative energy savings to now exceed \$23 million in accumulative savings. Mr. Chessman discussed in detail where these savings were found.

Mr. Chessman outlined the 2011 energy projects and the incentives received from them. He discussed the impacts of increased cost such as global adjustment charges. He indicated that in January and February of 2012 the electricity rates are a 5% increase over the same period of 2011. He outlined the cost increases seen in, diesel and gasoline and the current affordability of natural gas.

Committee members thanked the staff for their work. They noted staff's accomplishment in achieving accumulated savings of \$23 million through energy reductions and cost avoidance. Committee members asked questions of clarification on where these savings were represented and divided amongst capital projects and offsets to the tax levy.

Committee members inquired about staff liaising with CityHousing Hamilton. Members discussed examining alternative energy generation methods such as water turbine generation. Committee members also recommended sending out some type of message respecting the savings within the 2012 tax bills.

(Ferguson/Jackson)

That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee with a schedule including the completion and repayment timelines for Energy Initiative Capital Projects and the projected future impacts on the municipal tax levy. **CARRIED**

(Ferguson/Jackson)

That the staff presentation respecting 2011 Annual Energy Report, be received. **CARRIED**

(g) DISCUSSION (Item 8)

(i) Naming of New Parks in Ward 11 (PW12028) (Ward 11) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Powers/Whitehead)

That the issue of the scope of the Facility Naming Sub-committee in respect to the naming parks and facilities be referred to the Clerks Department for further clarification. **CARRIED**

(h) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Winter Control Program - Review of Service Level for Urban Residential Class Three Roadways (Snow plowing activation) (Item 9.1)

(Ferguson/Merulla)

Whereas the current Winter Control Program (WCP) service level has been in existence since 2001 and its activation parameters for class three roadways do not distinguish between cross sections with or without pedestrian facilities, and;

Whereas recent provincial legislation and policy has placed more emphasis on enhancing active transportation including pedestrian activity within urban areas (i.e. AODA, Transportation Master Plan, Cycling Master Plan, International Charter for Walking, Pedestrian Mobility Plan, etc.)

Therefore staff be directed to review the plowing activation parameters within the WCP Service Level to identify opportunities to enhance active transportation opportunities including pedestrian activity on class three residential roadways within the urban area, which have been constructed without pedestrian facilities and report back with an incremental operating cost impact for the program activation protocol. **CARRIED**

Committee members requested that staff report back to the Public Works Committee respecting the winter control activation parameters, the 10 cm activation policy is implemented, possible change to 7-8 cm's, cost implications of increased services and areas that lack uniformity in service and priority levels.

(ii) Wentworth Street and Sanford Avenue 2-way Traffic Study (Item 9.5)

(Collins/Duvall)

Whereas, community concerns with regard to the volume of traffic on Sanford Avenue, have been expressed to the Ward 3 Councillor, be it resolved,

- (a) That staff be directed to undertake a proper EA assessment to investigate the conversion to two-way traffic of Wentworth Street and Sanford Avenue from Delaware Avenue to King Street East and report back with the results to the Public Works Committee.
- (b) That funding for the EA estimated in the amount \$100,000 be derived from Specific Area Transportation MP Account # 4030955369. **CARRIED**

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

(i) Correspondence from the 4th Ancaster Brownies respecting reducing environmental footprints (Item 11.1)

Chair McHattie thanked the 4th Ancaster Brownies for their submission and for their commitment to the environment.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 15.

(ii) Spring Anti-Litter & Cleaning (Item 11.2)

Chair McHattie provided an update to the Committee respecting April the Tim Horton's Team up to Clean up Month. Chair McHattie invited Councillors interested in hosting events in their own wards to contact Philip Homerski in Operations and Waste Management.

(iii) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.3)

- (a) Items Requiring Approval for Removal:

(Whitehead/Powers)

That the following items be removed from the Outstanding Business List.

- (i) Item A - Corporate Energy Policy
- (ii) Item G - Petition for Cul-de-Sac north of 580 Glover Road

CARRIED

(b) Items Requiring Revised Due Dates:

(Merulla/Collins)

(i) Item H - Multi-Residential Waste Diversion Program
Current Due Date: April 16, 2012
Proposed Due Date: May 7, 2012

CARRIED

(j) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Closed Session Minutes March 5, 2012 (Item 12.1)

(Ferguson/Powers)

That the Closed Session Minutes of March 5, 2012 be approved as presented and remain confidential.

CARRIED

(k) ADJOURNMENT

(Powers/Jackson)

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. McHattie, Chair
Public Works Committee

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator
April 2, 2012