



Hamilton

REPORT 12-001
TRUCK ROUTE SUB-COMMITTEE
Tuesday June 7, 2012
11:00 a.m.
Room 222
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Councillor T. Whitehead, Vice-Chair
Councillors T. Jackson, B. Johnson, J. Partridge, M. Pearson

Also Present: Councillor S. Merulla
Councillor C. Collins
G. Kirchknopf – Senior Project Manager
L. Skrypniak – Senior Project Manager
B. Butrym – Traffic Technologist
C. Newman – Legislative Coordinator

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Item A)**
 - (a) That Councillor Robert Pasuta be appointed Chair of the Truck Route Sub-Committee for the 2010 – 2014 term of Council.
 - (b) That Councillor Terry Whitehead be appointed Vice Chair of the Truck Route Sub-Committee for the 2010 – 2014 term of Council.

- 2. Century Brick and issues related to the truck route designation for Lawrence Road and the impact on operations at Century Brick (Item 4.1)**
 - (a) That trucks accessing Century Brick, 178 Lawrence Road, be permitted to use Lawrence Road on a temporary basis, through non enforcement, while discussion are ensuing respecting the physical relocation of Century Brick between the Ward Councillor, Planning and Economic Development staff and representatives of Hamilton's Police Services;

- (b) That, if discussions respecting relocation are not successful, that a truck route be re-established, incorporating the use of Gage Avenue to accommodate truck traffic accessing Century Brick.

3. Intersection of Highway # 6 at Concession Road # 5 West (Millgrove Area) (Item 5.1)

Whereas the approval of the truck route removal from both Millgrove Side Road and Concession # 5 West, back in August 2010, has relocated all legal truck movements to and from Highway # 6 to utilize the non signalized intersection of Concession # 5 West;

And whereas all previous truck traffic utilized Millgrove Side Road in a northbound only direction from Concession # 5 West to Highway # 6 and accessed Highway # 6 with the assistance of traffic signals located at the intersection of Highway # 6 at Concession # 6 East / Millgrove Side Road;

And whereas the existing Provincial traffic signal installed in November 2000 on Highway # 6 at Concession # 6 East / Millgrove Side Road has created many "Quality of Life" issues for residents living adjacent to Millgrove Side Road between Concession # 5 West and Highway # 6;

And whereas the installation of additional signalization or expansion of the existing traffic signal at Highway # 6 at Concession # 6 East / Millgrove Side Road to include the intersection of Highway # 6 and Concession # 5 West to improve safe movements for truck traffic onto Highway # 6;

And whereas the new signalization of the intersection at Highway # 6 and Concession # 5 West will permit legal truck routes to be reestablished on Millgrove Side Road from Concession # 4 to Concession # 5 West and also on Concession # 5 West from Brock Road to Highway # 6 and will also allow the cul-de-sac of Millgrove Side Road at the northerly limit just south of Highway # 6.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the City of Hamilton officially request the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario to install new traffic signals or expand the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Highway # 6 at Concession # 6 East / Millgrove Side Road to include the intersection of Highway # 6 at Concession # 5 West to facilitate safe access for truck movements on Highway # 6 in the Millgrove area.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**(a) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None

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

None

(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ DELEGATIONS (Item 4)

- (i) Peter Toohy from Century Brick and Jody Johnson, from Aird & Berlis LLP, on behalf of Century Brick, respecting issues related to the truck route designation for Lawrence Road and the impact on operations at Century Brick (Item 4.1)**

Jody Johnson spoke to the Committee and gave an overview of the history of truck routes in the vicinity of Century Brick and the changes that have been made over time. Ms. Johnson indicated that they would like Lawrence Road to be made a legal truck route to allow safe access for trucks coming to and from Century Brick. Alternative routes are problematic as they will not allow for the safe movement of large trucks that frequent the Century Brick plant.

The Committee inquired as to why alternative routes that have previously been used are no longer viable for the trucks to access Century Brick. The Committee had concerns with allowing trucks on Lawrence Road as it is a residential road and will impact too many residents. The Committee indicated that it may be advantageous for the owners of Century Brick to meet with Economic Development staff to discuss the potential of finding a new location, which would better suit the needs of Century Brick. The representative of Century Brick indicated that this potential solution might be the best solution for all concerned parties.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 5)

- (i) Intersection of Highway # 6 at Concession Road # 5 West (Millgrove Area) (Item 5.1)**

Gary Kirchknopf gave a brief history of the designation and usage of truck routes on the Millgrove Side Road and surrounding area. Many trucks are not using the designated route at Concession # 5 West and Highway # 6 because they feel it is unsafe to move north on Highway # 6 without the existence of a traffic signal. In turn, truckers will use the intersection of Concession # 6 / Millgrove Side Road and Highway # 6 as it is a controlled intersection.

Councillor Partridge indicated that she has spoken with the truckers that service the local businesses and they would like safe access facilitated on Highway # 6 from Concession # 5 West.

(ii) Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference and Next Steps (Item 5.2)

The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference and topics of discussion for the next meeting. The Committee requested that there be four meetings a year with the next meeting being in late September or early October.

Staff was directed to report to the Committee with respect to truck route enforcement, and information on infractions and fines.

Staff was directed to report to the Committee with respect to why trucks with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 4500 kg are considered large trucks.

Staff was directed to investigate the feasibility of:

- (a) Removing the Specified User By-law from White Church Road / Binbrook Road between Upper James and Regional Road 56;
- (b) Turning the City's north portion of Haldibrook Road into a Truck Route, to coincide with Haldimand County's decision to make the south portion of Haldibrook Road a designated Truck Route, between Upper James and Blackheath Road;
- (c) Turning the City's east portion of Westbrook Road into a Truck Route, to coincide with West Lincoln's decision to make the west portion of Westbrook Road a designated Truck Route.

Committee members expressed interest in having the following discussion items appear on the next agenda:

- Truck Route Signage through the City – Restrictive and Permissive Truck Route Signage and the Status of Dual Signage.
- Truck Routes and the use of City owned vehicles, utility vehicles and large delivery vehicles.
- Truck Route prohibition on Kenilworth Avenue as well as on Dundurn Street.
- Corporate Farmers' use of designated Truck Routes in the rural area for travel from one farm to another.

(iii) Hamilton Police Services Representative (Item 5.3)

- (a) Hamilton Police Services were directed to assign a staff liaison, with knowledge of truck route enforcement to attend all Truck Route Sub-Committee meeting;
- (d) The Truck Route Sub-Committee Terms of Reference were amended to reflect the addition of the Hamilton Police Services representative under the under the Administrative Support heading.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 6)

There being no further business, the Truck Route Sub-Committee meeting, adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Truck Route Sub-Committee

Christopher Newman
Legislative Coordinator
May 8, 2012