



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REPORT 12-010**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 17, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors B. McHattie (Chair)
Councillors, R. Pasuta, R. Powers, C. Collins, S. Duvall,
T. Jackson

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor L. Ferguson (Vice-Chair) - Personal
Councillor T. Whitehead - Personal

**THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 12-010 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. **Halton Hills Resolution Respecting Paving of (Provincial) Highway
Shoulders (PW12067)(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**
 - (a) That the City of Hamilton supports the Ontario Legislature Bill 9 “Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Amendment Act, 2011” which would require the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to construct paved shoulders on “prescribed” Provincial highways only;
 - (b) That the City of Hamilton encourages the Province to consider a minimum width of 1.5m for paved shoulders given that posted speed limits are typically 80 km/hr on such roadways;
 - (c) That a copy of the report be sent to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, and copy MPP Norm Miller, Monika Turner of the AMO, the Clerk of Carling Township and the Clerk of the Regional Municipality of Halton.

2. Rothsay Avenue District Flood Remediation Class Environmental Assessment (PW12066) (Ward 3)(Item 8.2)

- (a) That the Rothsay Avenue District Flood Remediation Class Environmental Assessment Study be received;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works Department be authorized and directed to file the study report with the Municipal Clerk for a minimum thirty (30) day public review;
- (c) That upon completion of the minimum thirty (30) day public review period and subject to capital budget approval, the General Manager, Public Works Department be authorized and directed to proceed with detailed design and implementation of the preferred solution of the Class Environmental Assessment study, provided that no Part 2 Order by the Minister of Environment is received

3. Council Resolution for Feed In Tariff Projects in the City of Hamilton (PW12069)(City Wide)(Item 8.3)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton supports the Ontario Power Authority's (OPA) new Feed in Tariff Program Version 2.0 for the construction and operation of roof mounted solar photovoltaic installations within the City of Hamilton;
 - (i) That the purpose of this support is to enable the participants in the FIT Program to receive priority points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Projects or any other purpose.
- (b) That staff be directed to create a process to expedite applications for ground mounted installations to be dealt with on an individual basis and for Council approval.

4. Installation of a full traffic signal at the intersection of Rymal Road and Springside/Atessa (Item 9.1)

- (a) That a full traffic signal be installed at the intersection of Rymal Road and Springside/Atessa;
- (b) That staff be directed to investigate funding an additional \$200,000 in the 2013 Public Works Capital budget process to fund the construction of the traffic signal;

- (c) That the \$5,000.00 annual cost to operate and maintain the traffic signal be added to Traffic Operations current operating budget dept ID 466045, to cover the cost of electricity to operate the signal, and the maintenance and legislated inspections at the new traffic signal.

5. All-way Stop at Barton Street West and Crooks Street North (Item 9.2)

- (a) That an all-way stop be installed at the intersection of Barton Street West and Crooks Street North;
- (b) That the appropriate amending by-law be passed.

6. Installation of rolled curbs on Thunderbird Court and Glen Forest Drive (Added Item 10.2 & 9.3)

- (a) That an additional 18 rolled curb locations on Thunderbird Court and Glen Forest Drive be added to the 2012 reconstruction list at the estimated cost of \$50,000;
- (b) The the work be funded from the Ward 5 Area Reserve Account.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Association of Municipalities of Ontario Peter J. Marshall Awards 2012

(a) Processing Digester Gas to Natural Gas Project

Chair McHattie presented Dan McKinnon Director of Water and Wastewater Operations with the P.J. Marshall Certificate of Merit for enhancements to the Woodward Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Woodward Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant enhancements will mean that in addition to producing electricity and heat from its digesters, it will also produce natural gas – a unique twist and expansion of an already leading edge use of technology. The product will be used in City natural gas vehicles and injected into the local grid operated by Union Gas.

(b) Transit Inventory Management Services (TIMS) Project

Chair McHattie presented Doug Murray, Manager, Transit Fleet Maintenance and Mark Selkirk, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor with the P. J. Marshall Innovation Award for the Transit Inventory

Management Services project. This project is the first initiative involving the consolidation of parts procurement for multiple transit authorities through a single supplier in North America. The City of Hamilton, along with the Regions of Waterloo and York, the Cities of Brampton and Burlington, the Town of Oakville, and the London Transit Commission, jointly received the P. J. Marshall Innovation Award which recognizes municipal governments who have demonstrated excellence in the use of innovative approaches to improve capital and/or operating efficiency, and to generate effectiveness through alternative service delivery initiatives and partnerships.

(ii) American Public Works Association Award – East Hamilton Waterfront Trail Link Multi Use Pedestrian Bridge

Chair McHattie congratulated Gary Moore, Director of Engineering Services, Rob Norman, Acting Director Environment and Sustainable Infrastructure, Marco Oddi, Senior Project Manager and Steve Barnhart, Acting Manager, Environment and Sustainable Infrastructure on their recent award from the American Public Works Association. Staff recently travelled to California where they received the award for Project of the Year in Transportation for projects greater than \$5M but less than \$25M for the East Hamilton Waterfront Trail Link Multi-Use Pedestrian Bridge.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

4.1 Delegation Request by Sharon Martin of Certified Solar, respecting agenda Item 8.3, Report PW12069 – Council Resolution for Feed In Tariff Projects in the City of Hamilton

10.1 Part-time flashing school zone speed limit on Cannon Street East abutting Queen Mary School

The Agenda was approved, as amended.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(d) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) September 4, 2012 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the September 4, 2012 Public Works Committee were approved as presented.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Delegation Request by Sharon Martin of Certified Solar, respecting agenda Item 8.3, Report PW12069 – Council Resolution for Feed In Tariff Projects in the City of Hamilton (Item 4.1)

The Delegation Request by Sharon Martin of Certified Solar, respecting agenda Item 8.3, Report PW12069 – Council Resolution for Feed In Tariff Projects in the City of Hamilton was approved to be heard today.

Chair McHattie indicated that the delegation would be heard when we reached item 8.3 on the agenda.

(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

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

The following Advisory and Sub-committee Minutes were received for information:

Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee

(a) February 27, 2012

(b) May 28, 2012

(ii) Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee (Item 5.2)

The following Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee Minutes were received for information:

(a) February 21, 2012

(b) May 1, 2012

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Delegation by David Forsee respecting the condition of City roads and streets (Item 6.1)

Mr. Forsee addressed the Committee respecting the condition of City roads and streets. He provided them with a handout that outlined the points he raised. A copy of the handout has been included in the official record.

On a Motion, staff were directed to update the Public Works Committee respecting Risk Management claims for vehicular damage caused by road conditions and to include details respecting whether claims and payouts in this area have increased due to the infrastructure deficit.

The delegation by David Forsee, respecting the condition of City roads and streets, was received.

(ii) Delegation by Bill Warnick respecting the City's policies and signage for through streets (referred from Planning Committee August 14, 2012) (Item 6.2)

Mr. Warnick was not in attendance. Chair McHattie indicated that he would be rescheduled for a future meeting of the Public Works Committee.

(h) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Annual Update from the Hamilton Cycling Committee (no copy) (Item 7.1)

Andrea Kita, Chair of the Hamilton Cycling Committee addressed the Committee with the aid of a Power Point Presentation a copy of which has been included in the official record.

Chair Kita discussed the volunteer work done and the efforts they have done in terms of community outreach and awareness campaigns. She discussed the successes they have seen and positive feedback that the Committee is receiving.

The presentation from the Hamilton Cycling Committee, was received.

(ii) Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Contaminant Reduction (no copy)

Dave Albeton, Supervisor, Environmental Monitoring Operations addressed the Committee with the aid of a Power Point Presentation a copy of which has been included in the official record.

He discussed the extremely positive work done by U.S Steel, Records Canada incorporated and other large industry users in terms of reducing the Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Contaminant.

The presentation respecting the Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Contaminant Reduction was received.

(i) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)

(i) Council Resolution for Feed In Tariff Projects in the City of Hamilton (PW12069)(City Wide)(Item 8.3)

(i) Delegation Request by Sharon Martin of Certified Solar, respecting agenda Item 8.3, Report PW12069 – Council Resolution for Feed In Tariff Projects in the City of Hamilton (Item 4.1)

Sharon Martin, of Certified Solar addressed the Committee with the Aid of a handout and spoke in favour of the recommendations of Report PW12069.

The delegation by Ms. Martin respecting agenda Item 8.3, Report PW12069 – Council Resolution for Feed In Tariff Projects in the City of Hamilton, was received.

On a Motion sub-section (a) was amended to include the phrase 'roof mounted' after 'operation of' and the addition of a new sub-section (b) to read in it's entirety as follows:

(a) That the City of Hamilton supports the Ontario Power Authority's (OPA) new Feed in Tariff Program Version 2.0 for the construction and operation of roof mounted solar photovoltaic installations within the City of Hamilton;

(i) That the purpose of this support is to enable the participants in the FIT Program to receive priority points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Projects or any other purpose.

- (b) That staff be directed to create a process to expedite applications for ground mounted installations to be dealt with on an individual basis and for Council approval.

(j) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Installation of a full traffic signal at the intersection of Rymal Road and Springside/Atessa (Item 9.1)

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 4.

(ii) All-way Stop at Barton Street West and Crooks Street North (Item 9.2) (Item 9.2)

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 5.

(k) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion

(i) Part-time flashing school zone speed limit on Cannon Street East abutting Queen Mary School (Item 10.1)

- (a) That a part-time flashing school zone speed limit be implemented on Cannon St abutting Queen Mary School, 1292 Cannon Street East;
- (b) That funding of approximately \$17,000 for the associated costs of purchasing and installing the flashing beacon equipment and signs be charged to Account Ward 4 Capital Reinvestment Reserve;
- (c) That the \$2,000 annual cost to operate and maintain the school zone flashers under the Traffic Operations current operating budget (dept ID 466045), be referred to the 2013 Budget process;
- (d) That the appropriate amending by-law be passed.

Councillor Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion

(ii) Installation of rolled curbs on Thunderbird Court and Glen Forest Drive (Added Item 10.2)

- (a) That an additional 18 rolled curb locations on Thunderbird Court and Glen Forest Drive be added to the 2012 reconstruction list at the estimated cost of \$50,000;
- (b) The the work be funded from the Ward 5 Area Reserve Account.

The rules of order were waived to allow for the consideration of a Motion respecting the installation of rolled curbs.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 6.

(I) GENERAL INFORMATON

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

- (a) Items Requiring Approval for Removal:

The following Items were approved for removal from the Outstanding Business List:

Item F – Halton Hills Resolution respecting paving of highway shoulders

Item O – Correspondence from QPA Solar Inc. respecting Municipal Council resolution for Solar PV Systems

(m) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. McHattie, Chair
Public Works Committee

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk