



Public Works Committee

Report 11-007

9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 16, 2011

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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- Present:** Councillors R. Powers (Chair), B. McHattie (Vice Chair), C. Collins, S. Duvall, S. Merulla, T. Whitehead, T. Jackson
- Absent with Regrets:** Councillors R. Pasuta, L. Ferguson
- Also Present:** Councillor J. Farr
G. Rae, Acting General Manager, Public Works
B. Goodger, Senior Director, Operations & Waste Management
G. Lupton, Director, Energy, Fleet, Facilities & Traffic
J. Stephen, Director, Rapid Transit
A. Zuidema, Director, Corporate Initiatives, City Managers Office
P. Mallard, Director of Planning, Planning and Economic Development
B. Farkas, Manager, Real Estate, Planning and Economic Development
C. Alkerton, T. Chessman, R. D'Angelo, A. Kirkpatrick, Public Works
A. Grozelle, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Temporary Closure of King Street (South Side) from James Street to Hughson Street for Public Works - Transportation Demand Management Activities (PW11040) (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)**

That the ad-hoc temporary closure of King Street (South Side) from James St. to Hughson St. for summer events starting on June 1st and ending September 30th, which include four anchor events organized by Public Works - Transportation Demand Management, be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the prior approval of the Chief of Police or his designate be received, and that such permits or authorizations as may be required by the Chief of Police or his designate be obtained;
- (b) That all detour signing and warning boards be installed in advance by the Public Works Department, on the affected roadways, if deemed necessary by the General Manager of Public Works;
- (c) That all barricading be subject to the approval of the General Manager of Public Works or designate;
- (d) That the applicant ensures that clean up operations are carried out immediately before the re-opening of the road;
- (e) That no property owner or resident within the closure be denied access to their property upon request;
- (f) That all property owners and tenants within the closure area be notified by the applicant, prior to the closure, in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works.

2. Mohawk College Transit Hub (PW11036) (Ward 8) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to negotiate any and all contracts, agreements, forms, applications or other documents (collectively "Agreements") as may be required with respect to the provision of Metrolinx Quick-Win funds for, the construction of, and the City's use of, a new mixed-use/multi-modal transit facility and related transit amenities on Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology ("Mohawk College") campus;
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to execute all negotiated Agreements as described in (a) above, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor and City Clerk.

3. West Harbour Property Demolition Funding and Interim Use (PW11039) (Ward 2) (Item 8.3)

That funding up to \$775,000 for the cost of demolition and any additional expenses of the buildings identified in Report PW11039, be charged to the Unallocated Capital Reserve 108020.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

Prior to the meeting's commencement, the following ceremonial activity took place:

- (i) Award Presentations from The Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto Area:

Chair Powers announced that Hamilton City Hall had won two awards at the Building Owners and Managers Association of the Greater Toronto and surrounding area (BOMA), annual awards event on April 27th. Hamilton City Hall was awarded the "Certificate of Building & Management Excellence", that recognizes quality in buildings and their management teams and the prestigious "2011 Office Building of the Year" (corporate facility category).

The City of Hamilton has now been nominated for the national "Outstanding Building of the Year Awards". This national conference and exhibition is being held in St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador in September at which time Hamilton City Hall will compete for corporate facility of the year.

Chair Powers called upon Public Works staff to come forward and accept the awards.

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

(i) DELEGATIONS

The Delegation, listed as Item 6.2 on the agenda will not be proceeding today as Mr. Farrauto has informed that he will not be in attendance this morning.

(ii) OTHER BUSINESS

That Item 11.1 (b) subsection (ii) respecting the removal of Item P from the Outstanding Business List be deleted from the agenda.

On a Motion the May 16, 2011 Public Works Committee Agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**(i) April 4, 2011 (Item 3.1)**

On a Motion the Minutes of the April 18, 2011 Public Works Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**(i) Delegation Request from Gordon Nash respecting Public Transit (Item 4.1)**

The delegation request from Gordon Nash, respecting Public Transit, was approved.

(ii) Delegation Request from Karen Craig of Living Rock Ministries respecting, a request for free HSR transportation for the 2012 Soupfest (Item 4.2)

The delegation request from Karen Craig of Living Rock Ministries respecting, a request for free HSR transportation for the 2012 Soupfest, was approved.

(iii) Delegation Request from Elio Borchetta respecting, issues around garbage collection services (Added Item 4.3)

The delegation request from Elio Borchetta respecting, issues around garbage collection services, was approved.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**(i) Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (Item 5.1)**

On a Motion the following Sub-committee Minutes were received:

5.1.1 Hamilton Cycling Committee

- (a) December 1, 2010
- (b) February 2, 2011
- (c) March 2, 2011

5.1.2 Waste Reduction Task Force

- (a) February 16, 2011
- (b) March 16, 2011

(ii) Lake Erie Source Protection Committee – March 3, 2011 (Item 5.2)

On a Motion the Minutes of the March 3, 2011 Lake Erie Source Protection Committee, were received.

(f) PUBLIC HEARING/DELEGATIONS**(i) Delegation by Daniel Sinha, respecting the stop sign at Linington Trail and Newcombe Road (Dundas) (Item 6.1)**

Mr. Sinha addressed the Committee with the aid of a Power Point presentation. Highlights included but were not limited to the following:

- Discussed the area of Linington Trail and Newcombe Road
- Discussed the reasons he was given that a stop sign was installed, such as concerns from area residents about speeding
- Said that the City of Hamilton Traffic Department has indicated to him that stop signs are not used to address speeding
- Showed videos of cars rolling through the intersection
- Indicated that there is a hill before the intersection which creates problems with stopping and starting in the winter
- Indicated that in his opinion this stop sign is a hazard because vehicles do not stop
- Suggested removing the stop sign and increasing police enforcement and/or doing a neighbourhood speed watch program

Committee members asked several questions. Highlights included but were not limited to the following:

- Councillor McHattie thanked Mr. Sinha for his delegation and commented that he believes this is part of a larger issue that needs to be addressed with traffic policy. Councillor McHattie indicated that currently the stringent requirements for traffic calming measures give Councillors few options to address the concerns of citizens.
- Councillor Merulla indicated that there was a previous attempt to lobby the Province on pedestrian protection issues and he would like to pursue this.
- Councillor Duvall asked about the survey and the 86% approval rating of residents for the stop sign
- Mr. Sinha indicated that the survey listed non-responses as approving of the stop sign which he feels is misleading
- Chair Powers verified that of those that did respond there was a 63% approval of the installation of the stop sign

- Mr. Sinha commented that he believes this stop sign has been shown to be dangerous and this should trump all surveys as safety is the primary issue
- Councillor Whitehead asked if there were any instances of accidents at this stop sign location since it was installed
- Mr. Sinha indicated that there was an issue with tire tracks going over the curb in the winter.

On a Motion staff were directed to report back to the Public Works Committee respecting the stop sign at Linington Trail and Newcombe Road.

On a Motion staff were directed to provide an update on the efforts by the City of Hamilton to lobby the Province on the pedestrian right of way.

The Delegation by Daniel Sinha, respecting the stop sign at Linington Trail and Newcombe Road, was received.

(ii) Delegation by Chuck Farrauto, respecting Locke Street Traffic Safety (Item 6.2)

Mr. Farrauto contacted the Committee Clerk and indicated that he would be unable to attend. The delegation will be rescheduled for a future Public Works meeting.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion

10.1 Review of Traffic Policies in relation to promotion of pedestrian issues

Whereas in efforts to ensure safer neighbourhoods for children, seniors, and families, City Councillors continue to install stop signs and pedestrian-activated traffic crossings that are considered “unwarranted” by city staff, and;

Whereas the city-wide Transportation Master Plan, neighbourhood transportation Master plans, and the Walkability Master Plan (in preparation) are in unintended conflict through not adequately addressing vehicular volumes and speeding while promoting walking.

That a review of the Traffic Policies (including, traffic calming measures and pedestrian activated lights) be undertaken as part of the Walkability Master Plan process.

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

(i) Items on Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(a) Amendments to Due Dates

On a Motion the following Due Date was revised:

- (i) Item N: Possible Community Energy Project Partnerships
Due Date: May 16, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: June 6, 2011

(b) Removal of Items from the Outstanding Business List

On a Motion the following item was removed from the Outstanding Business List:

- (i) Item D: Correspondence from various MP's re: Support for Bill C-46 - Federal Legislation for Transit and other Green Commuter Choices

(i) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (ITEM 12)

(i) Closed Session Minutes, April 18, 2011 (Item 12.1)

On a Motion the Closed Session Minutes of the April 18, 2011 meeting were approved and will remain confidential.

(j) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Powers, Chair
Public Works Committee

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Assistant
May 16, 2011