Public Works Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Monday, June 4, 2007
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Chair M. McCarthy
Councillors B. Bratina, C. Collins, L. Ferguson, T. Jackson,
S. Merulla, D. Mitchell

Absent with Regrets: Councillor R. Powers – FCM

Also Present: Councillor R. Pasuta
S. Stewart – General Manager, Public Works
G. Davis – Director, Capital Planning and Implementation
H. Solomon – A/Director, Operations and Maintenance
J. Mater – Director, Fleet and Facilities
D. Hull – Director, Transit
A. Khan – A/Sr. Director, Water and Wastewater
B. Goodger – Director, Waste Management
C. Murray – Acting Director, Red Hill Valley Project
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERA-
TION:

1. To Incorporate Certain City Lands into Various Streets by By-law
(PW07002(d)) (Affects Wards 7, 8 and 11) (Item 5.1)

(Jackson/Bratina)
(a) That the following City land be incorporated into the following streets;

Graywood Road Block 30
Plan 62M-897 Ward 8

Springbreeze Heights Block 21
Plan 62M-1064 Ward 11

Theodore Drive Parts 1 and 4
Plan 62R-17314 Ward 7
(b) That the By-Laws to carry out the incorporation of the said land into the foregoing streets be prepared to the satisfaction of the Corporate Counsel and be enacted by Council;

(c) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and directed to register the By-Laws.  

CARRIED

2. Smart Commute Initiative – Urban Transportation Showcase Program (PW04006(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Jackson/Bratina)
(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to continue to work with other partners in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation and the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority staff on options for the continuation of the Smart Commute;

(b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the extension of the existing Memorandum of Understanding dated the 22nd day of May, 2004, between the partner municipalities for the Smart Commute Initiative to the 31st day of December 2007;

(c) That the cost of extending the Memorandum of Understanding to Hamilton, approximately $20,000, be funded from account # 4030555503 GTA Hamilton Urban Transportation Showcase program;

(d) That the City Clerk forward Report PW04006(a) to the Clerks at the Region of Peel, Halton, Durham, and York, and City of Toronto.  CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk noted that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Bratina/Ferguson)
That the agenda be approved, as presented.  CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.
(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

The Clerk advised that a recommendation which was approved at the May 28, 2007 meeting of the Public Works Committee with respect to an Amendment to the Dofasco Ingot Agreement, was inadvertently omitted from the Minutes and Public Works Committee Report which was approved by Council on May 30, 2007. Therefore, a motion to add the recommendation as Item 14 to Public Works Committee Report 07-008 will be put forward at the June 13, 2007 meeting of Council.

(Jackson//Ferguson)
That the Minutes of the May 28, 2007 meeting of the Public Works Committee be received and adopted, as amended. CARRIED

(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Messrs. Fred Leech, Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, and Mike Delsey, Totten Sims Hubicki Associates, to give an update on the Highway 24 Transportation Corridor and Class EA Study (Item 6.1)

Messrs. Fred Leech, Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, and Mike Delsey, Totten Sims Hubicki Associates, appeared before the Committee to give an update on the Highway 24 Transportation Corridor and Class EA Study, including the Study background, purpose and process; area transportation system problems and opportunities; area transportation system alternatives; preliminary planning alternatives (corridors); preferred corridor; preliminary study area and next steps.

Copies of the power point presentation were distributed to the Committee and a copy has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk.

Councillor McCarthy relinquished the Chair to ask some questions of the presenters.

(Ferguson/Jackson)
That the update by the Ministry of Transportation and Totten Simms Hubicki Associates respecting the Highway 24 Transportation Corridor and Class EA Study, be received. CARRIED

(ii) Request to appear from Tyler Tikkala respecting lack of communication between DARTS and its passengers; disrepair of natural gas buses and use of audible crossing signs (Item 6.2)

Mr. Tikkala appeared before the Committee to express his concerns, including:
- Lack of communication between the drivers and passengers on conventional transit buses e.g., calling out major or requested stop locations
- Lack of communication between DARTS schedulers and users e.g., cancellation warnings
- Use of audio crossing signals

(Merulla/Collins)
(a) That the presentation by Mr. Tyler Tikkala respecting HSR and DARTS bus service be received;
(b) That the concerns raised be forwarded to the appropriate staff for a response to Mr. Tikkala, with a copy to the Committee. CARRIED

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

(i) Flooding – Ward 4

With respect to the recent flooding in Ward 4, Councillor Merulla asked staff if the areas which have been flooded a number of times could be isolated in order to reach an understanding of why the flooding is still occurring. Staff responded that a report will be presented to the June 11 Committee of the Whole meeting which will address this ongoing and latest issue. The report will also address the issue of homeowners' insurance.

(ii) Recognition of Chris Murray, Acting Director, Red Hill Valley Project

The Committee recognized and thanked Chris Murray, Acting Director of the Red Hill Valley Project, for all of his efforts and contributions during his career in the Public Works Department, and wished him well in his new duties as Director of Housing for the Community Services Department.

(f) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Approval of Minutes of Closed Session Meeting held on May 7, 2007

(Collins/Jackson)
(a) That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Public Works Committee meeting of May 7, 2007 be received:
(b) That the Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. CARRIED
(Powers/Mitchell)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor M. McCarthy
Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
June 4, 2007