Present: Chair B. Bratina
Vice Chair C. Collins
Councillors L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, D. Mitchell, S. Merulla, R. Powers

Absent with Regrets: Councillor M. McCarthy – Personal Business

Also Present: Councillor B. McHattie
G. Davis – General Manager, Public Works
J. Harnum – Sr. Director, Water and Wastewater
J. Mater – Sr. Director, Transportation, Energy and Facilities
P. Parker – A/Sr. Director, Operations and Waste Management
J. Stephen – A/Director, Strategic Planning and Rapid Transit
G. Moore – Director, Engineering Services
D. Hull – Director, Transit
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program for Basement Flood Relief (PW09082) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)
   (Merulla/Collins)
   (a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to implement a program to subsidize the cost of investigations, installation of devices, drainage improvements and related works to help protect basements from chronic flooding as a result of storm water overloading of the wastewater collection system;
(b) That the Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program be eligible to residents in the City of Hamilton who have experienced basement flooding between August, 2005 to date, and/or to those residents who have already installed prevention devices between July 26, 2009 to the present;

(c) That the permit fee(s) be waived for the Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program application process;

(d) That funding for the 2009 investments (on a prioritized basis) valued at approximately $2,000 per residential property that experienced basement flooding, be funded from Account 5160772780. CARRIED as amended

2. Transit Vision 2040 (PW09081) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Mitchell//Ferguson)

(a) That the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) - Transit Vision 2040 (6 Focus Areas and 27 Strategic Directions), as identified in the Executive Summary (Table 1) of Report PW09081, be endorsed;

(b) That the Transit Division Operations Plan strategic initiatives that support Transit Vision 2040, Council’s Strategic Plan, Public Works Business Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and the Transit Division Ridership Growth and Asset Management Plan, as identified in the Executive Summary (Table 1) of Report PW09081, be endorsed. CARRIED

3. Product/Service Standardization of the Grey Island Systems International Inc.’s “InterFleet” Product as the GPS/AVL Program for Road Operations and Maintenance (PW09080) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Mitchell)

(a) That Grey Island Systems International Inc. Global Positioning Services/Automatic Vehicle Location/(GPS/AVL) “InterFleet” program be confirmed as the standardized product in providing GPS/AVL service to the City of Hamilton’s Public Works, Road Operations & Maintenance for the fall of 2009 through to the end of 2015;

(b) That Public Works staff be authorized to negotiate pricing and a new contract with Grey Island Systems International Inc. in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

(c) That the appropriate account/dollar amounts be created to fund the GPS/AVL program or be included into the annual winter maintenance budget. CARRIED
4. **Rapid Transit Procurement Procedures (PW09085) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

(Ferguson/Powers)

(a) That the upset limit of $100,000 be waived for assignments requiring the use of the Consultant Roster (Purchasing Policy #9) for Rapid Transit related projects;

(b) That for projects requiring the use of Purchasing Policy exemptions related to the use of roster assignments on Rapid Transit projects, staff will provide information updates on the assignments exempted from these purchasing policy requirements;

(c) That IBI Group be approved as a single source consultant for the undertaking of a required Rapid Transit and traffic detailed evaluation and modelling study, as outlined in Report PW09085. CARRIED

5. **Opportunities for Additional Access to Highway 403 Westbound and Collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation (PW09086) (Ward 1) (Item 8.3)**

(Ferguson/Powers)

(a) That the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) be advised of the City of Hamilton’s desire for additional westbound access to Highway 403, and that the investigation of future ramps from the Ancaster area and from Main Street, West, should be a collaborative effort between the City of Hamilton and the MTO;

(b) That the Ministry of Transportation be requested to provide a list of their requirements for Transportation Master Plans in areas adjacent to, or including, one or more provincial highways, in advance of the official project initiation meeting, and that MTO representatives be invited to participate on project steering committees for such projects;

(c) That a meeting be requested with Minister Ted McMeekin, M.P.P., Sofia Aggelontis, M.P.P., Councillor Brian McHattie, Ward 1, Councillor Lloyd Ferguson, Ward 12, Gerry Davis, General Manager of Public Works, senior Public Works Department staff and the Regional Director from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and associated senior MTO staff to discuss opportunities for additional westbound access to Highway 403 from the City of Hamilton. CARRIED
6. Downtown Multi-Modal Transportation Centre (PW08084a/LS09015)

(Powers/Ferguson)
That the General Manager of Public Works and the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to terminate the Three Party Encroachment Agreement between the City of Hamilton, Canadian Realty Revenue Properties Ltd. and Grindstone Properties Ltd., and their respective successors or assigns for a ramp encroaching on the property of the City of Hamilton and for six planters on the sidewalk of MacNab Street South encroaching on the property of the City of Hamilton, said lands being required for the expanded transit terminal in the downtown core. CARRIED as amended

7. Revision to Hours of Leash-Free Park – Hill Street Park (Ward 1) (Item 9.1)

(Powers/Jackson)
Whereas there is a growing interest in using the Hill Street (Ward1) leash-free park in the day time hours; and

Whereas spreading out use of the leash-free park over more hours will avoid the current concentration of users in the evenings only; and,

Whereas Hill Street Park is under-utilized by area residents; and

Whereas the use by off-leash dogs is in the west end of the park, partially fenced off from the playground.

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the hours of the Ward 1 Leash-free Park at Hill Street Park be changed to 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a six-month pilot test period, from April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010. CARRIED

8. Request from Sonic Unyon for Temporary Road Closure – Friday, October 9, 2009 – James Street Art Crawl (Item 9.2)

(Bratina/Jackson)
(a) That the application from Sonic Unyon to temporarily close James Street North, between Cannon Street and Wilson Street, from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009 to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2009 for a Music Event organized by Sonic Unyon, be approved

(b) That the event organizers be required to submit a Certificate of Insurance and pay the required full road closure permit fee of $549.40 prior to the closure;
(c) That all other costs related to the road closure be the responsibility of Sonic Unyon.  

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised the addition a report respecting “Downtown Multi-Modal Transportation Centre”, to be added on to the agenda as Item 8.4.

(Collins/Mitchell)  
That the agenda be approved, as amended.  

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(Mitchell/Powers)  
That the Minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting of the Public Works Committee be approved, as presented.  

(d) MINUTES OF THE LAKE ERIE SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE 
(Item 5.1)

(Collins/Merulla)  
That the August 6, 2009, 2009 minutes of the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee meeting be received.  

(e) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program for Basement Flood Relief 
(PW09082) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Jim Harnum provided a power point presentation with respect to Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program for Basement Flood Relief, outlining the following:
• Background, including July 26 and August 29, 2009 flooding events;
• The New Norm – Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2007 – 90% chance of more frequent, severe flooding
• Mission: To help homeowners identify the causes of basement flooding, mitigate future risk and create a more liveable community. This is one of the top priorities for the Water/Wastewater and Sustainable Division for the next 3 years;
• What are we already doing? Accelerated Capital – Mainline Sewers; Pilot Program for Basement Flood Relief; All-pipes Sewer Model; Sewer Lateral Management Program
• What is the Protective Plumbing Program – CCTV Investigation and Rehabilitation of Laterals; Disconnection of Downspouts; Mainline Backwater Valve; Backwater Valve on Mainline;
• How can the Program be implemented; Program Delivery; Financial and Staffing Implications
• Conclusions – Proactive, Preventative, Protective

Copies of the power point presentation were distributed to the members of the Committee and has also been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

In response to a question from Councillor Merulla, Mr. Harnum reported that $200 million has been allocated in the sewer capital program over the next 5 years and the works will be prioritized and co-ordinated with the Roads program, where needed. Approximately $30 million has been included in the 2010 Capital Budget in accelerated programs for mainline sewer upgrades.

Several members of the Committee acknowledged and thanked staff for bringing this report and the initiatives forward.

(Collins/Merulla)
That the following be added as sub-sections (b) and (c) and the remaining sub-section be renumbered accordingly:

(b) That the Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program be eligible to residents in the City of Hamilton who have experienced basement flooding between August, 2005 to date, and/or to those residents who have already installed prevention devices between July 26, 2009 to the present;

(c) That the permit fee(s) be waived for the Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program application process. Amendment CARRIED
(Collins/Merulla)
That the re-numbered sub-section (d) be amended by deleting the word “multiple”, preceding the words “basement flooding”.
Amendment CARRIED
Motion as amended CARRIED

(Merulla/Collins)
That staff be directed to report back to the appropriate Committee on the implications of implementing an interest-free program for costs over and above the $2,000 limit per residential property for the Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program for Basement Flood Relief, similar to the program in place for the Lead Service Replacement Program.
CARRIED

Mr. Harnum advised the Committee that with respect to communicating this information to the public, staff will be placing information in the newspaper, distributing flyers and holding public information sessions. Staff will also attend meetings which may be arranged by the Ward Councillors.

(ii) Transit Vision 2040 (PW09081) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Councillor Russ Powers, an elected member of the Board of the Canadian Urban Transportation Association (CUTA), introduced CUTA’s Vision 2040 – Public Transit: A Vision for the Next Generation. CUTA represents all major and minor transportation companies, including suppliers and operators in every Province and Territory in Canada and decided to look at the issue of transportation from a holistic standpoint, which resulted in the Vision 2040 report. The Report encompasses 6 core areas, resulting in 27 recommendations.

Don Hull indicated that the report before the Committee today is the first of three reports and is a pre-cursor to demonstrate the rationale and alignment going into the budget process and that setting a vision for transit is a national exercise. The second will report on the results of the operational review and the final report will deal with the 2010 budget.

The Committee was provided with a power point presentation which outlined:

- Project Objectives
- Youth leaders/Stakeholder consultation
- Names of high-profile leaders included in contributing to Vision 2040
- Transit Vision
- Major Themes – Putting Transit at the Centre of Communities; Revolutionizing Service; Focusing on Customers; Greening Transit; Ensuring Financial Health; Strengthening Knowledge and Practice
• Stakeholder Roles – Federal, provincial, territorial and regional governments; municipal governments; transit systems; transit suppliers; CUTA
• Short-term Priorities.

Copies of the power point presentation were distributed to the members of the Committee and has also been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

The Committee also received a video presentation outlining Vision 2040.

(f) DOWNTOWN MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTRE
(PW08084(a)/LS09015) (City Wide)

(Collins/Mitchell)
That the following words be added following the word, “assign”:

“…for a ramp encroaching on the property of the City of Hamilton and for six planters on the sidewalk of MacNab Street South encroaching on the property of the City of Hamilton, said lands being required for the expanded transit terminal in the downtown core.”

Amendment CARRIED
Motion as amended CARRIED

(g) ITEMS REFERRED TO THE 2010 BUDGET PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION

(i) Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program for Basement Flood Relief
(PW09082) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Collins/Merulla)
That the budget for 2010 for the Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program be brought forward during the Rate Budget process for 2010.

CARRIED

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Jackson/Collins)
That the following items on the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List be amended to reflect the revised due dates, as follows:

(aa) Item I: Opportunities for Reduction – Public Works Program
Due Date: September 21, 2009
Revised Due Date: October 19, 2009
(bb) Item L: Rapid Transit Maintenance Facility Location Review
Due Date: October 5, 2009
Revised Due Date: November 16, 2009 CARRIED

(ii) Public Works Committee Meeting – October 5, 2009

Chair Bratina advised the Committee that as there would not be any urgent issues requiring the immediate attention of the Committee, the October 5, 2009 meeting of the Public Works Committee will be cancelled. The next regular meeting date is October 19, 2009.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. Bratina, Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
September 21, 2009