Public Works Committee  
REPORT 10-003  
(as approved by City Council on March 10, 2010)  
9:30 a.m.  
Monday, March 1, 2010  
Hamilton Convention Centre  
One Summer’s Lane  
Albion Room  
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Also Present:  
G. Davis – General Manager, Public Works  
J. Harnum – Senior Director, Environment and Sustainable Infrastructure  
B. Goodger – Senior Director, Operations and Waste Management  
J. Mater – Senior Director, Transportation, Energy and Facilities  
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 10-003 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:


2.  Green Fleet Implementation Plan Phase 2 (PW03147(d)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.5)

That Report PW03147(d) respecting “Green Fleet Implementation Plan Phase 2”, be received.

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3. **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – HSR Destination Signage and Verbal Stop Announcements (PW10021) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.6)**

That Report PW10021 respecting “Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – HSR Destination Signage and Verbal Stop Announcements” be received.

4. **Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Allowance of Parkdale Avenue North, Hamilton (PW09093) (Ward 4) (Item 6.2)**

That the application of Triple M Metal LP, located at 799 Parkdale Avenue North, Hamilton, to permanently close and purchase a portion of the abutting Parkdale Avenue North road allowance, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

(a) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare a by-law to permanently close a portion of the road allowance of Parkdale Avenue North, Hamilton;

(b) That the appropriate by-law be introduced and enacted by Council;

(c) That the Real Estate Section, Planning and Economic Development Department, be authorized to negotiate the sale of the lands, in accordance with the Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land, By-law No. 04-299;

(d) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to register a certified copy of the by-law permanently closing the highway in the proper Land Registry Office;

(e) That the by-law permanently closing the highway does not take effect until a certified copy of the by-law is registered in the proper Land Registry Office;

(f) That the applicant enter into easement agreements with the City for the existing watermain, storm and sanitary sewer over Parts 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 on Plan 62R-16502 and for the existing open channel;

(g) That the Public Works Department publish a notice pursuant to Section 34 of The Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, of the City’s intention to pass the by-law.
5. Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of Portions of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 48 Woodbine Crescent, Hamilton (PW10024) (Ward 1)
(Item 6.3)

(a) That the application of the owners of 48 Woodbine Crescent in Hamilton to permanently close and purchase portions of the public unassumed alley abutting the east and south limits of the property, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

(i) That the applicant makes an application to a District Court Judge, under Section 88 of the Registry Act, R.S.O. 1990, for an order to permanently close and purchase the subject lands;

(ii) That the General Manager, Public Works or his designate sign the appropriate documentation confirming that no public funds have been expended on the lands to be closed;

(iii) That the documentation regarding the application to the District Court Judge be prepared by the applicant, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor;

(iv) That the applicant register a reference plan under the Registry Act and that said plan be prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor to the satisfaction of the Senior Project Manager, Survey/Technical Services and that the applicant deposit a reproducible copy of said plan with the Senior Project Manager, Survey/Technical Services;

(b) That provided the Judge's Order to permanently close the lands is granted:

(i) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare the by-law to permanently close the highway;

(ii) That the appropriate by-law be introduced and enacted by Council;

(iii) That the Economic Development and Real Estate Division, Planning and Economic Development Department, be authorized and directed to sell this closed highway in accordance with the Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land, By-law No. 04-299;

(iv) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to register a certified copy of the by-law permanently closing the highway in the proper land registry office;

(v) That the by-law permanently closing the highway does not take effect until a certified copy of the by-law is registered in the proper land registry office;

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(vi) That the Public Works Department publish a notice pursuant to Section 34 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, of the City’s intention to pass the by-law.

6. Vendor Approval Requests (PW10019) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That staff of the Transit Section be authorized to use Purchasing Policy 11 to single source from the following Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for parts to maintain and repair Revenue Transit Vehicles for the 2010 calendar year:

(a) New Flyer Industries, estimated at $675,000,
(b) Harper Power Products, estimated at $700,000,
(c) Cummins Eastern Canada, estimated at $350,000,
(d) Tarten Equipment, estimated at $300,000.

7. Articulated Bus Hoist Upgrade (PW10020) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That staff be authorized to use Purchasing Policy 11 to single source the purchase and installation of a low excavation, three-post articulated transit bus hoist from Novaquip Lifting Systems Inc. at an upset limit of $350,000 with the understanding that this capital project, ID 5300851803, has been previously approved by Council and will be fully funded from transit dedicated Federal Gas Tax.


(a) That 62 of the existing living trees, as outlined in Appendix A attached to Report PW10022, be approved for removal to facilitate the rehabilitation of Jerome Park to parkland standards according to the Risk Assessment requirements prepared for this parcel;

(b) That the $136,000 payment for tree compensation to Forestry and Horticulture of Public Works in accordance with By-law 06-151, be waived;

(c) That the site location of Jerome Park, attached as Appendix B to Report PW10022, be approved.
9. Enhancement of Windermere Basin (PW08055(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(a) That the City of Hamilton (“City”) enter into an Amending Agreement to the settlement agreement dated October 26, 2000, between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Port Authority (“HPA”) (formerly the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners) which removes the City’s obligation to dredge Windermere Basin and replaces it with the City’s obligation to dredge the portion of Hamilton Harbour in the vicinity of Pier 25 which is owned by the HPA and is also known as “Area B”;

(b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Amending Agreement referred to in subsection (a), in substantially the form set out in Appendix “A” to Report PW08055a, and all necessary associated documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

(c) That the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the HPA, which sets out their respective obligations regarding the dredging of Area B and which provides a framework for a ten year project management agreement (PMA) for the HPA to provide complete project management services to the City for the dredging of Area B;

(d) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the MOU referred to in subsection (c), in substantially the form set out in Appendix “B” to Report PW08055a, and all necessary associated documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

(e) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to negotiate and execute, on behalf of the City, a PMA with the HPA, which more comprehensively sets out the details of the obligations and liabilities of both the City and the HPA with respect to the dredging of Area B, and all necessary documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

10. Request for an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Florence Street and Locke Street North (Strathcona Neighbourhood) (Ward 1)

(a) That an all-way stop be installed at the corner of Florence Street and Locke Street North in Strathcona Neighbourhood;

(b) That the appropriate amendment to the City’s Traffic By-law be passed.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

A. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

(i) Ontario Public Works Association

Chair Merulla called on Beth Goodger, Craig Murdoch, Jim Harnum and Frank Falcone to approach the podium to present the 2009 Ontario Public Works Association Award in the Environment $2 to $10 million category, awarded to the Operations and Waste Management and Transportation, Energy and Facilities Division. This special award recognizes the Glanbrook Landfill Gas to Energy facility.

(ii) Ontario Parks Association

Chair Merulla called on Craig Murdoch and Al Dore to approach the podium to present the Ontario Parks Association Award of Recognition awarded to the Environmental Services Section, Operations and Waste Management Division. The OPA Award of Recognition is awarded to any OPA member who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of parks, the profession and the environment.

(iii) Richard Goodman Strategic Planning Award – Honourable Recognition

Chair Merulla called upon Jim Harnum to present the Richard Goodman Strategic Planning Award Honourable Recognition in the Government category for the Environment and Sustainable Infrastructure Division in the City’s Water and Wastewater group. This award represents the only formal distinction granted this year across all categories.

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

(i) Matt Jelly respecting the Nativity Scene in Gore Park (Item 6.1) – Unable to attend; delegation will be re-scheduled.

On a motion, the agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None
(c) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3.1)**

On a motion, the following Minutes of the Public Works Committee were approved, as presented:

(i) February 1, 2010
(ii) February 1, 2010 (Budget)

(d) **DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

(i) Request from Sarah Wakefield, on behalf of Community Food Security Stakeholders Committee, to appear before the Committee respecting the Community Garden Policy

On a motion, the request from Sarah Wakefield, on behalf of Community Food Security Stakeholders Committee, respecting the Community Garden Policy was approved. Ms. Wakefield will be invited to attend the appropriate Public Works Committee meeting.

(e) **CONSENT AGENDA**

(i) **Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (Item 5.1)**

On a motion, the November 23, 2009 Minutes of the Glanbrook Landfill Co-ordinating Committee, were received.

(ii) **Minutes of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee – December 8, 2009 (Item 5.2)**

On a motion, the December 8, 2009 Minutes of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee were received.

(iii) **Minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee – December 3, 2009 (Item 5.3)**

On a motion, the January 21, 2010 Minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee were received.
(f) **RECORDED VOTES**

(i) **City of Hamilton Manuals – Operation and Maintenance Report for Stormwater Management Facilities and Landscape Design Guidelines for Stormwater Management Facilities (PW10018) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)**

The motion **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas:  Merulla, Powers, McCarthy, Mitchell, Collins, Jackson, Bratina

Total Yeas:  7

Nays:  Ferguson

Total Nays:  1

(ii) **Vendor Approval Requests (PW10019) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

The motion **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas:  Merulla, Powers, McCarthy, Mitchell, Collins, Jackson, Bratina

Total Yeas:  7

Nays:  Ferguson

Total Nays:  1

(iii) **Articulated Bus Hoist Upgrade (PW10020) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

The motion **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas:  Merulla, Powers, McCarthy, Mitchell, Collins, Jackson, Bratina

Total Yeas:  7

Nays:  Ferguson

Total Nays:  1

(g) **PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

(i) **Matt Jelly respecting the Nativity Scene in Gore Park (Item 6.1)**

Mr. Jelly advised that he is unable to attend. This item will be rescheduled to a future meeting of the Committee.
(ii) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Allowance of Parkdale Avenue North, Hamilton (PW09093) (Ward 4) (Item 6.2)

This report was previously presented to the Committee on November 16, 2009. At that time, staff advised that the applicant had requested additional information, and asked that the report be deferred. Staff advised that the applicant is now prepared to proceed with the application.

The proposed permanent closure and sale was advertised in the Spectator when the report was brought forward in November; there was no one present to address this issue at that time.

See Item 4 for the disposition of this item.

(iii) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of Portions of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 48 Woodbine Crescent, Hamilton (PW10024) (Ward 1) (Item 6.3)

Chair Merulla advised that this proposed permanent closure and sale was advertised in the Spectator and asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak to this issue. No one came forward.

Chair Merulla also advised that the property owner was in attendance, should he be required to respond to any questions.

See Item 5 for the disposition of this item.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(i) Councillor C. Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

Request for an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Florence Street and Locke Street North (Strathcona Neighbourhood) (Ward 1)

Whereas southbound traffic on Locke Street North can be travelling quite fast (60km/h) if trying to catch the light at York Boulevard;

And Whereas northbound traffic on Locke Street North is travelling downhill and can be speeding to catch the light at York Boulevard;

And Whereas Florence Street traffic stopped at the stop sign has near "blind" corners with houses being so close to the street and there is a shrub at the S-W corner (in Victoria Park) that obstructs sight-lines;
And Whereas many children cross this intersection going to and from Strathcona School;

And Whereas there is a school bus stop at this corner which would benefit from a stop sign.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

(a) That an all-way stop be installed at the corner of Florence Street and Locke Street North in Strathcona Neighbourhood;

(b) That the appropriate amendment to the City’s Traffic By-law be passed.

On a motion, the Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting a Request for an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Florence Street and Locke Street North (Strathcona Neighbourhood) (Ward 1),

See Item 10 of this Report for the disposition of this item.

(ii) Councillor R. Powers introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**Pedestrian Crossings on Hatt Street and Ogilvie Street, at Creekside Drive, Dundas**

Whereas, the recently completed Downtown Dundas Transportation Study identifies various traffic challenges on Hatt and Ogilvie Streets in Dundas and recommends that the City “undertake a traffic calming study and develop a strategy to reduce traffic speeds and provide additional crossing locations”;

And Whereas, there is an immediate need to mitigate safety concerns for the pedestrians residing in the 320 residential units in five buildings and an adjoining health services facility in the southwest quadrant of Hatt/Ogilvie Streets.

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

(a) That an appropriate pedestrian crossing be installed on Hatt Street and Ogilvie Street where it intersects with Creekside Drive;

(b) That the appropriate amendment to the City’s Traffic By-law be passed.
(i) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

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

On a motion, the following items on the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List were amended to reflect the proposed new due dates:

(i) Amendments to Due Dates

(aa) Item A1: Truck Route Master Plan – specifically the area of Upper Mount Albion Road which is linked to ROPA 9
Due Date: March 22, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: May 31, 2010

(bb) Item A2: Truck Traffic on Fruitland Road Residential Road
Due Date: March 22, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: May 31, 2010

(cc) Item B: Biosolids Management Plan
Due Date: March 22, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 12, 2010

(dd) Item P: Cycling Infrastructure Investment
Due Date: March 22, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: May 31, 2010

(ee) Item Q1: Standardization of Bus Parts
Due Date: March 22, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: May 31, 2010

(ff) Item Q2: Standardization of Bus Parts
Due Date: March 22, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: May 31, 2010

(gg) Item V: Signage on the LINC
Due Date: June 14, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: May 31, 2010.

(ii) Verbal Update

(aa) Item S: Petition on behalf of Wentworth Condo. Corp, 132
re: traffic safety measures at the corner of Queenston Road and Donn Avenue
Due Date: March 1, 2010

Update to be provided at March 22, 2010 meeting.
(iii)  Items Removed from Outstanding Business List:

On a motion, the following items were removed from the Outstanding Business List:

(aa) Green Fleet Implementation Plan Phase 2 (PW03147(d)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(bb) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – HSR Destination Signage and Verbal Stop Announcements (PW10032) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

(ii)  Introduction of Sam DiTomaso, Manager of Roads and Maintenance

Beth Goodger, Senior Director of Operations and Waste Management, introduced Sam DiTomaso, Manager of Roads and Maintenance, who joined the City of Hamilton in December, 2009 and is under contract for the next 18 months. During that time, key initiatives that Mr. DiTomaso will focus on include implementing strategies to increase efficiencies and cost savings, development of a culture encouraging cost management and strengthening of employee relations.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
March 1, 2010