Public Works Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Monday, April 2, 2007
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Minutes of Various Committees: (Item 5.1)

   (Powers/Ferguson)
   That the Minutes of the following committees, be received:

   5.1 Minutes of Various Committees (for information purposes only):

   5.1.1 Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee – February 28, 2007

   5.1.2 D.A.R.T.S. Board of Directors Meeting – January 25, 2007

   CARRIED
2. Intersection Control List as at April 2, 2007 (PW07001(b)) (Wards 7 and 11) (Item 5.2)

(Powers/Ferguson)
That the appropriate By-law be presented to Council to provide traffic control as follows:

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3. Part-time Reduced School Zone Speed Limits (PW07043) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Powers/Ferguson)
(a) That a “40 km/h when flashing” part-time speed limit be implemented on:

(i) Inverness Avenue abutting Queensdale Elementary School, 67 Queensdale Avenue East;

(ii) Highland Road abutting Saltfleet Secondary School, 108 Highland Road West;

(iii) Upper Sherman Avenue abutting Franklin Road Elementary School, 500 Franklin Road;

(iv) Gray Road abutting Cardinal Newman Secondary School, 127 Gray Road;

(v) Garth Street abutting St. Therese of Lisieux Elementary School, 1760 Garth Street;

(vi) Governor’s Road abutting Highland Secondary School, 310 Governor’s Road and St. Bernadette Elementary School, 270 Governor’s Road;
(vii) Mohawk Road West abutting Regina Mundi Elementary School, 675 Mohawk Road West;

(b) That the by-law outlined in Report PW07043 as Appendix “A” to amend the City of Hamilton Traffic By-law 01-215 be passed and enacted.

CARRIED

4. Queen Elizabeth Way Pedestrian Crossing/Gateway (PW06109a) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Collins/Merulla)

(a) That staff be directed to initiate detailed design of the enhanced pedestrian bridge gateway feature to ensure that the construction of the centre bridge pier on the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) can be coordinated with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) works related to the QEW improvements currently underway;

(b) That the budgeted design costs of $500,000 for the QEW Crossing/Gateway be referred to the 2007 Capital budget for Council’s consideration as previously submitted,

(c) That the budgeted construction costs for the QEW Crossing/Gateway of $6,800,000 be referred to the 2008 Capital Budget for Council’s consideration;

(d) That Council and staff continue to pursue funding partners to include but not be limited to, the Provincial and Federal Governments, Hamilton Future Fund, Hydro dividends, positive capital variances and any additional funding sources, to offset the cost to the taxpayers of Hamilton for the enhanced pedestrian bridge gateway feature, and that this project be used as one of the negotiating tools to settle the lawsuit with the Federal Government with respect to the Red Hill Valley Parkway;

(e) That staff be directed to work with the City’s Purchasing Section to negotiate (under Policy 11) with the existing Red Hill Valley Parkway design engineer (McCormick Rankin Corporation and appropriate gateway design sub consultant) for a favourable price to complete the detail engineering design and construction supervision of the enhanced pedestrian bridge and gateway feature. CARRIED as amended

5. Hamilton Water and Wastewater Operations Contract Annual Report (PW07045) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Jackson/Mitchell)

That Report PW07045 respecting Hamilton Water and Wastewater Operations Contract Annual Report, be received. CARRIED
6. **Intrusive Environmental Investigations on City-Owned Lands by External Parties Program (PW07040) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

   (Jackson/Powers)
   (a) That the “Intrusive Environmental Investigations on City owned Property by External Parties” Policy, attached as Appendix A to Report PW07040, including the associated Permits be endorsed and approved;

   (b) That the 2007 User Fees and Charges applicable to the Policy proposed herein, as approved by Council on February 15, 2007 in adopting Item 3 of Committee of the Whole Report 07-004, be implemented effective the date of Council approval of this Report;

   (c) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to proceed with immediate implementation of this Policy;

   (d) That authority to institute minor changes to the Policy in consideration of experience with its implementation be delegated to the General Manager of Public Works; and

   (e) That the General Manager of Public Works or his/her designate be authorized to execute any agreements flowing from the Policy, including, but not limited to, any Remediation Agreement, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.  

   **CARRIED**

7. **AMO/AMRC Discussion Paper on Strengthening Extended Producer Responsibilities for Ontario’s Blue Box – February 2007 (PW07042) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

   (Powers/Merulla)
   (a) That the City of Hamilton support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Association of Municipal Recycling Coordinators of Ontario (AMRC) Discussion Paper on Strengthening Extended Producer Responsibilities for Ontario’s Blue Box;

   (b) That a copy of Report PW07042 be provided to the AMO, AMRC, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs).

   **CARRIED**

8. **D.A.R.T.S. 2006 Deficit Funding (PW07046) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

   (Jackson/Powers)
   That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to pay D.A.R.T.S. $338,867.00 for services provided in 2006, over and above the approved 2006 budget to offset the DARTS year-end deficit. 

   **CARRIED**
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(Bratina/Merulla)
That the Minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting of the Public Works Committee be received and adopted as presented.  CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 4.1)

None

(e) QUEEN ELIZABETH WAY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING/GATEWAY (PW06109(a))
(City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Chris Murray, Acting Director, Red Hill Valley Project, Steve Barnhart, Landscape Architect, Capital Planning and Implementation, and Vicki Barron, from Waterfront Trust Regeneration, gave a power point presentation on the Red Hill Valley/Waterfront Trail Pedestrian Link. The presentation outlined the following areas: approvals to date, trail network, design options, project schedule, budget forecast to date and recommendations.

Vicki Barron indicated that the Waterfront Trust has invested in contributing to major projects in the past; however, the pedestrian link is the first attempt to make a connection over a major transportation corridor.

A copy of the presentation was distributed, and a copy has been retained in the files of the Office of the City Clerk.

(Merulla/Collins)
That sub-section (d) be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu there of:
(d) That Council and staff continue to pursue funding partners to include but not be limited to, the Provincial and Federal Governments, Hamilton Future Fund, Hydro dividends, positive capital variances and any additional funding sources, to offset the cost to the taxpayers of Hamilton for the enhanced pedestrian bridge gateway feature, and that this project be used as one of the negotiating tools to settle the lawsuit with the Federal Government.

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

Yeas: McCarthy, Collins, Merulla, Mitchell, Jackson, Ferguson, Powers  
Total Yeas: 7  
Nays: Bratina  
Total Nays: 1

**(Mitchell/Powers)**  
That the following be added as sub-section (f):  
(f) That staff prepare an appropriate public process to be put in place to measure public support for comments on this project.

The amendment was **DEFEATED** on the following tie vote:

Yeas: McCarthy, Mitchell, Powers, Bratina  
Total Yeas: 4  
Nays: Collins, Merulla, Jackson, Ferguson  
Total Nays: 4

The main motion, as amended, **CARRIED** as follows:

Yeas: Collins, Merulla, Ferguson, Jackson, Mitchell, Powers  
Total Yeas: 6  
Nays: McCarthy, Bratina  
Total Nays: 2

**(Collins/Merilla)**  
That staff be directed to bring a back a report to the Committee outlining a public process. **CARRIED**

Staff was also directed to investigate the possibility as to whether the funding for this project can be area-rated, specifically in Wards 4, 5 and 6, and to provide a response prior to the April 11, 2007 Council meeting.
(f) HAMILTON WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS CONTRACT ANNUAL REPORT (PW07045) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Jim Harnum, Senior Director, Water/Wastewater, introduced Abdul Khan, Director, Water and Wastewater Treatment, and acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Khan and his staff for the successful operations and maintenance of the water treatment facilities.

The Committee was given a power point presentation outlining the 2006 Annual Report Card for the Hamilton Water and Wastewater Operations Contract.

A copy of the presentation was distributed, and a copy has been retained in the files of the Office of the City Clerk.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Outstanding Business Items:

(aa) Traffic Control Measures at the Intersections of 5th Concession West and Brock Road, and 6th Concession West at Brock Road (Due Date: April 2, 2007) **New Due Date: April 16, 2007**

(bb) Traffic Calming Study – Scenic Road between Goulding Avenue and Lavender Drive (Due Date: April 2, 2007) **New Due Date: June 18, 2007**

*(Mitchell/Jackson)*

That the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee be amended accordingly. **CARRIED**

(ii) Staff Acknowledgements

(aa) Councillor Mitchell acknowledged and thanked the efforts of Ron Gallo, Supervisor of Signals and Systems, and Leanne Ryan, Traffic Technologist, for their attendance and assistance at a recent meeting held in Glanbrook respecting a round-a-bout.

(bb) Councillor Whitehead also acknowledged and thanked the efforts of Ron Gallo for his attendance and presentation at a meeting with the residents of Gurnett Neighbourhood.
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Approval of Minutes of Closed Session Meeting held on March 19, 2007

(Powers/Jackson)

(a) That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Public Works Committee meeting of March 19, 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

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor M. McCarthy
Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
April 2, 2007