



**Public Works Committee
REPORT 09-006**

(as approved by City Council on April 15, 2009)

9:30 a.m.

**Monday, April 6, 2009
Hamilton Convention Centre
One Summer's Lane
Albion Rooms A and B
Hamilton, Ontario**

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor R. Powers – Vacation

Also Present: Councillor B. McHattie
G. Davis, – A/General Manager, Public Works
J. Stephen – Temp. Director, Capital Planning and
Implementation
G. Moore – Director, Engineering Services
H. Solomon – A/Director, Operations and Maintenance
D. Hull – Director, Transit
J. Mater – Director, Energy, Fleet and Facilities
B. Goodger – Director, Waste Management
P. Parker – Manager, Solid Waste Planning
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's

**THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 09-006 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Parsonage Road – Original Road Allowance between the Geographic Townships of Ancaster and Brant (PW09025/PED09096) (Ward 14) (Item 5.2)**

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents including transfers or agreements with The Ministry of Transportation to acquire the lands known as Parsonage Road. All documents are to be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that any Legal Services expenses or other administrative expenses be charged to Account Number 55785-560210.

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2. Communication Lamp Poles (PW09026/LS09005) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into Communication Lamp Pole Access Agreements (CLP) with Bell Canada (Bell) and Cogeco Cable Canada, attached to Report PW09026/LS09005, to allow access to City Lamp Poles that can house telecommunications equipment in new developments on a go-forward basis;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the necessary documents, all documents being in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That this agreement be approved as the accepted template for future negotiations with other Telecommunications providers;
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute documents with other telecommunications providers as long as this template is used and provided that any changes are minor in nature and are acceptable to the City Solicitor.

3. Seniors' Golden Age Bus Pass Policy (PW09024) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That the verbal presentation and Report PW09024 respecting the Seniors' Golden Age Bus Pass Policy, be received.

4. Procurement and Standardization of Traffic Signal Control Units and Associated Hardware – 2009 to 2015 (PW09030) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the PEEK brand of traffic signal equipment be approved as the Manufacturer's Standard for the City of Hamilton for a period of five years, relative to the purchase of traffic signal control units, control masters and associated hardware and software;
- (b) That staff be authorized to negotiate and execute "house accounts" for the supply of spare equipment, parts and repair and maintenance services with original equipment manufacturers and/or licensed distributors of the approved standardized product.

5. Use of Transverse Rumble Strips in Rural Areas (PW09031) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) "Best Practice Guidelines for the Design and Application of Transverse Rumble Strips (TRS)" be endorsed as the City of Hamilton standard for use at stop signs;

- (b) That the item relating to “Rural Stop Sign Safety” be removed from the Public Works Outstanding Business List.

**6. Plastic Shopping Bag Reduction and Recycling (PW07155(b)) (City Wide)
(Item 8.3)**

- (a) That the Ministry of Environment be advised that their efforts on plastic shopping bag reduction are supported by the City of Hamilton as they are consistent with our position on increased extended producer responsibility;
- (b) That staff continue to monitor plastic film capture rates in the Recycling Program and ongoing private sector initiatives to reduce plastic shopping bag use, in light of the 2007 Provincial voluntary initiative calling for the 50% reduction of plastic shopping bags by 2012;
- (c) That the use of stronger policy tools such as bans or levies to achieve the necessary reduction in film plastic going to landfill be considered by the City of Hamilton if sufficient progress towards the 50% reduction goal is not reported by the end of 2012;
- (d) That plastic film including plastic shopping bags continue to be accepted and promoted in the City of Hamilton Recycling Program;
- (e) That staff promote the reduction in non-recyclable plastic bags through a reusable bag initiative and by educating area retailers on identifying recyclable and non-recyclable bags;
- (f) That a copy of this report be sent to local Members of Provincial Parliament and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- (g) That the issue of plastic shopping bag reduction and recycling be referred to the Province for their consideration.

**7. Rapid Transit Maintenance Facility Location Review (PW09027/PED09097)
(City Wide)**

- (a) That the Acting General Manager, Public Works Department be authorized and directed to retain an independent agent and to purchase options on properties that could be used for a Light Rail Transit (LRT) Maintenance Facility, to an upset limit of \$500,000, all of which is to be funded from 5300855100 – Rapid Transit Studies;

- (b) That the Acting General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to report back to Public Works Committee at such time as options for these properties have been purchased, with an updated proposal and preliminary design for a Light Rail Maintenance Facility, based on the site location and any new requirements or design considerations coming forward from the LRT technical analysis that is underway for the B-Line;
- (c) That the contents of this report remain confidential as they contain information regarding property acquisition.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

A. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

A cheque in the amount of \$23,820 was presented to Roy Sheldrick, accepting on behalf of the Ancaster Rotary Club, by Chair Bratina, Gerry Davis, Dan McKinnon and Janet Vandehaar. This money represents the funds raised through the Water and Wastewater Division's 5th Annual Works Water Day Walkathon held on March 24, 2009.

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following change:

- (i) Notice of Motion respecting Lease with Royal Botanical Gardens for Churchill Fields Park
- (ii) Confidential Report LS09002 respecting Potential Legal Implications of the Golden Age Seniors' Bus Pass Program (to be added as Item 12.2)

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

On a motion, the Minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting of the Public Works Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) MINUTES OF VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES (Item 5.1)

On a motion, the following Minutes were received:

- (i) Waste Reduction Task Force – February 18, 2009
- (ii) Clean City Liaison Committee – February 19, 2009

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS

- (i) Request to Appear from John Slobodzian, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, to provide an update respecting the Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study

On a motion, the request from John Slobodzian, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, to provide an update respecting the Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, was approved.

(f) COMMUNICATION LAMP POLES (PW09026/LS09005) (City Wide)

On a motion, sub-section (a) was deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

- “(a) That the City of Hamilton enter into Communication Lamp Pole Access Agreements (CLP) with Bell Canada (Bell) and Cogeco Cable Canada, attached to Report PW09026/LS09005, to allow access to City Lamp Poles that can house telecommunications equipment in new developments on a go-forward basis;”

(g) SENIORS' GOLDEN AGE BUS PASS POLICY (PW09024) (City Wide)

Don Hull provided a power point presentation outlining the background, existing fare policies, AODA implications, consensus from the ACPD and Seniors Advisory Committees, 2009 budget implications and alternatives.

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

The Committee opted to not make any decisions on the presentation or the information report pending receipt of legal advice to be given during the closed session.

**(h) PLASTIC SHOPPING BAG REDUCTION AND RECYCLING (PW07155(b))
(City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

On a motion, sub-section (c) was amended by deleting “2009” and replacing it with “2012” in lieu thereof.

On a motion, the following was added as sub-section (g):

“(g) That the issue of plastic shopping bag reduction and recycling be referred to the Province for their consideration.”

The Main Motion, as amended, was carried.

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

(i) Lease with Royal Botanical Gardens for Churchill Fields Park

Councillor S. Merulla put the following Notice of Motion forward:

Whereas the Royal Botanical Gardens owns Churchill Fields Park but the City has historically had a long-term lease allowing a city park use;

And Whereas there is interest by several community groups in fundraising to make improvements in the park;

And Whereas it would appear that the long-term lease cannot be located.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the City Legal Department prepare a new long-term lease with the Royal Botanical Gardens for Churchill Fields Park as soon as possible.

(ii) Speed Reduction on Binbrook Road, between Trinity Church Road and Hwy. 56 (No Copy) (Item 11.2)

Councillor D. Mitchell put the following Notice of Motion forward:

(a) That the speed limit on Binbrook Road West, between Hwy. 56 and Fletcher Road, be set at 50 km/h;

(b) That the speed limit on Binbrook Road West, between Fletcher Road and Trinity Church Road, be set at 60 km/h;

(c) That an appropriate by-law to amend the City of Hamilton Traffic By-law 01-215 be passed and enacted.

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)**

- (a) Opportunities for Reduction – Public Works Program
Due Date: April 6, 2009
Revised Due Date: May 4, 2009
- (b) Control Measures to Stop Dust Fallouts resulting from Unpaved
Parking Lots and roads on Industrial Properties
Due Date: April 6, 2009
Revised Due Date: June 15, 2009

On a motion, the Outstanding Business List was amended accordingly to reflect the revised due dates for the above-noted matters.

(ii) Pavement Work – Highway 20 and Kirk Road (No Copy)

On a motion, staff was directed to bring a report back to the Committee with respect to satisfaction of work being done by pavement contracts.

(k) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

On a motion, the Committee moved into Closed Session at 10:20 a.m. as Item 12.1 on the agenda pertained to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes and Item 12.2 pertained to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

On a motion, the Committee reconvened in Open Session at 11:05 a.m.

**(i) Rapid Transit Maintenance Facility Location Review
(PW09027/PED09097) (City Wide)(Item 12.1)**

See Item 7 for the disposition of Item 12.1.

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

Yeas:	Bratina, Collins, Merulla, Jackson
Total Yeas:	4
Nays:	Ferguson, Mitchell
Total Nays:	2
Absent:	McCarthy, Powers
Total Absent:	2

**(ii) Implications of Seniors' Golden Age Bus Pass Program (LS09002)
(Item 12.2)**

On a motion, Report LS09002 was received and no action taken.

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
April 6, 2009