Public Works Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Monday, May 5, 2008
Hamilton Convention Centre
One Summer’s Lane
Albion Rooms A, B and C

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor M. McCarthy – Other City Business

Also Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
S. Stewart – General Manager, Public Works
G. Davis – Sr. Director, Capital Planning and Implementation
B. Shynal – Director, Operations and Maintenance
D. Hull – Director, Transit Operations
J. Mater – Director, Energy, Fleet and Facilities
B. Smith – A/Director, Waste Management
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (Item 5.1)

(Collins/Eisenberger)
That the following be received:

(a) Truck Route Sub-Committee – October 23, 2007
(b) Hamilton Cycling Committee – March 5, 2008
(c) City Hall Renovations Steering Committee – March 17, 2008
(d) Glanbrook Landfill Co-ordinating Committee – March 31, 2008 CARRIED
2. Intersection Control List (PW08001(c)) (Item 5.2)

(Collins/Eisenberger)
(a) That an all-way stop be implemented at the intersection of Greenhill Avenue and Glen Vista Drive;

(b) That the appropriate amendment to Traffic By-law 01-215 be passed and enacted. CARRIED as amended

3. Professional and Consultant Services Roster (PW08048) (Item 5.3)

(Collins/Eisenberger)
That Report PW08048 respecting Professional and Consultant Services Roster, be received. CARRIED

4. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Right-of-Way Sub-Committee (PW08047) (Item 5.4)

(Collins/Eisenberger/
That Report PW08047 respecting Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Right-of-Way Sub-Committee, be received. CARRIED

5. Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Assumed Alley Abutting 19 John Street South, Hamilton (PW08052) (Ward 2) (Item 6.1)

(Collins/Bratina)
That the application of the owner of 19 John Street South, Hamilton, to permanently close and purchase a portion of the public assumed alley abutting 19 John Street South, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

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

(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 sell the closed highway to the applicant at fair market value and 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 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.  CARRIED

6. Rennie Street End-Use Plan (PW08049) (Ward 4 with City Wide Implications) (Item 7.1)

(Merulla/Collins)

(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to implement the Rennie Street End-Use Plan, which includes the following:

(i) Implementation of new recreational amenities for the Rennie/Brampton neighbourhood,

(ii) Construction of new water and wastewater administrative buildings along with new Operations and Maintenance storage areas,

(iii) Construction of a new “Centre of Excellence” in order to provide provincially-mandated water and wastewater training,

(iv) Establishment of a Community Group to assist staff with the detailed design and location of amenities and ensure minimal impact to the neighbourhood,

(b) That the project be funded from the Water and Wastewater capital budget Account Nos. 5140641626 and 5160641626 with many of the park features being funding through the $14 M Provincial grant from the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII).  CARRIED

7. City of Port Colborne Resolution regarding FCM Report (PW08053)

(Item 8.1)

(Merulla/Collins)

(a) That the resolution approved by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne on December 10, 2007, as outlined in Appendix A to Report PW08053, be supported;

(b) That the City of Hamilton’s support for the City of Port Colborne’s resolution be circulated to FCM and the City of Port Colborne;
(c) That the item relating to the “City of Port Colborne Resolution re: FCM Report - Canada’s Municipal Infrastructure” be removed from the Outstanding Business List on the Public Works Committee Agenda. CARRIED

8. Mountable Curb Driveway Approach Program – Revision to Policy (PW08054) (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Collins)
That the Mountable Curb Driveway Approach Program be revised to remove provisions for “50/50 cost sharing” and “saw cutting” options and be confirmed as a fully 100% funded program for removal and replacement of all requests subject to the limitations of availability of annual program funding. CARRIED

9. Correspondence from Tyler MacLeod, President, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting recommendations from the Waterfront Revitalization Task Force on the West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan (Item 8.3)

(Collins/Jackson)
That the correspondence from Tyler MacLeod, President, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting recommendations from the Waterfront Revitalization Task Force on the West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan, be received. CARRIED

10. Ontario Water Resources Act Charges – Treated Effluent Diversion (LS02006(e)) (City Wide)

(Jackson/Ferguson)
(a) That Report LS02006(e), be received;

(b) That Report LS02006(e) remain a confidential document as it pertains to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:
(i) Additional Written Submission from Paul Watkins relating to his request to appear before the Committee respecting closure of unassumed alleyway at 11 Hollywood Street North, Hamilton (Item 4.2)

(ii) Additional Requests to Appear before the Committee with respect to Item 7.1 – Rennie Street End-Use Plan, received from:

(aa) Lynda Lukasik
(bb) Zen Matwiyiw
(cc) Dorothy Greig
(dd) Brenda Johnson, Project Manager, Environment Hamilton

(Collins/Eisenberger)
That the agenda be approved, as presented.  CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(Ferguson/Eisenberger)
That the Minutes of the April 14, 2008 meeting of the Public Works Committee be received and adopted, as presented.  CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Request from Stavros Rougas, on behalf of Hamilton Light Rail, to appear before the Committee to respond to Rapid Transit Feasibility Study Report (Item 4.1)

(Eisenberger/Collins)
That the request from Stavros Rougas, on behalf of Hamilton Light Rail, to appear before the Committee to respond to Rapid Transit Feasibility Study Report, be approved.  CARRIED

(ii) Request from Paul Watkins to appear before the Committee respecting closure of unassumed alleyway at 11 Hollywood Street North, Hamilton (Item 4.2)

(Ferguson/Mitchell)
That the Request from Paul Watkins to appear before the Committee respecting closure of unassumed alleyway at 11 Hollywood Street North, Hamilton, be approved;  CARRIED
(iii) Request from Julie Gordon to appear before the Committee respecting low flying helicopters and Alternative Plan for the unemployed (Item 4.3)

(Jackson/Mitchell)
That staff be requested to obtain further clarification from Ms. Julie Gordon with respect to the issues which she wishes to address. CARRIED

(iv) Requests from the following individuals to address the Committee on May 5, 2008 respecting the Rennie Street End-Use Plan:

(aa) Lynda Lukasik
(bb) Zen Matwiyiw
(cc) Dorothy Greig
(dd) Brenda Johnson, Project Manager, Environment Hamilton

(Collins/Eisenberger)
That the requests of Lynda Lukasik, Zen Matwiyiw, Dorothy Greig and Brenda Johnson, Environment Hamilton, to address the Committee with respect to the Rennie Street End-Use Plan, be approved. CARRIED

(e) STOP CONTROL LIST (PW08001(b)) (Item 3)

(Collins/Jackson)
That Harrisford Street be deleted from the Intersection Control List (PW08001c) and replaced with Glen Vista Drive in lieu thereof. CARRIED

See item 2 for recommendation.

(f) PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTANT SERVICES ROSTER (PW08048) (Item 5.3)

Councillor Ferguson requested information showing what is being spent on consulting services throughout the entire City. Councillor Powers indicated that those figures had previously been provided by Corporate Services during the budget deliberations; however, staff was requested to re-circulate the information. Scott Stewart advised that if the Councillors require details on specific areas, staff will provide the information on a case specific basis.

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Assumed Alley Abutting 19 John Street South, Hamilton (PW08052) (Ward 2) (Item 6.1)

Angela Storey outlined the report.
The Chair requested if there was anyone present wishing to address this issue.

No one from the public came forward to speak to this issue

(ii) **Rennie Street End-Use Plan (Item 7.2)**

(aa) Lynda Lukasik

Lynda Lukasik thanked members of Council and City staff in securing provincial funding for this project; however, she wanted to share concerns about some of the plans and what is being proposed for the western portion of the Rennie Street works yard and the impacts that the uses will have on the neighbourhood. In conclusion, she asked that Council think about where the discussion started, and whether it is fair to the residents that such substantial changes have been made.

A copy of Ms. Lukasik’s comments have been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

*(Eisenberger/Jackson)*

That the presentation by Lynda Lukasik, be received. **CARRIED**

(bb) Zen Matwiyiw

Zen Matwiyiw stated that he has resided on Woodward Avenue for the past 40 years, and as his property abuts the former Rennie Street landfill site, he has a vested interest in the project. Mr. Matwiyiw gave a brief summary of his 40 years of experience living in this neighbourhood, including the odours from the sewage treatment plant, SWARU, the sludge-burning incinerator, etc.

Mr. Matwiyiw stated that as well as being in favour of the amenities, he wanted to ensure that the end use would accommodate the residents in this neighbourhood for their years of suffering. He also stated that he would like to see an end result which would encourage visitors and tourists to the area.

A copy of Mr. Matwiyiw’s comments have been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

*(Ferguson/Collins)* to receive

That the presentation of Zen Matwiyiw, be received. **CARRIED**
Dorothy Greig, a resident in the area for 51 years, addressed the Committee with respect to the Public Works Yard end use plan and the future plans for the area east of Woodward Avenue. She pointed out safety issues with respect to children having to cross Brampton Street from the south side to the north side to access the proposed playground. She also expressed concern with the former City Works Yard on the south side of Brampton Street to Rennie Street.

In conclusion, Ms. Greig stated that she would like to have a nice quiet park, or the works yard left as is until such time as a feasible study has been done for its use.

A copy of Ms. Greig’s comments have been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(Jackson/Collins)
That the presentation of Dorothy Greig, be received.  CARRIED

Brenda Johnson, Project Manager, Environment Hamilton

Brenda Johnson stated that the whole area around Rennie Street, which includes the QEW, Red Hill Valley Parkway, industries, the sewage treatment plant, sludge yard, has been negatively impacted on an environmental basis. The results of a household survey in 2006 determined that what is required for this neighbourhood are trails and sports utility fields, and that there are differences between what the City is proposing and what the residents want. She urged members of the Committee to make sure that everything is being done to give the residents some pride back into their neighbourhood which right now, is sorely lacking.

(Mitchell/Collins)
That the presentation from Brenda Johnson, be received. CARRIED

STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

Rennie Street End-Use Plan (PW08049) (Ward 4 with City Wide Implications)

Jim Harnum gave a power point presentation on the Rennie Street End-Use Plan which included:

- Current view of the Rennie Street Public Works Yard;
- Relevant consultation to date;
Maps of the recreational trail hub and trail linkages;
- Rennie Street End-Use draft plan;
- Rationalization for the Public Works Yard – Economic, Environmental and social;
- Recommendations.

The Committee requested that they be kept informed with respect to the Centre of Excellence at the yard.

A copy of the presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

(Mitchell/Jackson)
That the presentation from Jim Harnum respecting the Rennie Street End-Use Plan, be received.

(i) STREETSCAPE CIGARETTE BUTT RECEPTACLE PROGRAM (Item 9.1)

(Jackson/Collins)
That staff be directed to report on the feasibility and cost to expand the existing "Streetscape Cigarette Butt Receptacle" program beyond the downtown into other BIAs for consideration by Committee.

(j) OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ITEMS (Item 11)

(i) Gore Park Pedestrian Plaza/Correspondence from Tim Bullock, Downtown Hamilton BIA, respecting removal of buses from Gore Park area
Due Date: April 14, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: June 16, 2008

(Mitchell/Bratina)
That the Outstanding Business List be revised accordingly.

(ii) Hannon Creek Subwatershed – North Glanbrook Industrial Business Park Master Drainage Plan – Verbal Update (No Copy) (Item 11.2)

Jillian Stephen reported the following:

- Staff has met with the developer to attempt to resolve the issues with respect to the storm water management pond in the area of development.
- Hamilton Conservation Authority has raised some concerns in the context of the central portion, which staff is currently reviewing.
Applicant has provided an alternative plan which not only addresses their concerns, but also those of the Conservation Authority.

The alternate plan is being reviewed by the consultant team to evaluate the technical merits.

Staff is working toward taking a report to the Public Information Centre in June, with a report to go back either to the Public Works Committee or the Committee of the Whole.

(Jackson/Mitchell)
That the verbal update with respect to the Hannon Creek Subwatershed, be received.  

CARRIED

(iii) Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study - City of Hamilton Stakeholder Groups Co-ordination Committee (PW08025) (City Wide) – Verbal Update (No Copy) (Item 11.3)

Gerry Davis reported that a meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2008, prior to the Public Works Committee meeting, with the Councillors who are interested in serving on the Stakeholder Groups Co-ordination Committee. Subsequently, Report PW08025 will be on the May 26 agenda for the Committee’s consideration.

(Ferguson/Collins)
That the verbal update with respect to the Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, be received.  

CARRIED

(k) GENERAL INFORMATION

(i) Painted Lines and Pedestrian Crossing Signs

(Mitchell/Jackson)
That staff be directed to bring a report back with respect to the installation of pavement markings and related signage in upper rural Stoney Creek and along the trail system in Binbrook across Highway 56.  

CARRIED

(l) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(Ferguson/Mitchell)
That the Committee move into Closed Session at 11:40 a.m. for the purpose of considering two issues which pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes and another item which pertains to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.  

CARRIED
(Ferguson/Mitchell)
That the Committee reconvene in Open Session at 12:00 noon.

(i) Rennie Street End-Use Property Acquisition (PW08049(a)) – Ward 4 with City Wide Implications) (Item 12.1)

Direction given to staff In Camera.

(ii) Ontario Water Resources Act Charges – Treated Effluent Diversion (LS02008(e)) (City Wide) (Item 12.2)

Refer to Item 10 for disposition of this item.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor R. Powers
Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
May 5, 2008