THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Authority to Legally Approve Traffic Signal and Pavement Marking Designs, Systems and Drawings (PW14003) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Powers/McHattie)
That, as required by the Highway Traffic Act of the Province of Ontario, the Manager of Traffic Operations & Engineering, or official designate, be authorized to provide legal approvals of traffic signal designs, traffic signal systems design and pavement marking designs on behalf of the City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

2. Water Infrastructure Financial Plan (PW10043a/FCS10033a) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Duvall/Powers)
(a) That the Hamilton “Water Infrastructure Financial Plan” as prescribed by O.Reg 453/07 be approved thereby demonstrating agreement that the Hamilton drinking water system is financially viable having the financial resources necessary to operate successfully over the next ten years;

(b) That the Hamilton “Water Infrastructure Financial Plan” be released, for public review, and submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in response to Ontario Regulation 453/07 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002;

(c) That Appendix “A” attached to Report PW10043a/FCS10033a respecting the “Water Infrastructure Financial Plan” be approved
3. City of Hamilton/Metrolinx Multi-Year Governance Agreement (PW13092) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Powers/Ferguson)

(a) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Hamilton, a Multi-Year Governance Agreement for Joint Transit Procurements Facilitated by Metrolinx for a five year term beginning in 2013 and ending in 2018, with content acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

(b) That staff report back to the Public Works Committee for authority to enter into any formal Purchasing Agreements;

(c) That the by-law substantially in the form of the by-law attached as Appendix “B” to Report PW13092, and satisfactory to the City Solicitor, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a multi-year governance agreement for fiscal year 2013 – fiscal year 2018 with Metrolinx, be approved;

(d) That a certified copy of the Governance Agreement and accompanying By-Law attached as Appendix “B” to Report PW13092, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and with content satisfactory to the General Manager of Public Works, be forwarded to Metrolinx upon Council approval.

(e) That the City of Hamilton will not pay any participation fees for the purchase of buses.

CARRIED as Amended

4. Garner Road/Rymal Road and Garth Street Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (PW14002) (Wards 8 and 12) (Item 8.2)

(Whitehead/Powers)

(a) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and directed to file Garner Road/Rymal Road and Garth Street Class Environmental Assessment Environmental Study Report (ESR) with the Municipal Clerk for a minimum thirty (30) day public review period;

(b) That staff be directed to investigate options for cycling lanes in the area during the 30 day consultation period and to include consultation with appropriate stakeholders and Ward Councillors.

CARRIED as Amended

5. Mainline Sewer Rehabilitation Contract Extension (C11-102-10) (PW14004) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Powers/Merulla)
(a) That Contract # C11-102-10 be extended to December 31, 2014 under current contract item prices;

(b) That funding allocation for Wastewater System Lining identified in the 2014 rates budget be allocated in the amounts of $4,320,000 from Account No. 5161460390, $248,758 from Account No. 5161260820, $227,000 from Account No. 5161460820, and $854,000 from Account No. 5181461450, in the total amount of $5,649,758 be applied to the contract to ensure completion of required sewer rehabilitation work for capital coordination projects in 2014 and 2015 and structural integrity of sewers City wide.

CARRIED

6. Truck Route Sub-committee Report 13-001 – December 10, 2013 (Item 8.4)

(Powers/Merulla)

(a) Century Brick and Issues Related to the Truck Route Designation for Lawrence Road and the Impact on Operations at Century Brick (no copy)

(i) That the temporary use of Lawrence Road as a truck route for trucks accessing Century Brick, 178 Lawrence Road, be revoked;

(ii) That trucks accessing Century Brick be permitted to use the non designated portion of Gage Avenue from Lawrence Road and Barton Street.

(b) Red Hill Business Park Truck Route Additions (no copy)

(i) That the following roads be designated truck routes:

1. The Southern extension of Dartnall Road to Twenty Road;

2. Twenty Road East to Nebo Road;

3. Nebo Road (north) to Stone Church Road;

4. Nebo Road to Kilbride Road (west) to Upper Ottawa Street (north);

(ii) That Staff and Hamilton Police Services monitor this area for truck route adherence.

(c) Truck Route By-law Housekeeping Amendments (to be distributed)

(i) That the amendments to the Truck Route By-law attached as Appendix “A” to Truck Route Sub-Committee Report 13-001, be approved.

CARRIED
7. Installation of a Traffic Sign at of Upper Sherman Avenue and Acadia Street/Dulgaren Street (Ward 7) (Item 9.1)

(Duvall /Jackson)
(a) That a full traffic signal be installed at the intersection of Upper Sherman Avenue and Acadia Street/Dulgaren Street in 2017, in co-ordination with the Urbanization of Upper Sherman Avenue; and,

(b) That Public Works staff be directed to submit a Capital Project Detail Sheet, for the 2017 signal construction, to fund 75% of the construction of the signal from the 2017 Public Works Capital Budget and for 25% of the cost to be paid by a local developer as a condition of subdivision approval, with an account number to be provided by the Planning and Economic Development Department; and,

(c) That a temporary traffic signal be constructed and installed at Upper Sherman and Acadia in 2014 to provide a safe environment for pedestrians and to control the right-of-way for motor vehicles, the temporary signal to be funded in the amount of $100,000 from the Public Works Capital Budget, 2010 Council Strategic Initiatives – Traffic Signals, Project ID 4041020111; and,

(d) That $6,000 annual cost to operate and maintain the traffic signals be added to the Traffic Operations and Engineering, 2014 Operating Budget dept ID 466045, to fund the ongoing annual costs of the electricity to operate the signal, and the maintenance and legislated inspections at this new traffic signal.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

(i) Notice of Motion respecting the Investigation of a Sidewalk Clearing Program.

(ii) That Item 8.1 respecting the City of Hamilton/Metrolinx Multi-Year Governance Agreement be moved to the Consent Section of the agenda

(Ferguson /Duvall)
That the January 13, 2014 Public Works Committee Agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)
There were no declarations of interest.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) December 2, 2013 (Item 3.1)

(Pasuta/ Powers)
That the Minutes of the December 2, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY)

(a) Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee – November 19, 2013

(Powers/McHattie)
That the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee Minutes of November 19, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Water Infrastructure Financial Plan (PW10043a/FCS10033a) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Mark Bainbridge, our Director of Water & Wastewater Planning & Capital addressed the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

Mr. Bainbridge outlined the following points respecting the Water Infrastructure Financial Plan:

- Rationale for the Financial Plan
- Define “Financial Plan” and context with related
- financial information and reports
- Results – financial statements
- Key Messages

(Duvall/Powers)
That the presentation respecting Report PW10043(a)/FCS10033(a) Water Infrastructure Financial Plan, be received.

CARRIED
For disposition on this matter refer to item 2.

(ii) Emerald Ash Borer Annual Update (No Copy) (Item 7.2)

Mike McNamara Manager of Forestry and Horticulture, addressed the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

Mr. McNamara also discussed the past history of the Emerald Ash Borer and outlined the Action Plan, Tree Removal and Treatment to address the issue of Emerald Ash Borer.

(Jackson/Pasuta)
That the presentation respecting the Emerald Ash Borer Annual Update be received.

CARRIED

Mr. McNamara also provided an update on the response to the December, 2013 Ice Storm which caused widespread damage to area forest. A copy of the update has been included in the Official Record.

(Duvall/Powers)
That the update respecting the December Ice Storm Response, be received.

CARRIED

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) City of Hamilton/Metrolinx Multi-Year Governance Agreement (PW13092) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Powers/McHattie)
That a sub-section (e) be added to read as follows:

(e) That the City of Hamilton will not pay any participation fees for the purchase of buses.

Amendment CARRIED

(ii) Garner Road/Rymal Road and Garth Street Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (PW14002) (Wards 8 and 12) (Item 8.2)

(Whitehead/Powers)
Whereas, the City of Hamilton has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Garner Road/Rymal Road and Garth Street, between Highway 6 South and West 5th Street as well as Garth Street, Rymal Road to
Stone Church Road, to address improvements needed for these roads and present the preferred solutions to accommodate for the transportation demands, including motorists, goods movement, pedestrians and cyclists;

Whereas the City-wide Transportation Master Plan supports the on-going implementation of Active Transportation infrastructure to reduce the impact of the City’s road network and related improvements to public health;

Whereas the City of Hamilton Cycling Master Plan prepared in 2009 was endorsed, conditional upon individual links being subject to community feedback and consultation with the Ward Councillor and affected neighbourhoods;

Whereas the Cycling Master Plan’s suggested cycling routing in this area includes Stone Church Road, Rymal Road and Twenty Road as the main east-west connections along with a number of north south routes;

Whereas the 1998 and 2009 Cycling Master Plans reflect the provision of paved shoulders on Rymal Road, between Upper Paradise Road and Glancaster Road to complete the cycling connection west of Upper Paradise Road,

Therefore be resolved:

(a) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and directed to file Garner Road/Rymal Road and Garth Street Class Environmental Assessment Environmental Study Report (ESR) with the Municipal Clerk for a minimum thirty (30) day public review period;

(b) That staff be directed not to include the proposed on-road bike lane infrastructure on Rymal Road from West 5th to Glancaster Road in the upcoming detail design phase scheduled for 2014 for this portion of Rymal Road;

(c) That staff be directed to consult with the Ward 8 Councillor to identify solutions to connect cycling infrastructure between Upper Paradise Road and Glancaster Road in the vicinity of Rymal Road.

(McHattie/Powers)
That sub-section (b) and (c) be deleted and replaced with the following to read as follows:

(b) That staff be directed to investigate options for cycling lanes in the area during the 30 day consultation period and to include consultation with appropriate stakeholders and Ward Councillors.

Amendment CARRIED
For disposition on this matter refer to Item 4.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Installation of a Traffic Signal at of Upper Sherman Avenue and Acadia Street/Dulgaren Street (Ward 7) (Item 9.1)

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 7.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (ITEM 10)

Councillor McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Investigation of Sidewalk Snow Clearing Program (Added Item 10.1)

Whereas, Hamilton is currently going through very difficult winter weather demonstrating the difficulty of walking around the urban area with many uncleared sidewalks, and;

Whereas, Hamilton’s population is aging and with snow and ice-packed sidewalks many seniors are house-bound, or imperiled should they decide to use the City sidewalks, and;

Whereas, City Council recently passed a new Walkability Policy, committing to improving pedestrian movement, and;

Whereas, City staff last reported on sidewalk snow clearing options in October, 2008.

Therefore be it Resolved:

That staff be directed to Report back to the Public Works Committee with options and alternatives for a City of Hamilton sidewalk snow clearing program to include, but not be limited to; best practices of other municipalities, and an update on slips and fall claims made to the City as a result of snow and ice-packed sidewalks.

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Powers /Pasuta)

(a) That the following proposed new Outstanding Business list Due Dates be approved:

Council – January 29, 2014
(i) Item J – Mobile Park Initiative
Current Date – February 4, 2014
Revised Date – April 7, 2014

(ii) Item P - Reduction in Greenhouse Gas and Energy
Current Date – February 4, 2014
Revised Date – March 17, 2014

CARRIED

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Pasuta/Collins)
That, there being no further business, the Public Works Committee be adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead Chair
Public Works Committee

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