Public Works Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Monday, October 1, 2007
Hamilton Convention Centre
One Summer’s Lane
Albion Rooms A, B and C

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

Also Present:
Mayor F. Eisenberger
S. Stewart – General Manager, Public Works
G. Peace – City Manager
J. Murray – Capital Planning and Implementation
B. Shynal – Director, Operations and Maintenance
J. Mater – Director, Fleet and Facilities
D. Hall – Director, Transit
J. Harnum – Sr. Director, Water and Wastewater
B. Goodger – Director, Waste Management
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Minutes of the Glanbrook Landfill Co-ordinating Committee Meeting – August 27, 2007 (Item 5.1)

(Powers/Mitchell)
That the August 27, 2007 Minutes of the Glanbrook Landfill Co-ordinating Committee, be received. CARRIED

2. Intersection Control List (PW07001(f)) (Wards 4, 6, 7, 12 and 13) (Item 5.2)

(Powrs/Mitchell)
That the appropriate by-law to provide traffic controls, as follows, be approved:

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Legend
No Control Existing (New Subdivision) - NC
Intersection Class:
A - Local/Local
B - Local/Collector
C - Collector/Collector

3. Barton Street Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation (PW07122) (Item 5.3)

(Powers/Mitchell)
(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to proceed with the tender and award of Contract No. C11-98-07 to Capital Commercial Pipe Service in the amount of $2,067,750;

(b) That the appropriation in Capital Budget Project ID 5160760710 (Barton Street Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation) be increased by $568,000 from $1,500,000 to $2,068,000 and that the increased funding be financed by a transfer of $568,000 from Wastewater Capital Reserves (Account 108005).

CARRIED

4. Mark Mullins, EnQuest Power Corporation, respecting Clean Up of Randle Reef (Item 6.2)

(Collins/Mitchell)
That the presentation be received, and the information material received be forwarded to the federal and provincial governments and Technical Review Team, including the Hamilton Port Authority, for their review.

CARRIED

5. Status of WastePlan Environmental Assessment Study (PW07115) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Powers/Ferguson)
That Report PW07115 respecting Status of WastePlan Environmental Assessment Study, be received.

CARRIED
6. Report 07-001 of the Truck Route Sub-Committee (Item 8.2)

(a) Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Item 2)

(Powers/Mitchell)
(i) That Councillor D. Mitchell be appointed Chair of the Truck Route Sub-Committee;

(ii) That Councillor M. Pearson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Truck Route Sub-Committee. CARRIED

(b) Outstanding Truck Route Issues List (Added Item)

(Powers/Mitchell)
That the list entitled Outstanding Truck Route Issues, as amended, attached as Appendix “A” to Truck Route Sub-Committee Report 07-001, be approved. CARRIED

(c) Mandate and responsibilities of the Truck Route Sub-Committee
(Terms of Reference)

(Powers/Mitchell)
That the mandate of the Truck Route Sub-Committee here attached as Appendix “B” to Truck Route Sub-Committee Report 07-001, be approved. CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda.

(a) Information Update from Mayor Fred Eisenberger respecting Gore Park Pedestrian Plaza
Mayor Eisenberger wishes to address this issue with the Committee.

(b) Correspondence from Ken Alford requesting that the issue respecting “Proposed Permanent Closure to Vehicular Traffic” of a portion of Mount Albion Road (from south of 500 Mount Albion Road to Old Mud Street at the top of the Escarpment) be discussed by the Public Works Committee at an evening meeting

(c) Correspondence from Nancy Haigh dated September 28, 2007 requesting to address the Committee respecting the scheduled closure of Mount Albion Road
(Merulla/Mitchell)
That the agenda be approved, as amended.  CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)
None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)
(Ferguson/Collins)
That the Minutes of the September 17, 2007 meeting of the Public Works Committee be received and adopted, as amended.  CARRIED

(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Andrew Patterson and David Kyle, Canada Post respecting rural mail delivery service (Item 6.1)

Andy Paterson, Communications Manager, Delivery Safety, and Mario Circelli, Officer, Communications, Canada Post, appeared before the Committee to give an overview of the Traffic Safety Assessment Criteria as it relates to the Rural Suburban Mail Carrier’s (RSMC) delivery routes and safety.

Canada Post engaged the services of an expert panel, including iTrans Consulting, Human Factors North and Cotton Law, to develop a criteria that would assess the traffic of RSMC delivery routes.

In the presentation, it was stated that rural and suburban mail carriers are full-time employees of Canada Post and as such, are entitled to raise safety concerns in the workplace; Canada Post must act legally to ensure the safety of their drivers, the motoring public and customers.

(Ferguson/Powers)
That the presentation from Canada Post respecting rural mail delivery service, be received.  CARRIED

(ii) Mark Mullins, EnQuest Power Corporation, respecting clean up of Randle Reef (Item 6.2)

Mark Mullins, Vice President of EnQuest Power, and Henry Miyamoto, P.Eng., Technical Advisory Board, appeared before the Committee to outline their proposal to Environment Canada to remove sediment from Randle Reef by using technology that converts waste material into useable energy through a process of steam reformation.
Mr. Mullins purpose for the presentation was to request support and assistance as this project progresses.

(iii) Alicia Milner, President, Canadian Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance, respecting environmental benefits of current generation natural gas technology for transit buses (Item 6.3)

Alicia Milner, President of the Canadian Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance, appeared before the Committee to speak on the environmental benefits of current generation natural gas technology for transit buses (currently 4th generation) and how their performance has improved since their introduction.

(Powers/Collins)
That the presentation be received and referred to staff for consideration concurrently with the 2008 bus purchase.  CARRIED

(e) GORE PARK PEDESTRIAN PLAZA (New Business)

Mayor Eisenberger addressed the issue of a Gore Park Pedestrian Plaza, covering the area on the north and south legs of King Street, from Catherine Street to James Street, to re-energize and revitalize the downtown core. This would create an urban plaza which would then start to generate additional investment and opportunity and add new vitality, new life and new opportunity associated with the downtown. He stated that the Stoney Creek and Dundas may also have pedestrianization opportunities.

Mayor Eisenberger requested staff to incorporate this concept in the update to the Downtown Transportation Master Plan including the Public Information Centres scheduled as part of the process. Discussion with the Business Improvement Areas (BIA’s) and other stakeholders would also be part of the process.

(Bratina/Merulla)
(a) That the information be received and forwarded to staff for review and evaluation in conjunction with the update to the Downtown Transportation Master Plan;

(b) That staff be directed to consider all options and receive input from all stakeholders respecting the concept of a part-time vs full-time closure of the north and south legs of King Street, from James Street to Catherine Street, but not to exclude other potential variations such as James Street to John Street, or James Street to Wellington Street.

(c) That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee with respect to the directions given in sub-sections (a) and (b) as part of the downtown transportation master plan update process.  CARRIED
(f) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business Items (Item 11.1)

(a) Report re: Controlling volume of Cars Accessing Garth Street
   Due Date: Q1, 2008
   To be deleted from Outstanding Business List at the request of Councillor T. Whitehead

(b) Truck Route Master Plan – specifically the area of Upper Mount Albion Road, which is linked to ROPA 9
   (New Due Date: Q4 2008)

(Powers/Mitchell)
That the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee be amended accordingly. CARRIED

(ii) Request from Ken Alford for evening meeting respecting Proposed Permanent Closure to Vehicular Traffic of apportion of Mount Albion Road (from south of 500 Mount Albion Road to Old Mud Street at the top of the Escarpment)

(Collins/Jackson)
That the request from Ken Alford for an evening meeting respecting Proposed Permanent Closure to Vehicular Traffic of apportion of Mount Albion Road (from south of 500 Mount Albion Road to Old Mud Street at the top of the Escarpment), be received and no further action taken. CARRIED

(iii) Request from Nancy Haigh to appear before the Committee on October 1, 2007 respecting the scheduled closure of Mount Albion Road

(Collins/Jackson)
That the request from Nancy Haigh to appear before the Committee on October 1, 2007 respecting the scheduled closure of Mount Albion Road, be received and no further action taken. CARRIED

(iv) RFP for Towing of Buses

At the September 17, 2007 meeting of the Committee, Councillor Mitchell requested staff to provide an update with respect to the Request for Proposal for the towing of buses.

Rick Male outlined the status of the process, stating that the tender was issued and is now closed; that the firm submitting the lowest price is not the incumbent providing the service.
Councillor Mitchell was satisfied with the staff response; however, he hoped that local firms would be successful bidders, wherever possible.

(Mitchell/Ferguson)
That the staff update provided with respect to the RFP for the towing of buses, be received. CARRIED

Powers/Ferguson)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 10:55

Respectfully submitted

Councillor M. McCarthy
Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
October 1, 2007