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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor D. Mitchell – Personal

Also Present: Councillors B. McHattie, T. Whitehead  
S. Stewart – General Manager, Public Works  
J. Stephen – A/Sr. Director, Capital Planning and Implementation  
B. Shynal – Director, Operations and Maintenance  
J. Dahms – A/Director, Transit Operations  
J. Mater – Director, Fleet and Facilities  
B. Goodger – Director, Waste Management  
J. Harnum – Director, Water and Wastewater  
A. Dore – Manager, Parks and Cemeteries  
G. Makins – Manager, Community Services  
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)

   (McCarthy/Ferguson)

   That the following be received:

   (a) Clean City Liaison Committee

      (i) September 20, 2007
      (ii) October 18, 2007
      (iii) November 15, 2007
(b) SWMMP Steering Committee

(i) October 13, 2007
(ii) November 14, 2007

(c) Waste Reduction Task Force

(i) October 17, 2007
(ii) November 21, 2007

2. Minutes of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee – December 5, 2007 (Item 5.2)

(McCarthy/Ferguson)
That the December, 5, 2007 Minutes of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee, be received. CARRIED

3. Advanced Left Turn Signals – Mohawk Road and Upper Ottawa Street (PW08007) (Ward 6) (Item 3)

(Jackson/Merulla)
(a) That the current traffic signal operation at Mohawk Road and Upper Ottawa Street be revised to include installation of northbound and south-bound left-turn signals;

(b) That the item relating to Increase in Traffic at Upper Ottawa and Mohawk Road - Petition be removed from the Public Works Outstanding Business List. CARRIED as amended

4. Metrolinx to Provide Support to the Smart Commute Association (PW08011) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(McCarthy/Ferguson)
That Report PW08011 respecting Metrolinx to Provide Support to the Smart Commute Association, be received. CARRIED

5. Request for Road Closure – VON – Breadalbane Road, from King Street West to Hunt Street, Hamilton, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008 to hold a Candlelight Vigil for the VON Homecare Issue

That the temporary road closure of Breadalbane Street, from King Street West to Hunt Street, be approved, subject to the approval of the Special Events Advisory Team (S.E.A.T.) on the following conditions:
(a) That the city may revoke this temporary road closure at any time to gain access for emergency services.

(b) That the prior approval of the Chief of Police or his/her designate be received, and that such permits or authorizations, as may be required by the Chief of Police or his/her designate, be obtained.

(c) That the applicant provide proof of $2,000,000 public liability insurance naming the City of Hamilton as an added insured party with a provision for cross liability, and holding the City of Hamilton harmless from all actions, causes of action, interests, claims, demands, costs, damages, expenses and loss.

(d) That all barricading, and traffic control be subject to the direction and satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works or his/her designate with all costs to be the responsibility of the applicant.

(e) That all barricading be supplied by and at the expense of the applicant.

(f) That the applicant ensure that clean-up operations be carried out immediately before the re-opening of the roads, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works at the expense of the event organizer.

(g) That no property owner or resident within the barricaded area be denied access to their property upon request.

(h) That the applicant notify all property owners and tenants along the closed portion of the route of the event. The notice must be completed prior to the event in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works, providing, but not limited to a 24-hour contact name and telephone number.

(i) That the applicant pay the required full road closure permit fee of $531.33 made payable to “The City of Hamilton” prior to road closure. CARRIED

5. Public Works Department 2007 Year in Review (Item 7.1)

(Ferguson/Merulla)
That the presentation by the General Manager of Public Works respecting the Public Works Department 2007 year in Review, be received. CARRIED
7. **Standardization of Snow Plows and Sanders (PW08012) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

    (Ferguson/McCarthy)
    (a) That aluminum combination sander bodies be specified as standard equipment to replace steel body sander trucks required in 2008, 2009 and 2010;
    
    (b) That Public Works and the Manager of Purchasing be authorized to negotiate a house account with the sole provider of aluminum bodies;
    
    (c) That the award of contract C11-117-07 be awarded to Eastgate Truck Centre, Hamilton who submitted the lowest compliant bid.  **CARRIED**

8. **Endorsement of a Sports Field Management Strategy (PW08006) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

    (Ferguson/Jackson)
    (a) That the draft Sports Field Management Strategy as outlined in Report PW08006, be received and used as a guide to all stakeholders in the ongoing management of city-owned recreational sports fields;
    
    (b) That the draft Sports Field Management Strategy be forwarded to community stakeholders, including the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board, for their input/comments;
    
    (c) That following the stakeholders’ input, the Sports Field Management Strategy be brought back to the Public Works Committee with recommendations for approval, prior to implementation  **CARRIED.**

9. **Cleanfield Energy Corporate Update – Small Wind Turbine Pilot Program Proposal to the City of Hamilton (PW06093(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

    (McCarthy/Merulla)
    (a) That Report PW06093(b) respecting Cleanfield Energy Corporate Update – Small Wind Turbine Pilot Program Proposal to the City of Hamilton, be received;
    
    (b) That this item be removed from the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee.  **CARRIED**
10. National Waste Services Inc. – Compensation Adjustment (PW08010) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(McCarthy/Bratina)
(a) That the City of Hamilton (“City”) enter into an amendment of Contract C11-11-05 with National Waste Services Inc. (National), which reflects a fixed weekly compensation amount of $25,400 for the leaf and yard waste collection service for Contract Period 2, with future contract periods being adjusted by the Escalation Factor contained in the contract;

(b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents to implement subsection (a) above, with content acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.  

CARRIED

11. Mud Street Median Beautification Project (PW08004) (Ward 10) (Item 8.3)

(Merulla/Ferguson)
(a) That Report PW08004 respecting Mud Street Median Beautification Project, be received;

(b) That this item be removed from the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee.  

CARRIED

12. Bus Bench Furniture Program Agreement Renewal (PW08005) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Jackson/Ferguson)
(a) That the Agreement for the provision, installation, maintenance and removal of bus bench furniture between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Bench Advertising Limited be renewed for the period October 11, 2007, to October 31, 2009, and include the proposed changes as set out in Table A of Report PW08005;

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.  

CARRIED

13. Minutes of November 29, 2007 DARTS Board of Directors’ Meeting (Item 12.1)

(Jackson/McCarthy)
(a) That the Minutes of the November 29, 2007 DARTS Board of Directors’ Meeting be received;

(b) That the Minutes remain confidential.  

CARRIED
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda.

(i) Request to appear before the Committee from Councillor B. McHattie, on behalf of Brenda Wells, CUPE Local 4800, to request road closure of Breadalbane Road, from King Street West to Hunt Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008 for the purpose of holding a Candlelight Vigil for VON Homecare Issue

(ii) Notice of Motion respecting Driveway Snow Clearing

(iii) Item 12.2 – typographical error in subject line – Rymal Road should read Limeridge Road

(McCusker/McCarthy)
That the agenda be approved, as amended. CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(McCusker/Collins)
That the Minutes of the December 3, 2007 meeting of the Public Works Committee be received and adopted, as presented. CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(Jackson/McCarthy)
That the request from CUPE Local 4800 to appear before the Committee at this meeting to request road closure of Breadalbane Road, from King Street West to Hunt Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008 for the purpose of holding a Candlelight Vigil for VON Homecare Issue, be approved. CARRIED

(e) ADVANCED LEFT TURN SIGNALS – MOHAWK ROAD AND UPPER OTTAWA STREET (PW08007) (Ward 6) (Item 3)

(Jackson/Merulla)
That sub-section (a) be amended by deleting the words, “be retained”, and replacing it with the following words, “be revised to include installation of northbound and southbound left-turn signals”, in lieu thereof. AMENDMENT carried Motion as amended CARRIED
(f)  PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i)  Frank Palin requesting that the 5A/5C Delaware bus route be extended to include weekend service to Ancaster Meadowlands

Mr. Palin appeared before the Committee to request the Committee’s consideration in improving weekend HSR bus service to Ancaster. In requesting the extension of service, Mr. Palin addressed why the route should be extended, reasons for wanting weekend service, the economic, environmental and social impacts and the service/ridership potential. Extension of the service would also provide better connectivity to the 5A/5C service to Westdale.

Mr. Palin submitted a petition signed by 652 citizens requesting improved service to the 5A/5C Delaware bus route to include weekend service between West Hamilton and Ancaster.

(Bratina/Merulla)
That the presentation by Mr. Frank Palin requesting improved weekend HSR bus service to Ancaster be received and referred to the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee for discussion and report back to the Public Works Committee.  

(ii)  Mr. David Murphy, Vice President, Local 4008 CUPE, requesting Road Closure for VON Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. Murphy appeared before the Committee to request consideration of a road closure of Breadalbane Road, from King Street West to Hunt Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008 to hold a candlelight vigil for the VON Homecare issue.

See Item 5 for Committee’s recommendation.

(g)  STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i)  Public Works Department 2007 Year in Review (Item 7.1)

Scott Stewart, General Manager of Public Works, gave a power point presentation outlining the highlights, activities and achievements of staff in all divisions of the Public Works Department in 2007.
(ii) Standardization of Snow Plows and Sanders (PW08012) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Chris Hill gave a power point presentation demonstrating the condition of existing conventional steel truck bodies and explained the rationale and advantages of switching to aluminum combination sander bodies as standard equipment to replace steel body sander trucks required from 2008 to 2010.

(iii) Endorsement of a Sports Field Management Strategy (PW08006) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Al Dore, Manager of Parks and Cemeteries, and Gary Makins, Manager, Recreation Division, outlined the draft Sport Fields Management Strategy including the issues/objectives, background information, contributing factors to sub-standard conditions and the strategic actions recommendations.

Chair Powers acknowledged and thanked staff for their efforts in drafting this strategy.

(h) NATIONAL WASTE SERVICES INC. – COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT (PW08010) (CITY WIDE) (Item 8.2)

The recommendations contained in Report PW08010 CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Powers, Ferguson, McCarthy, Jackson, Bratina
Total Yeas: 5
Nays: Merulla
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Collins, Mitchell
Total Absent: 2

(i) NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Jackson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

Driveway Snow Clearing

That staff be directed to investigate and report back on costs to keep all ends of driveways clear of snow build up during storms and winter operations in the City of Hamilton.
(j) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business Items:

(aa) Item BB – Biosolids Master Plan – Correspondence from Burke Austin, Community Action Parkdale East.

Chair Powers reported that an Information Update prepared by staff and distributed to Council on November 13, 2007 has been forwarded to Ms. Austin.

(McCarthy/Merulla)
That the matter respecting Biosolids Master Plan – Correspondence from Burke Austin, Community Action Parkdale East, be removed from the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee. CARRIED

The Committee received updates on the following Outstanding Business items:

(bb) Item E – Stoney Creek Trans Cab – In House Bid
New Due Date: June 16, 2008

(cc) Item G – Parking Lay-by – Stone Church Road East
New Due Date: Pending – at the request of the Ward Councillor

(dd) Item W – Corporate Energy Policy

Councillor Ferguson requested that this item remain on the Outstanding Business List and that the status be amended to reflect that staff provide quarterly reports to the Committee showing key performance indicators with respect to the Energy Policy.

(ee) Item CC – WSIB Marketing Campaign

Chair Powers reported that this particular campaign is now complete and the ads have been removed from all Hamilton transit shelters; therefore, this item can be removed from the Outstanding Business List.

(McCarthy/Ferguson)
That the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee be amended accordingly. CARRIED
(ii) Hamilton Cycling Committee – Citizen Interviews

Chair Powers advised the Committee that 18 citizens have applied for the 11 vacancies on the Hamilton Cycling Committee, and requested that a member of the Public Works Committee, together with the Chair, volunteer to conduct the citizen interviews. Member of the Committee to advise the Committee Clerk accordingly.

(k) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That the Committee move into Closed Session at 11:45 a.m. to deliberate an issue which pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board. CARRIED

(Ferguson/McCarthy)
That the Committee reconvene in Open Session at 12:10 p.m. CARRIED

(ii) Settlement of Expropriation Claims Arising from the Closure of Limeridge Road East at Upper Wentworth Street, Hamilton (LS08001) (Ward 7) (Item 12.2)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That Report LS08001 respecting Settlement of Expropriation Claims Arising from the Closure of Limeridge Road East at Upper Wentworth Street, Hamilton, be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration. CARRIED

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor R. Powers
Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
January 14, 2008