Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

MINUTES 05-014
9:30 a.m.
Monday, October 3, 2005
Council Chambers
2nd Floor, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Councillor M. McCarthy, Vice Chair
        Councillors D. Braden, C. Collins, P. Bruckler,
        M. Ferguson, T. Jackson and S. Merulla

Absent with regrets: Councillor D. Mitchell, personal leave

Also Present: Councillor B. Bratina
              G. Peace, City Manager
              S. Stewart, General Manager, G. Davis, B. Goodger,
              J. Harnum, D. Hull, C. Murray, B. Shynal, and R. D’Angelo,
              Public Works Department
              P. Barkwell and D. Edwards, Legal Services
              R. Male, Corporate Services Department
              I. Bediou - Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Volunteer Committee Minutes – For Information (Item 5.1):
   (Braden/Ferguson)
   That the following Volunteer/Sub-Committee Minutes be received for information:
   (a) Hamilton Cycling Committee Minutes of August 3, 2005 Meeting
   (b) Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee Minutes of August 9, 2005 Meeting
   (c) Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Working Group Minutes of August 11, 2005 Meeting
   (d) Waste Reduction Task Force Minutes of August 17, 2005 Meeting

   CARRIED
2. Fire Alarm Capital Renewal Program: Downtown Hamilton Facilities (PW05118) - (Ward 2 with City Wide Implications (Item 8.1))

(Jackson/Bruckler)
(a) That staff be authorized to enter into detailed negotiations with Honeywell Ltd. through a single source process to replace the obsolete components of the fire alarm system in five downtown Hamilton facilities; (Copps Coliseum, Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton Place, Hamilton Parking Garage, Central Utilities Plant).

(b) That the total cost for the project, an upset limit of $770,000, (including all relevant taxes) be funded from the 2004 approved Capital Budget, “Capital Renewal - Fire Alarm at Various Facilities”, Project 3540441498.

(c) That subject to a favourable conclusion of the above noted negotiations, and approval by the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement in a form satisfactory to Corporate Counsel.

CARRIED

3. Amendments to Capital Budget Pre Approval Policy (PW05117/FCS05104) - (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Ferguson/Jackson)
That the existing pre-approval policy as approved by Council February 6, 2001 allowing City Departments to pre-spend up to 33% of the value of the preceding year’s approved capital budget for roads, water, wastewater, storm sewers, waste management, community services, police services and transit projects on replacement, repair, or rehabilitation - type construction projects, in accordance with the approved purchasing policies and procedures, prior to the annual budget be amended as follows:

(a) The pre-approval allocation be increased from 33% to 50%

(b) Capital Budgets for Open Space Development & Parks Planning and Fleet & Facilities be included in the pre-approval policy.

CARRIED

4. Request for Proposals C11-105-03 for the Design, Build and Operation of Waste Management Facilities (City Wide) (PW05120/FCS05110/LS05011) (Item 12.1)

(Collins/Ferguson)

CARRIED
5. Alternatives to Chemical Pesticides on City Properties (Item 9.1)

(Collins/Braden)
(a) That staff be directed to investigate alternatives to the use of chemical pesticides for turf health on city properties, including information on costs, with additional information on a ward by ward impact.

(b) That staff present this information for consideration during the 2006 budget process.

(c) That the Pesticide Sub-Committee be kept informed of this issue.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) Changes to the agenda (Item 1):

(Jackson/Merulla)
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(b) Declarations of Interest (Item 2)

None declared.

(c) Minutes (Item 3)

(Ferguson/Bruckler)
That the Minutes of the September 19, 2005 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Delegation Requests

(Jackson/Bruckler)
That the following delegation request be approved:

(i) John D. Hall, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan Coordinator, 867 Lakeshore Road, Burlington, September 23, 2005, presentation to provide a progress update on the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan. (Item 4.1)

CARRIED
(e) Motions

(i) Alternatives to Chemical Pesticides on City Properties (Item 9.1)

The Committee amended the motion by adding subsection (c).

(f) General Information / Other Business

(i) Councillor McCarthy relinquished the Chair to Councillor Braden in order to move the following motion.

(McCarthy/Bruckler)

That in the absence of a City by-law, staff be directed to review information provided to the Clerk by Councillor McCarthy involving flooding caused by a resident’s pool and report back to Committee on how this can be addressed.

CARRIED

Councillor McCarthy assumed the Chair.

(ii) At the request of Councillor Braden, staff were requested to investigate the safety concerns surrounding the intersection located at Brock Road and Regional Road 97 and propose a solution.

(iii) On a motion moved by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Jackson, staff were directed to report back to Committee with respect to a petition signed by 24 residents requesting a four way stop sign at the intersection of Bell and Coulter Avenues and a stop sign on Central Avenue at Bell Avenue.

Councillor Collins submitted the petition to the Clerk on behalf of Councillor Merulla

(iv) Staff provided updates with respect to the following Outstanding Business List Items and the due dates were amended accordingly:

1. Outstanding Business List Item E – Individual water meter policy, due date October 3, 2005 changed to **November 21, 2005**.

2. Outstanding Business List Item R – Native Tree Nursery Initiative, due date October 3, 2005 changed to **December 5, 2005**
3. That Outstanding Business List Items S (Sidewalk snow clearing) and T – (Snow clearing) be combined as they both deal with snow clearing budget issues and the due date be changed to November 7, 2005.

CARRIED

4. Outstanding Business List Item FF – Source of Truck Route Master Plan funding -$200,000, due date October 3, 2005.

Bryan Shynal advised the Committee that Finance staff have requested that the Truck Route Master Plan piggy back on the Hamilton Goods Movement Study and identified the funding source as Capital Cost Centre # 3620455105. Any additional costs would be funded from the Hamilton general unallocated capital levy.

(Bruckler/Jackson)
That Item FF with respect to the funding source of the Truck Route Master Plan be removed from the outstanding business list.

CARRIED

5. Outstanding Business List Item HH – Co-operative RFP with Toronto for street sweepers, due date October 3, 2005 changed to December 5, 2005.

(g) Private and Confidential

(i) Request for Proposals C11-105-03 for the Design, Build and Operation of Waste Management Facilities (City Wide) (PW05120/FCS05110/LS05011) (Item 12.1)

On a motion (Braden/Ferguson) the Committee moved In Camera to receive advice on a matter that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

On a motion (Braden/Collins) the Committee reconvened in Open Session. It was noted that staff received In Camera direction.

On a motion (Collins/Ferguson) the Committee approved the staff recommendation which can now be released to the public although the report remains confidential.
There being no further business, the meeting of the Public Works Infrastructure and Environment Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Margaret McCarthy, Vice Chair
Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Ida Bediou, Legislative Assistant
Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
October 3, 2005