



**Public Works Committee
REPORT 08-016
9:30 a.m.
Monday, October 20, 2008
Hamilton Convention Centre
One Summer's Lane
Albion Rooms A, B and C**

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

Also Present: Councillors B. McHattie, M. Pearson
S. Stewart – General Manager, Public Works
J. Rinaldo – A/City Manager
G. Davis – Sr. Director, Capital Planning and
Implementation
J. Stephen – Manager, Strategic Planning
B. Shynal – Director, Operations and Maintenance
D. Hull – Director, Transit Operations
C. Hill – A/Director, Energy, Fleet and Facilities
B. Goodger – Director, Waste Management
B. Posedowski – A/Sr. Director, Water and Wastewater
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's

**THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 08-016 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

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

That the following items be received:

- (a) Waste Reduction Task Force – September 17, 2008

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2. Strathcona Neighbourhood – Waterfront Trail Pedestrian Connection (PW08118) (Ward 1) (Item 5.2)

- (a) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and directed to file the Strathcona Neighbourhood - Waterfront Trail Pedestrian Connection Environmental Study Report with the Municipal Clerk for a minimum thirty day public review period;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and directed to proceed with implementation of the preferred plan subject to funding approval through the capital budget process.

3. Township of North Dumfries – Joint Jurisdiction Highway Routine Maintenance and Repair Amending Agreement (PW08117) (Ward 14) (Item 5.3)

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an amendment so as to delete and replace Schedules C and D to the Joint Jurisdiction Highway and Connecting Highway Routine Maintenance and Repair Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Corporation of the Township of North Dumfries as outlined in Appendix “A” attached hereto.

4. Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 127 and 129 Simcoe Street East and 400 and 402 Mary Street, Hamilton (PW06072(b)) (Ward 2) (Item 6.3(a))

That Report PW06072(b) respecting Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 127 and 129 Simcoe Street East and 400 and 402 Mary Street, Hamilton, be received.

5. Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 127 and 129 Simcoe Street East and 400 and 402 Mary Street, Hamilton (PW06072(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 6.3(b))

That no action be taken with respect to Report PW06072(a) respecting Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 127 and 129 Simcoe Street East and 400 and 402 Mary Street, Hamilton.

6. Rapid Transit Feasibility Study – Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan (PW08043(d)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to continue discussions with Metrolinx in regards to undertaking the appropriate business case analysis required in order to include the functional design, detail design and construction of the B-line rapid transit corridor for the City of Hamilton in their 2009 - 2013 (5-year) Capital Budget, utilizing Light Rail Technology;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to continue discussions with Metrolinx in regards to undertaking the Rapid Transit Feasibility Study (Phase 3) in order to continue the planning and design for the A-line rapid transit corridor, utilizing Light Rail Technology, in conjunction with the design and construction of the B-line rapid transit corridor for the City of Hamilton as part of their 2009 - 2013 Capital Budget, with design and construction funds to be included in a future (5-year) Capital Budget;
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to report back to an appropriate Committee of Council following the release of the Final Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Investment Strategy and 5-year Capital Budget;
- (d) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized to and provide a copy of report PW08043d to the Metrolinx CEO and Chair of the Metrolinx Board for their information and consideration in the development of the final Regional Transportation Plan, Investment Strategy and 2009 - 2013 (5-year) Capital Budget;
- (e) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to continue its undertaking of required rapid transit initiative studies and aggressive public consultation program for Rapid Transit in Hamilton;
- (f) That the items related to the Rapid Transit Feasibility Study and the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan Process be identified as completed and removed from the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List.

7. Student Crossing between 1003 and 1033 Main Street West, Hamilton – Columbia International College

- (a) That the presentation from Messrs. Ron Rambarran and Jim Campbell respecting student crossing between 1003 and 1033 Main Street West, be received;

- (b) That City Traffic staff be requested to convene a meeting with their counterparts at the MTO, in conjunction with the Ward Councillor and Columbia International College, to discuss mitigation options respecting the student crossing between 1003 and 1033 Main Street West, Hamilton;
- (c) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Ted McMeekin, M.P.P., Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk reported the following change:

- (i) Comments from Ron Lewis with respect to Item 6.3(a) and (b) – Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed alley Abutting 127 and 129 Simcoe Street East and 400 and 402 Mary Street, Hamilton (PW06072(a) and PW06072(b)).

On a motion, the agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

On a motion, the Minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting of the Public Works Committee were received, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

On a motion, the following requests were approved:

- (i) Justin Sherwood, President, Refreshments Canada, respecting bottle water
- (ii) Ron Lewis, respecting Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 127 and 129 Simcoe Street East and 400 and 402 Mary Street, Hamilton

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**(i) Brenda Johnson, Project Manager, Environment Hamilton, to provide updates regarding garbage reduction at Woodward School and “Passport to Hamilton” Project**

Brenda Johnson, Project Manager of Environment Hamilton, appeared before the Committee to provide updates on the following programs:

(aa) “Passport to Hamilton” Project

- Project launched in July, 2008 at Bayfront Park with the anticipated goal to sell 800 passports between July and August, 2008; actual number of passes sold totaled 1,023
- Successes include: over 30% increase in day pass sales; 80 destinations now registered that will offer one or more of discounts/sell day passes; distribute maps and brochures
- Challenges: funding, staff time; time and resources needed to expand advertising on the 2009 map.

Ms. Johnson’s presentation also included the various methods and resources that are engaged to promote the “Passport to Hamilton” project, such as decals shown in the windows of participants who either distribute the maps, sell the passes or participate in the program. Brochures are also distributed throughout the City’s recreation facilities and civic museums.

Committee members also suggested other venues to make the public aware of this program, including involving the schools.

Ms. Johnson also acknowledged and thanked HSR staff for their assistance, including Don Hull, Director of Transit, Cindy Slinn, Marketing Co-ordinator, and Colin Kerr, Supervisor of Revenue and Accessibility. She also thanked Scott Stewart, General Manager of Public Works, and Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager of Community Services for all of their assistance and co-operation.

In providing the update to the Committee, Ms. Johnson stated that she wanted to leave doors open to make sure that the project does not slow down or loose momentum.

(bb) Garbage Reduction at Woodward School

Ms. Johnson outlined a program which was implemented at Woodward School to reduce their volume of garbage. The aim of the students was to make a positive contribution to Earth Day by minimizing waste, conserving energy and grooming the school.

In order to achieve their goals, the students:

- Brought litterless lunches to school;
- Recycled all of their paper products
- Used a green bin for food waste;
- Learned as much as they could about being Earth Keepers.

As a result of their efforts, Woodward School:

- Reduced 96 garbage bags per month to 4
- Beautified their surroundings
- Home Depot contribution of staff time, bird house kits and plantings
- Received the “Al Gore” Aware from Environment Hamilton
- Will be hosting an event on November 14 that will include a Principal, key staff member and caretaker from 10 Elementary Schools.

Environment Hamilton wants to share this success story and the lesson that it can be done if the right things are put into place.

Mayor Eisenberger and members of the Committee commended Ms. Johnson and EH for their achievement and suggested that a presentation be made to the City’s Joint City/Board Relations Committee. Once a meeting date is determined for the Committee, staff will contact Ms. Johnson to make the necessary arrangements.

On a motion, the presentations from Brenda Johnson, Project Manager, Environment Hamilton, respecting the “Passport to Hamilton” Project and garbage reduction at Woodward School were received.

(ii) Ron Rambarran, Principal, Columbia International College, regarding traffic concerns respecting student crossing between 1003 and 1033 Main Street West

Messrs. Ron Rambarran, Principal, and Jim Campbell, General Manager, of Columbia International College, appeared before the Committee to express their concerns respecting students crossing between 1003 and 1033 Main Street West.

In his presentation, Mr. Rambarran read from e-mails he has received over the years from a number of his colleagues/teachers at the school, all expressing similar concerns with the safety of the intersection.

He indicated that discussions have taken place with the Hamilton Police Service and the Public Works Department in the past; however, studies at that time did not reflect the number of near-miss accidents that occurred at that time and in fact, all accidents may not have been recorded in the public record.

On a motion, the following was put forward:

Whereas hundreds of Columbia College students daily cross the exit and entry ramps of the 403 moving between buildings at 1003 and 1033 Main Street West;

Whereas there have been many near misses over the past years;

Whereas Columbia College has offered to provide a school crossing guard, or have requested a flashing amber warning light to no avail;

Whereas in mid-September, two students were hit by a car, fortunately not being seriously injured.

Therefore Be It Resolved

- (a) That City Traffic staff be requested to convene a meeting with their counterparts at the MTO, in conjunction with the Ward Councillor and Columbia International College, to discuss mitigation options;
 - (b) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Ted McMeekin, M.P.P., Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale.
- (iii) **Ron Lewis, respecting Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Unassumed Alley Abutting 127 and 129 Simcoe Street East and 400 and 402 Mary Street, Hamilton**

Ron Lewis, residing at 400 Mary Street, Hamilton, appeared before the Committee to advise that he has been and still is opposed to the permanent closure of the alley behind his residence. A copy of Mr. Lewis' written submission providing his comments was distributed to the Committee and has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record. Mr. Lewis also provided the Committee with a real estate listing at 400 Mary Street from 2003 showing details of the property i.e., lot size, room dimensions, description, etc.

The Chair asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak to this issue. The following individuals spoke in support of Mr. Lewis:

- Royce Arnold
- Janice Lewis

- Kelly Blandin
- Rose Kriedemann
- Roger Boyer
- Sam Hammond
- Gary Robinson
- Jack Cote
- Ross Bowman
- Dale Auguste.:

Gord Ellis, residing at 129 Simcoe Street East, spoke in favour of the permanent closure

The Chair requested that those members wishing to speak provide their name, address and phone number on a sheet provided on the podium to become part of the public record.

Angela Storey, Supervisor of Operations Administration, provided the Committee with an overview of the closure of the alleyway. Karen Kelly, Solicitor, and Nick Anastasopoulos, Co-ordinator of Building Inspections, were also in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

Staff advised that an update will be provided to the Committee at the next meeting respecting the current review of alleyways, and that the final report will be presented to the Committee in February/March or 2009.

Item 5 **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas:	Bratina, Merulla, Mitchell, Jackson, Ferguson, McCarthy
Total Yeas:	6
Nays:	Eisenberger, Powers
Total Nays:	2
Absent:	Collins
Total Absent:	1

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Rapid Transit Feasibility Study – Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan (PW08043(d)) (City Wide)

Jill Stephen, Manager of Strategic Planning, showed a promotion video on rapid transit in Hamilton which is used at the public information centres. The video was followed by a power point presentation outlining:

- Metrolinx and their role
- Draft Regional Transportation Plan
- Corridor maps and why Hamilton is ready for rapid transit;

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- Summary, recommendations and next steps.

A copy of the power point presentation was distributed to the Committee and has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

The Committee acknowledged and thanked Jill Stephen and Lisa Zinkewich, Senior Project Manager, for all of their efforts in bringing this project forward to date.

Councillor Powers relinquished the Chair to speak to this issue.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor Ferguson brought the following motion forward:

Accessible Playground Addition to Meadowlands Community Park, Ancaster

WHEREAS Derek Carter contacted the City Of Hamilton to discuss an accessible playground addition to Meadowlands Community Park in memory of his son Travis who passed away May 30, 2008 due to Batten's Disease;

WHEREAS City staff has worked with Derek to select accessible playground equipment and create a layout for the park addition which includes three pieces of accessible playground equipment, playground safety surfacing, a pedestal sign describing Travis' life, and an asphalt walkway with rolled curb edges to aid wheelchair bound children in accessing the equipment;

WHEREAS the total cost of the accessible playground addition is \$38,000;

WHEREAS Derek Carter has \$15,000 to donate for this accessible playground addition;

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved that an amount of \$23,000 be approved for the accessible playground addition at Meadowlands Community Park and that the funds be charged to the appropriate Capital Reserve Account.

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

(i) Outstanding Business List

- (aa) Expansion of Noise Mitigation Program to include 252 Hixon Road and 35 and 40 Sinclair Court
Due Date: December 2008 (pending completion of the noise mitigation program)
Revised Due Date: September 14, 2009

- (bb) Stoney Creek Trans Cab – In-House Bid
Due Date: October 20, 2008
Revised Due Date: December 1, 2008

- (cc) Specialized Transit Fleet Tender
Due Date: October 20, 2008
Revised Due Date: December 1, 2008

- (dd) Collection of Recyclable Materials in Parks
Due Date: October 20, 2008
Revised Due Date: December 1, 2008

On a motion, the Outstanding Business List was amended accordingly.

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
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