Public Works Committee
REPORT 08-013
(as amended by City Council on September 10, 2008)
9:30 a.m.
Monday, September 8, 2008
Hamilton Convention Centre
One Summer’s Lane
Albion Rooms A, B and C

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

Absent with Regrets:
Councillor C. Collins – Personal

Also Present:
S. Stewart – General Manager, Public Works
G. Davis – Sr. Director, Capital Planning and Implementation
B. Shynal – Director, Operations and Maintenance
D. Hull – Director, Transit Operations
J. Mater – Director, Energy, Fleet and Facilities
B. Smith – A/Director, Waste Management
U. Ehrenberg – A/Sr. Director, Water and Wastewater
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 08-013 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

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

That the following be received:

(a) Hamilton Cycling Committee
   (i) May 7, 2008
   (ii) June 4, 2008
   (iii) July 2, 2008

(b) Clean City Liaison Committee – May 22, 2008

(c) Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee - April 9, 2008
    Council – September 10, 2008

(d) Waste Reduction Task Force – May 21, 2008
2. Minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee (Item 5.2)

That the Minutes of the June 5 and July 17, 2008 meetings of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, be received.

3. Minutes of the Halton Region Source Protection Authority – Board of Directors’ Meeting – August 7, 2008 (Item 5.3)

That the Minutes of the August 7, 2008 Board of Directors meeting of the Lake Halton Region Source Protection Authority, be received.

4. Intersection Control List (PW08011(f)) (Wards 6, 11, 13, 14 and 15) (Item 5.4)

That the appropriate By-law be presented to Council to provide traffic control as follows:

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<td>(a) Ridge Rd.</td>
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<td>(b) Valens Rd.</td>
<td>Concession 8 W.</td>
<td>EB/WB</td>
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<td>S. of R.R. 97, W. of Hwy. 6</td>
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<td>(c) Fletcher Rd.</td>
<td>Guyatt Rd.</td>
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<td>(f) Marimat Court</td>
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<td>(k) East 41st St</td>
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5. **Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board – School Hour Transit Pass Program (PW08102) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)**

   (a) That The Hamilton Street Railway Company be authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement with The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for a School Hour Transit Pass program, with a term ending on June 30, 2009, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

   (b) That The Hamilton Street Railway Company be authorized and directed to carry out future renewals of the School Hour Transit Pass program based on such fee structure as may be approved by the City of Hamilton from time to time, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

6. **Correspondence from Nancy Hadala, on behalf of the North End Neighbourhood Association, requesting that delegations speaking to the North End Traffic Management Study (Items 6.3 (b), (c) and (d)) be moved to after September 13, 2008 (Item 5.6)**

   That the correspondence from Nancy Hadala on behalf of the North End Neighbourhood Association, be received.

7. **Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of Portions of the Road Allowance of Ship, Niagara and Hillyard Streets, Hamilton (PW08093) (Ward 3) (Item 6.1)**

   That the application of the Hamilton Port Authority to permanently close and purchase portions of the road allowance of Ship, Niagara and Hillyard Streets be denied.

8. **By-law to Permanently Close Valley Inn Road and Bridge (PW08098) (Ward 1) (Item 6.2)**

   (a) That the part of the road allowance, set out as:
Valley Inn Road being part of Lot 85, Registered Plan 77 and part of unnamed street, Registered Plan 77, City of Hamilton is hereby permanently closed to vehicular traffic but not to pedestrian traffic, subject to the following:

(i) That the said lands be kept open to pedestrians and cyclists and to be used generally for trail access and that utility and emergency vehicles have the ability to access the lower reaches of the valley by unlocking the barriers at the parking lot at the top of Valley Inn Road (Hamilton Side);

(ii) That the General Manager of Public Works or his duly authorized agent is hereby authorized to erect barricades to enforce the due observance of the provisions of this by-law;

(b) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare a by-law to permanently close the highway;

(c) That the appropriate by-law be introduced and enacted by Council;

(d) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to register a certified copy of the by-law permanently closing the highway in the proper Land Registry Office;

(e) That the by-law permanently closing the highway does not take effect until a certified copy of the by-law is registered in the proper Land Registry Office;

(f) That the Public Works Department publish a notice pursuant to Section 34 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, of the City’s intention to pass the by-law.

9. **Local and Collector Roadway Strategic Asset Preservation Methodology Plan (PW08101) (City Wide) (Public Works Committee Outstanding Business Item) (Item 7.2)**

(a) That the Local and Collector Roadway Strategic Asset Preservation Methodology Plan as defined in Report PW08101 be adopted;

(b) That the item relating to the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Provincial Funding Allocation be removed from the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List.

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The following item was amended with the addition of sub-section (c):

10. West Hamilton Bus Route Extension to Meadowlands – Petition (PW08095) (Wards 1 and 12) (Public Works Outstanding Business Item) (Item 8.1)

(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to add the petition requesting an extension of the HSR #5A/C Delaware-West Hamilton bus route on Weekends to the Ancaster Meadowlands to the list of outstanding conventional transit service requests;

(b) That the item relating to the “Extension of 5A/5C Delaware Bus Route” be removed from the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List;

(c) That a list of outstanding conventional transit service requests, including a listing of the top ten service improvements, costed out, be brought forward for consideration as part of the 2009 budget process.

11. Railway Crossing Arms at Quigley, Cochrane, Greenhill and Mount Albion Roads (PW08096) (Ward 5) (Public Works Outstanding Business Item) (Item 8.2)

(a) That subject to the final approval of Transport Canada and Canadian Pacific Railways, safety gates be installed at the Canadian Pacific Quigley Road railway crossing and minor modifications be made to the Canadian Pacific Cochrane Road crossing, with the City’s estimated share of the cost, $44,000, to be referred to the 2009 Capital Budget Process;

(b) That the item relating to “Railway Crossing Arms at Quigley, Cochrane, Greenhill and Mount Albion Roads” be removed from the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List.

12. Road Closures of Portions of Millen and Fifty Roads (PW08097) (Wards 10 and 11)

That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and directed to proceed with implementation of “Windows to the Lake” parkettes at Fifty Road and Millen Road subject to funding approval through the 2009 Capital Budget Process.

13. Project Snow Bird – Steam-Fuelled Snow Melter Equipment (PW08099) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(a) That the City formally end its involvement with Project Snow Bird, a collaborative initiative with CaPaRim International Inc. to develop and test prototype steam fuelled snow melting equipment;
(b) That the City not enter into an agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for funding for the project;

(c) That staff be directed to include within a future capital budget submission an item to effect the demolition of the Stuart Street Property building and subsequent site restoration & improvements (i.e. pavement and sewer installation) to provide suitable storage capacity avoiding the need for snow melter operation.

14. 2008 Winter Control Program Update (PW08100) (City Wide) (Public Works Outstanding Business Item) (Item 8.5)

(a) That staff develop a sustainable funding plan for the Winter Control Program Reserve for consideration during the 2009 Budget Process;

(b) That the recommendations for a Winter Control Program service level enhancement for municipal sidewalk snow clearing as recommended by the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities not be pursued at this time;

(c) That the item relating to Sidewalk snow removal - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) be requested to be removed from the Committee of the Whole Outstanding Business List.

15. Hannon Creek Subwatershed – North Glanbrook Industrial Business Park Master Drainage Plan (PW08031(a)) (Wards 6, 7, 9 and 11) (Item 8.6)

That Report PW08031(a) respecting the Hannon Creek Subwatershed – North Glanbrook Industrial Business Park Master Drainage Plan, be received.

16. Intersection Control – Highway 6 South and Haldibrook Road, City of Hamilton (Item 9.1)

(a) That the Minister of Transportation be requested to investigate the feasibility of implementing a traffic control signal, or some other form of upgraded traffic control, at the intersection of Highway 6 South and Haldibrook Road, in the City of Hamilton;

(b) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the area M.P.P.’s for their information.
17. **Pricing of Water for Irrigation (New Business – No Copy)**

That the issue of pricing of water for irrigation for tender fruit production be referred to staff for review and recommendation to the October meeting of the Public Works Committee.

18. **Request for Representative on the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee (LS08007) (City Wide) (Public Works Outstanding Business Item) (Item 12.2)**

(a) That the request of the Disabled & Aged Regional Transit System for representation on the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee, be denied;

(b) That the request be accommodated by seeking specific input from DARTS, within the public participation component, on particular issues of relevance to DARTS, without granting membership, as provided in Section 8 of the Sub-Committee’s existing Terms of Reference;

(c) That a letter be sent to DARTS inviting their participation in accordance with the Steering Committee’s Terms of Reference;

(d) That Report LS08007 remain confidential as its contents pertain to communications and advice to which solicitor-client privilege attaches;

(e) That the Outstanding Business Item regarding Correspondence from DARTS regarding representation on the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee be identified as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business list.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk reported the following changes:

(i) Delegation Request to Appear from:

(aa) David Aldighieri, Union Boiler Company of Hamilton Limited, on behalf of property owners of 161, 163 and 167 Niagara Street, to express opposition to Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of Portions of the Road Allowance of Ship, Niagara and Hillyard Streets, Hamilton (Agenda Item 6.1)
(bb) Gary Ewing, Unified Engineering, 171 Niagara Street, to express opposition to Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of Portions of the Road Allowance of Ship, Niagara and Hillyard Streets, Hamilton (Agenda Item 6.1)

(cc) Jim Aitkin, Rankin’s Septic Tank Pumping and Environmental Services, respecting Sewer Use By-law

(ii) Added written submission from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting the North End Traffic Management Study

The Clerk also advised the Committee that in Report PW08093 (Item 6.1), reference to Ward 2 should be amended be Ward 3 throughout the report as the streets stated in the report are in Ward 3.

Chair Powers advised the Committee that Item 8.7 – Report 08-004 of the City Hall Renovations Steering Committee, will not be considered by the Committee at today’s meeting due to outstanding procedural issues.

Chair Powers also advised the Committee that with respect to Item 7.1 – North End Traffic Management Study, the Committee will hear from delegations and receive the staff presentation. Discussion of the report and staff recommendations will occur at a future meeting of the Public Works Committee.

Councillor Mitchell advised the Committee that he will be introducing a motion with respect to food production irrigation.

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

On a motion, the following delegations were approved:

(i) Frans Brinkman respecting parks/leash-free dog parks; traffic concerns and drive thoughts; traffic signal synchronization
(ii) Maryann Duggan, Ferrie Street Community, respecting sewage backups resulting from rainstorms
(iii) David Aldighieri, Union Boiler Company, and Gary Ewing, Unified Engineering, respecting Item 6.1 of today’s agenda
(iv) Jim Aitkin, Rankin’s Septic Tank Pumping and Environmental Services, respecting the sewer use by-law.
(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of Portions of the Road Allowance of Ship, Niagara and Hillyard Streets, Hamilton (PW08093) (Ward 3)

Chair Powers advised the Committee that the proposed permanent closure and sale of portions of the road allowance of Ship, Niagara and Hillyard Streets, Hamilton, was advertised in the Spectator on Friday, August 29, 2008.

The following individuals gave written request to address the Committee:

(aa) David Aldighieri, Union Boiler Company, on behalf of property owners of 161, 163 and 167 Niagara Street

Mr. Aldighieri addressed the Committee and indicated that the proposed permanent closure would have a detrimental effect on his business, would present challenges to trucks that are required to make deliveries to his business, and present a hardship to him employees. He spoke in favour of the staff recommendation.

(bb) Gary Ewing, Unified Engineering, 171 Niagara Street

Mr. Ewing spoke in opposition to the proposed permanent closure as it would present difficulties for his business to accept delivery of steel and raw materials required for his steel fabrication business. He indicated his support of the staff recommendation.

Chair Powers requested if there was anyone else present wishing to address this issue, of which there was no one.

On a motion, the staff recommendation was approved as presented.

(ii) By-law to Permanently Close Valley Inn Road and Bridge (PW08098) (Ward 1)

Chair Powers advised the Committee that the by-law to permanently close Valley Inn Road and Bridge was advertised in the Spectator on Friday, August 29, 2008. He requested if there was anyone present wishing to address this issue, of which there were none.

On a motion, the staff recommendation was approved as presented.
(iii) North End Traffic Management Study

(aa) John Dolbec, CEO, on behalf of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

John Dolbec, CEO, presented on behalf of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. His comments included, but were not limited to:

- Chamber of Commerce has no objections to the general traffic calming measures as proposed in the study, particularly for residential streets; however, there needs to be extreme caution not to introduce traffic calming measures that are going to be counter-productive to the City’s goal of making the waterfront a people place.
- If people are to be attracted all year round, the need to ensure that there is reasonably unrestricted access to the waterfront.
- Study is somewhat flawed between thru-traffic and destination traffic.
- Limiting access to Bay Street is a fundamental issue for anyone wishing to access the Wet Harbour waterfront.
- Streets that are access points for waterfront should be exempted from the study or at least exempted from the measures of the Study.

The Committee also received a written submission from the Chamber which will become part of the public record.

Councillor Ferguson requested that the Chamber submit a one-page summary of their primary concerns for the Committee’s consideration.

Chair Powers thanked Mr. Dolbec for his presentation.

(bb) Bill Curran, Chair of the Hamilton Society of Architects and North End Resident

Bill Curran resides on Macauley Street West, is a practicing architect and Chair of the Hamilton-Burlington Society of Architects. His comments included, but were not limited to:

- The plan put forward by the North End Neighbours does not speak for all members of the community.
- The principle issue of the plan is to close 8 separate streets leading to the north end neighbourhood out of 14 possible closures.

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The intent to create a gated community is fundamentally wrong; north end community is important and will make policing and servicing harder – undemocratic approach

Waterfront is a valuable asset and must be highly accessible to all

Ask that each road closure be considered individually to determine if necessary

From speaking with neighbours, key issue is that enforcement is required, whether for speeding, truck traffic, and to completely eliminate one-way streets within the neighbourhood to increase safety

Maximize street parking everywhere – great traffic calming

Instead of closing streets, fix intersections that lead into neighbourhood, particularly Burlington and Wellington Streets

A copy of Mr. Curran’s comments were received in the Office of the Clerk and will become part of the public record.

Chair Powers thanked Mr. Curran for his presentation.

The following delegations were not in attendance to address the Committee and will therefore be placed on the September 15, 2008 Public Works Committee agenda:

(cc) North End Neighbours Inc. (John Mattinson/Nancy Hadala)
(dd) Shawn Selway
(ee) West Harbour Neighbours Inc. (Stephen Park)

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) North End Traffic Management Study (PW08094) (Ward 2) (Item 7.1)

Justin Readman, Project Manager, Environmental Planning, provided a power point presentation on the above-noted matter, outlining the following:

- Study process
- Consultation points
- Alternative strategies
- Preferred strategy and community input
- Monitoring and report
- Recommendations.

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

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As previously indicated by the Chair, discussion and debate of Report PW08094 will take place at a future meeting of the Public Works Committee.

On a motion, the staff presentation was received.

(ii) **Local and Collector Roadway Strategic Asset Preservation Methodology Plan (PW08101) (City Wide)**

Gerry Davis, Director of Capital Planning and Implementation, gave a power point presentation on the above-noted matter, outlining the following:

- Asset management – where we are currently at for:
  - Local and Collector road condition, road reconstruction, road rehabilitation
- Current practice
- Options/Windows of Opportunities
- “The Good, The Bad and The Ugly”
- Network condition summary
- Road project selection process
- Right-of-way – Infrastructure Strategy
- Local and Collector asset preservation options
- Local and Collector funding allocation
- Local and Collector delivery options

Councillors Jackson and Mitchell requested if staff could review pedestrian safety concerns and how many kilometers can be corrected. Staff responded that a report could be brought forward; however, this was not a priority compared to deteriorating assets; comes down to resources and the priorities that are established.

Staff advised that a report will be presented in October with respect to construction inflation.

On a motion, the presentation be received.

(f) **PRICING OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION (New Business – No Copy)**

On a motion, the Rules of Order were suspended to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting “Pricing of Water for Irrigation”.

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

Outstanding Business Items

(i) Traffic Calming Study – Scenic Road between Goulding Avenue and Lavender Drive  
   Proposed Due Date:  Q2 2009

(ii) Biosolids Management Plan  
   Revised Due Date:  December 1, 2008

(iii) Truck Traffic on Fruitland Road Residential Road  
   Revised Due Date:  March 30, 2009

(iv) Larger Blue Boxes for Curbside Recycling Materials  
   Revised Due Date:  October 6, 2008

(v) Recommendations from the Waterfront Revitalization Task Force respecting West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan  
   Revised Due Date:  December 1, 2008

(vi) Hannon Creek Sub-Watershed  
   Revised Due Date:  November 3, 2008

(vii) Recommendations from the Chamber of Commerce respecting Public Transit Policy  
   Revised Due Date:  November 17, 2008

(viii) Opportunities for Reduction - Public Works Program  
   Revised Due Date:  November 17, 2008

(ix) Pavement Markings and Related Signage in Upper Rural Stoney Creek  
   Revised Due Date:  December 1, 2008

(x) Control Measures to Stop Dust Fall outs resulting from Unpaved Parking Lots and Roads on Industrial Properties  
   Revised Due Date:  November 17, 2008

(xi) 127 and 129 Simcoe Street and 400 and 402 Mary Street, Hamilton  
   (Tabled by Committee on May 26, 2008)  
   Revised Due Date:  October 20, 2008

(xii) Rural Stop Sign Safety  
   Revised Due Date:  January 19, 2009

(xiii) Greenhill Neighbourhood Flooding – Outstanding Insurance Claims  
   Be referred to the Audit and Administration Committee; staff to report back on outstanding insurance claims resulting from flooding  
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On a motion, the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee was amended accordingly.

(h) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Approval of Minutes of Closed Session Meeting held on June 16, 2008

On a motion, the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Public Works Committee meeting of June 16, 2008 were received and will remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

On a motion, the Committee to moved into Closed Session at 11:30 a.m. on a matter which pertains to communications and advice to which solicitor-client privilege attaches.

On a motion, the Committee reconvened in Open Session at 11:40 p.m.

(ii) Request for Representation on the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee (LS08007) (City Wide)

See Item 18 for the disposition of this item.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor R. Powers
Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
September 8, 2008