



**Public Works Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Monday, February 19, 2007
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

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

Also Present: S. Stewart – General Manager, Public Works
G. Davis – Director, Capital Planning and Implementation
G. Lupton – Manager, Energy Initiatives
B. Shynal – Director, Operations and Maintenance
D. Hull – Director, Transit
B. Goodger – Director, Waste Management
J. Harnum – Senior Director, Water/Wastewater
C. Murray – Acting Director, Red Hill Valley Project
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Slainte Irish Pub St. Patrick's Day Event – Saturday, March 17, 2007 (PW07020) (Ward 2) (Item 5.1)

(Collins/Ferguson)

That the application from Slainte Irish Pub for the temporary closure of Bowen Street between Jackson Street East and the limits of the Slainte property on Saturday, March 17, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. Sunday, March 18, 2007 to hold a street festival, be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the prior approval of the Chief of Police or his designate be received and that such permits or authorizations as may be required by the Chief of Police or his designate be obtained;
- (b) That the applicant provide proof of \$5,000,000 liability insurance, naming the City of Hamilton as an added insured party with a provision for cross liability and holding the City harmless from all actions, causes of action, interests, claims, demands, costs, damages, expenses and loss;

- (c) That all barricading, detour signing, and traffic control be subject to the direction of the General Manager of Public Works or his designate;
- (d) That all barricading be provided by and at the expense of the applicant;
- (e) That "Temporary Road Closure" signs be installed in advance by the Public Works Department, on the affected roadways, if deemed necessary by the General Manager of Public Works and at the expense of the applicant;
- (f) That the applicant ensures that clean up operations are carried out immediately before the re-opening of the road, to the satisfaction of the City of Hamilton and at the expense of the applicant;
- (g) That no property owner or resident within the closure area be denied access to their property upon request;
- (h) That all property owners and tenants within the closure area be notified by the applicant, prior to the closure, in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works;
- (i) That the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) be advised that the City of Hamilton is aware of the application by Slainte Irish Pub, 33 Bowen Street to serve alcohol on the road allowance of Bowen Street on Saturday, March 17, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. and that the City has no objection to the AGCO issuance of the appropriate liquor license for the event. **CARRIED**

2. City of Hamilton Stormwater Master Plan – Class Environmental Assessment (PW07021) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Ferguson)

- (a) That the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to file the City wide Stormwater Master Plan as per the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000), on the public record with the Municipal Clerk for a sixty day public review;
- (b) That upon the completion of the sixty day public review and final approval, the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to include the stormwater management projects identified in the Master Plan in the capital budget for future years;
- (c) That upon the completion of the sixty day public review and final approval, the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to proceed with the implementation of the preferred strategies for the fifteen watersheds in the City of Hamilton as recommended by the Master Plan;

- (d) That upon the completion of the sixty day public review and final approval, the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to proceed with the implementation of the recommended Schedule B undertakings according to the priority listing set out in the Master Plan;
- (e) That upon the completion of the sixty day public review and final approval, the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to complete the Stormwater Policy review as set out in the Master Plan;
- (f) That upon completion of the sixty day public review and final approval, the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to establish the Working Groups and Steering Committee for the purposes of evaluating existing programs, policies and standards and to determine appropriate funding alternatives;
- (g) That upon the completion of the sixty day public review and final approval, the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to include the recommendations of the Master Plan in the Planning processes as appropriate;
- (h) That the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to negotiate with Aquafor Beech Limited, to an upset limit of \$400,000, to develop the management strategies and implement the recommendations as set out in the Stormwater Master Plan.

CARRIED as amended

**3. Transportation Master Plan – Class Environmental Assessment (PW07022)
(City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

(Collins/Merulla)

- (a) That the General Manager of Public Works, be authorized and directed to file the City wide Transportation Master Plan, as per the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000), on the public record with the Municipal Clerk for a thirty day review period;
- (b) That upon completion of the thirty day public review and final approval, the General Manager of Public Works, be authorized and directed to include the transportation infrastructure projects identified in the Transportation Master Plan in the capital budget for future years, and to add the new projects in the next DC update as appropriate;

- (c) That upon completion of the thirty day public review and final approval, the General Manager of Public Works, be authorized and directed to proceed with implementation of the preferred alternatives, which are identified as Schedule B undertakings, according to the timelines set out in the Transportation Master Plan;
- (d) That upon completion of the thirty day public review and final approval, the General Manager, Planning & Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to implement the recommendations of the Transportation Master Plan in Planning and Development approval processes as appropriate;
- (e) That the General Manager of Public Works, be authorized and directed to proceed with Phases 3 and 4 (planning and design process) of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000) for Schedule C undertakings identified in the Transportation Master Plan, according to the timelines set out in the Transportation Master Plan;
- (f) That the General Manager of Public Works, be authorized and directed to establish a Bus Rapid Transit project team to oversee the detailed planning and design of Bus Rapid Transit and to develop required funding applications for provincial and federal funding;
- (g) That the General Manager of Public Works, be authorized and directed to increase the staff complement by two Project Manager Positions in the 2008 budget cycle to accommodate the implementation of the Transportation Master Plan;
- (h) That the transportation infrastructure projects identified in the Transportation Master Plan be incorporated into the strategic planning process to allow the opportunity for discussions respecting affordability and timelines for implementation. **CARRIED as amended**

4. Streetlighting Maintenance Program Service Levels, Asset Management and Service Provider Transition (PW07024) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Powers/Jackson)

- (a) That service levels for the City's Streetlighting Maintenance Program be approved as outlined in Report PW07024 as Appendix "A";
- (b) That R.J. Cramm Electric (1999) Limited be awarded the contract (C11-81-06) for the provision of streetlighting maintenance services for the period 2007-2010 in accordance with the terms and conditions of their RFP;

- (c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a contract, and the General Manager of Public Works any other documentation required, in the opinion of the City Solicitor, to implement the above, said contract and documentation to be to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works and the City Solicitor;
- (d) That the streetlighting maintenance budget for 2007 be reduced from \$1,417,120 to \$919,600 including as part of the 2007 program current budget (account 51001-469055) full-time Project Manager and student co-operative positions to be added to the staff complement to supervise contracted maintenance and capital improvement aspects of the streetlighting program. **CARRIED**

5. Fifty Point Subdivision - Lochside Drive - Diversion of Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Trenches (PW07019)/(PED07057) (Ward 11) (Item 8.1)

(Mitchell/Ferguson)

- (a) That Report PW07019/PED070597 respecting Fifty Point Subdivision - Lochside Drive - Diversion of Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Trenches, be received;
- (b) That staff respond, in writing, to the concerns expressed by Messrs. Bandiera and Albanese, with copies forwarded to members of the Public Works Committee. **CARRIED**

6. All-way Stop Controls – Various Locations (New Business) (No Copy)

(Mitchell/Collins)

WHEREAS community support and petitions have been received for all-way stops at the intersections of:

- Winona Road and Barton Street, Winona
- Napa Lane and Sonoma Drive, Winona
- Dickenson Road and French Road, Mount Hope;

AND WHEREAS these requests do not meet current traffic requirements for a stop control;

AND WHEREAS safety is a real concern for the residents in these areas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That all-way stop controls be placed at the following intersections at the earliest convenience:

- (i) Winona Road and Barton Street, Winona
 - (ii) Napa lane and Sonoma Drive, Winona
 - (iii) Dickenson Road and French Road, Mount Hope;
- (b) That the appropriate by-law be passed and enacted. **CARRIED**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following change:

- (l) Added Motion – Item 9.1 – Rapid Transit Office

(Ferguson/Powers)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(Powers/Mitchell)

That the Minutes of the February 5, 2007 meeting of the Public Works, Committee be received and adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(d) MR. RENZO BANDIERA RESPECTING FIFTY POINT SUBDIVISION - LOCHSIDE DRIVE - DIVERSION OF STORM SEWER AND SANITARY SEWER TRENCHES (PW07019)/(PED07057) (WARD 11) (ITEM 6.1)

(Powers/Mitchell)

That Mr. Lou Albanese be permitted to address the Committee on the same issue.

CARRIED

Mr. Bandiera distributed a handout which contained information to support his opinion that the staff report is erroneous and misleading to Council, and requested that he receive a written response to his submission.

Lou Albanese, a resident on Lochside Drive, addressed the Committee on cost overrun; hooked in and paid \$16,251 – each resident paid for contract – because of full recovery program, lower costs were not considered. Mr. Albanese indicated that he is willing to pay his fair share of the cost; however, he is of the belief that residents of Lochside are paying for a 13th lot that no one else seems to want to pay for, which he indicated is owned by the builder

Gerry Davis gave a brief overview respecting the issues on Fifty Point Subdivision and the agreements respecting storm sewers and trenching.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) City of Hamilton Stormwater Master Plan – Class Environmental Assessment (PW07021) (City Wide)

Gerry Davis, Director of Capital Planning and Implementation, introduced and acknowledged the efforts of the members of staff and consultants who worked on both the Stormwater Master Plan and the Transportation Master Plan: Jill Stephen; Senior Project Manager, Strategic Planning, Capital Planning and Implementation; Andrew Head, Senior Project Manager and Christine Lee-Morrison, Acting Manager, Strategic and Environmental Planning, Capital Planning and Implementation, Dave Maunder, Aquafor Beech Ltd. (Consultant Stormwater) and Brian Hollingworth, IBI Group (Consultant Transportation).

Jill Stephen gave a power point presentation (distributed to the Committee) outlining the 30-year strategy framework for stormwater in the City of Hamilton, including:

- Goals and Objectives
- Links between Master Plan and GRIDS
- Preferred Growth Option
- Study Process
- Study Areas
- Existing Conditions
- Alternative Management Strategies:
 - Do Nothing Management Strategy
 - Business as Usual Management Strategy
 - Comprehensive Urbanization Approach Management Strategy
 - Business as Usual with Urban Retrofits Management Strategy
 - Business as Usual with Rural Retrofits Management Strategy
- Selection of Preferred Management Strategy
- Description of Overall Management Strategy
- Municipal Infrastructure Measures

- Source Control Measures
- Conveyance Control Measures
- Retrofitting Existing Stormwater Management Facilities
- Stream Restoration Program
- Best Management Practices for Proposed Developments
- Rural Stewardship Program
- Alternative Funding Sources
- Administration Structure
- Deliverables
- Recommendations.

(Mitchell/Collins)

That the public review period referenced in sub-sections (b) to (g) be amended to sixty days, and that staff be directed to report back to the Committee at the end of the sixty days regarding input resulting from the public review.

Amendment CARRIED

(Ferguson/Merulla)

That staff be directed to meet with the affected Ward Councillors to review specific design features and types of design of storm ponds and provide additional information with respect to the definition of retrofitting, loss of recreational use and retention ponds around still water.

Amendment CARRIED

Main Motion as amended CARRIED

- (ii) Transportation Master Plan – Class Environmental Assessment (PW07022) (City Wide)

Jill Stephen gave a power point presentation (distributed to the Committee) outlining:

- Presentation Overview
 - Integraion with GRIDS Process
 - Summary of Transportation Master Plan Recommendations
 - Financial Impacts
 - Making it Happen
- Links between Master Plan and GRIDS
- Preferred Growth Option
- Purpose of Transportation Master Plan
- Transportation Master Plan Process
- Alternative Solutions Considered
- Status Quo vs Transit/TDM Scenario
- Strategic Transit Initiatives
- Strategic Cycling and Pedestrian Initiatives
- Strategic Goods Movement Initiatives
- Strategic Road Improvements
- Financial Implications

- Making it Happen – Bus Rapid Transit; Cycling and Walking; Goods Movement; Public Consultation
- Recommendations and Next Steps

Councillor Mitchell expressed concern that the maps attached to the staff report indicated trails which cross farmlands. Brian Hollingworth of IBI Group advised that this would be rectified in the final maps and for future public distribution. The Committee was also advised that presentation of the Transportation Master Plan has been scheduled for the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee.

(Collins/Merulla)

That the following be added as sub-section (h):

- (h) That the transportation infrastructure projects identified in the Transportation Master Plan be incorporated into the strategic planning process to allow the opportunity for discussions respecting affordability and timelines for implementation.

Amendment CARRIED

Main Motion as amended CARRIED

- (iii) Streetlighting Maintenance Program Service Levels, Asset Management and Service Provider Transition (PW07024) (City Wide)

Hart Solomon, Manager of Traffic Engineering and Operations, introduced and acknowledged the efforts of the staff involved in this project: Ron Gallo, Supervisor of Systems and Signals, and Steve Barley, Electrical/Instrumentation Technologist (Streetlights).

Hart Solomon gave a power point presentation (distributed to the Committee) outlining the Streetlighting Program Changes, including:

- Streetlight Infrastructure
- Streetlight Program Description
- Request for Proposal and Results
- Service Level Standards
- Budget
- Proposed Program Summary.

The Committee requested an update respecting what types of financial disincentives were included in the contract. Staff advised that the Request for Proposal will be circulated to the members of the Committee, indicating those specific areas.

The motion to approve the Streetlighting Maintenance Program CARRIED on the vote:

Yeas: McCarthy, Bratina, Collins, Ferguson, Jackson, Mitchell, Powers
Total Yeas: 7
Nays: Merulla
Total Nays: 1

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

(i) Rapid Transit Office (New Business) (No Copy)

(Bratina/Mitchell)

WHEREAS the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee has supported the idea of creating a rapid transit system for Hamilton;

WHEREAS the Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, and Communities has requested that Hamilton submit more information on its plan for a rapid transit system;

WHEREAS the Provincial Minister of Transportation has indicated her support for Hamilton rapid transit, but that Provincial funding for such a project would require a strong business case to be developed;

WHEREAS on February 15, 2006, Hamilton City Council directed staff to proceed to recruit a contract staff resource dedicated to the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee to be funded from the Gas Tax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

(a) That staff report back on funding options and contract details for a new staff resource to head up a Rapid Transit Office;

(b) That staff present these options during the 2007 budget process.

CARRIED

(ii) Safety of Pedestrian path – Kenilworth Access/Kimberly Drive

(Merulla/Collins)

That the appropriate staff and Ward councilors meet to address the safety concerns surrounding the pedestrian path at the Kenilworth access in the area of Kimberly Drive.

CARRIED

(iii) Graffiti

(Collins/Bratina)

That staff report back on the feasibility of adding graffiti removal options on the City's website.

CARRIED

(g) **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Approval of Minutes of Closed Session Meeting held on February 5, 2007

(Powers/Bratina)

- (a) That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Public Works Committee meeting of February 5, 2007 be received:
- (b) That the Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. **CARRIED**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor M. McCarthy
Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
February 19, 2007