Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

REPORT 05-016
9:30 a.m.
Monday, November 7, 2005
Council Chambers
2nd Floor, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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

Also Present: Councillors M. Pearson and T. Whithead

S. Stewart, General Manager, B. Goodger, J. Harnum,
D. Hull, C. Murray, B. Shynal, J. Murray, Wray Oakes, and
H. Solomon, Public Works Department
I. Bedioui - Clerk’s Office

THE PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 05-016 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Volunteer Committee Minutes – For Information (Item 5.1):
That the following Volunteer/Sub-Committee Minutes be received for information:
(a) Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee Minutes of September 13, 2005 Meeting.
(b) Keep Hamilton Clean Committee Minutes of August 2, 2005 Meeting.

2. School Area Speed Limit Request, Full-time 40 km/h on Symphony Place and Concerto Court (PW05126) – (Ward 12) (Item 5.2)
(a) That the speed limit on Symphony Place between Mozart Drive and Concerto Court be set at 40 km/h.

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(b) That the speed limit on Concerto Court between Symphony Place and Amberly Boulevard be set at 40 km/h.

(c) That the by-law outlined in Report PW05126 as Appendix “A” to amend the City of Hamilton Traffic By-law 01-215 be passed and enacted.

3. 2005/06 Winter Control Program Planning Report (PW05130) - (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That the planned improvements to the Winter Control Program as outlined in Appendix A attached hereto be endorsed for implementation in order to increase the effectiveness, efficiency and customer satisfaction with the 2005/06 program.

4. The Facilities Operations Review - Office of Energy Management (Item 7.2)

(a) That staff be directed to create a Manager of Energy Initiatives position and a Co-Ordinator of Utilities and Energy Management position in the Fleet and Facilities Division.

(b) That the positions described in subsection (a) be filled by contractual employees, for a two year term, and the salaries be funded from the 2005 Energy Management Projects Account 2050541101.

(c) That twelve months after filling these new positions staff report back to Committee on the resulting energy savings.

5. Pilot Implementation of OMBI Municipal Guide to Accounting for Capital Assets (PW05129/FCS05117) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)


6. Request for a Pedestrian Barrier - John Sopinka Courthouse, 45 Main Street East (PW05127) - (Ward 2) Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee Outstanding Business List Item (Item 8.2)

(a) That the proponent for the installation of a sidewalk pedestrian barrier in front of the John Sopinka Courthouse, 45 Main Street East be advised that Traffic staff will investigate the feasibility of implementing “on-street” parking meters as a possible means of further enhancing pedestrian safety in this area.

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(b) That the item relating to the Letter from A. Wynperle, President of the Hamilton Law Association re: John Sopinka Courthouse exit safety concerns be removed from the Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee Outstanding Business List.

7. **Red Light Camera (RLC) Program Extension (PW03150b) - (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

(a) That approval be granted to extend the previous contract with Affiliated Computer Systems (ACS) for maintenance and operational activities associated with operating the City of Hamilton Red Light Camera Program for two (2) additional years, from November 2005 through to November 2007 at a cost increase of 4% for 2006 and 2007. This will result in a cost of approximately $206,440 for 2006 and $214,700 for 2007 and will be funded from Account 55916-461010.

(b) That staff be authorized to transfer any 2006 and 2007 year end surpluses from the Red Light Camera Program into the reserve account for consideration of future operating costs or expansion costs of the Red Light Camera Program.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

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

The Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda which was approved:

(i) Added delegation request dated November 3, 2005 from Ms. Pauline Mitchell on behalf of Mr. William Mitchell respecting landscaping issues in public spaces. (Added Item 4.2.)

(b) **Declarations of Interest (Item 2)**

None declared.

(c) **Minutes (Item 3)**

The Minutes of the October 17, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

(d) **Delegation Requests**

The following delegation requests were approved:
(i) E-mail from Penny Ulbinas, on behalf of the Hamilton Waterfront Trust, 47 Guise Street East, Hamilton – Presentation respecting Projects update (Item 4.1)

(ii) E-mail dated November 3, 2005 from Ms. Pauline Mitchell on behalf of Mr. William Mitchell respecting landscaping issues in public spaces. (Added Item 4.2)

(e) Public Hearings/Delegations


1. John Hall, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan

Mr. John Hall introduced Marilyn Baxter, and Kristin O’Connor of the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Office and Mary Ellen Scattalon of the M.O.E. His presentation covered the progress made to date with respect to cleaning up the harbour and advised that RAP is past the halfway point in meeting its objectives. He provided a brochure entitled “2005 Highlights and Summary” which was distributed. He thanked Mayor Di Ianni for his efforts in obtaining the recent provincial funds for the harbour clean-up and also Tony Valeri, M.P. and Marie Bountrogianni, M.P.P. and City staff – Scott Stewart, Jim Harnum, and Neil Everson for their participation in this regard.

2. Marilyn Baxter, Bay Area Restoration Council

Ms. Marilyn Baxter addressed Committee and discussed the Yellow Fish Road program which educates home owners not to pour toxic chemicals down the drain. She indicated that school children are involved in this program by painting a visual reminder near drains on roads. The program has expanded to include class room presentations.

After the Committee posed a few questions, the Chairman thanked the presenters and the Committee received the presentation.

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) 2005/06 Winter Control Program Planning Report (PW05130) - (City Wide) (Item 7.1)
Bryan Shynal, Director of Operations and Maintenance, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee. Wray Oakes, Manager of Road Operations and Maintenance was in attendance to answer questions.

The following are some of the topics which were covered in the presentation:

**2005/06 Winter Control Program Improvements**
- Quality of Customer Service
- Salt Management Plan
- Yard Rationalization
- Bulk Materials Controls

**2006 Budget Referral Responses**
- Sidewalk Snow Clearing
- Snow Clearing Service Level Reductions
- Redirect Calls to Contact Center

**Future Program Improvements Initiatives**
- Contract Management
- Snow Fence Policy
- Snow Removal
  - Snow Melting Pilot
  - Snow Removal Activation Policy

**Other**
- WC Reserve Contribution Policy

Staff were requested to provide additional information respecting salt usage, why the Culture and Recreation Division does its own tendering for snow removal and the cost comparison of contracts issued by the Culture and Recreation Division and by the Operations and Maintenance Division. Staff confirmed that the cost of area rating will be provided to Committee at a future date.

Councillor Ferguson asked to be kept informed of any consolidation of roads in his area.

(ii) **Verbal update re: Townline Agreements (Item 7.1.1)**

Bryan Shynal advised that staff are actively pursuing the Townline Agreements and a report will be presented to Committee in the New Year respecting the nine agreements.
(ii) The Facilities Operations Review - Office of Energy Management (Item 7.2)

John Mater, Director of Fleet and Facilities, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee and hard copies were distributed.

The presentation covered the challenges of addressing energy costs and what has been achieved so far with respect to energy management initiatives. He indicated that the City could save a substantial amount by hiring staff having the expertise in energy savings. He advised there is enough money in the budget to cover salaries for two new positions for two years, after which the savings realized in energy costs will pay for the salaries. After some discussion, the Committee approved a motion to hire new staff on a trial basis.

(g) Red Light Camera (RLC) Program Extension (PW03150b) - (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

Councillor Merulla requested that staff report back on what other location would be a priority for a red light camera.

(h) General Information / Other Business

Changes were made to the Outstanding Business List as follows:

11.1 Outstanding Business List Item P, Hybrid vehicles.

On a motion (Ferguson/Bruckler) this item was removed because Report PW03147(b) respecting Green Fleet Implementation Plan was approved by Council on June 29, 2005.

11.2 Outstanding Business List Item S, Snow clearing (including sidewalk snow clearing), due date November 7, 2005 - See Item 7.1

On a motion (Ferguson/Braden) this item was removed.

11.3 Outstanding Business List Item AA, Letter from City of Mississauga re: GTA Bus Rapid Transit Funding - See Item 7 on October 19, 2005 Corporate Administration Committee Report 05-015 respecting Update: Go Transit Development Charges Act and By-law; Region of Halton, Region of Peel and City of Mississauga Resolutions (FCS05102) (City Wide).

On a motion (Bruckler/Braden) this item was removed.

(It was noted that the copy of the aforementioned resolution which was printed in the agenda did not include the amendment approved...
by Council which was an added subsection (4) to subsection (c) and the Legislative Assistant confirmed that this was not the final version of the approved resolution.)


11.5 Outstanding Business List Item DD, Letter from A. Wunperle, President of the Hamilton Law Association re: John Sopinka Courthouse exit safety concerns, due date November 7, 2005 Report PW05127 – See Item 8.2

This item was removed by approval of Item 8.2.

11.6 Outstanding Business List Item NN, Proposed stop sign at the intersection of McKay Road and McKay Court, TABLED at the October 17, 2005 Committee meeting in order to allow the Ward Councillor time to meet with the residents, due date November 7, 2005.

The Committee was advised that the report for this Item will be considered at the November 21, 2005 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Public Works Infrastructure and Environment Committee adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor David Mitchell, Chair
Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Ida Bediou, Legislative Assistant
Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
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WINTER CONTROL PLANNED PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES


4. “Snow Fence Installation Policy” to improve program effectiveness and cost efficiency through a confirmed service policy and delivery standards.

5. Salt Management Plan Implementation by extended use of alternative, non traditional technologies to minimize salt utilization rates.

6. Bulk Materials Inventory Control, to improve security and accountability.

7. Yard Rationalization/Consolidation, to provide appropriate program delivery facilities and minimize fixed program costs.