



Committee of the Whole REPORT 08-027

**9:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 7, 2008
Albion Rooms
Hamilton Convention Centre**

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors B. Bratina, B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall,
T. Jackson, M. McCarthy, D. Mitchell, M. Pearson,
B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, R. Pasuta,
R. Powers, T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillor L. Ferguson

Also Present: J. Rinaldo, A/City Manager
J. Lee, A/General Manager, Finance and
Corporate Services
S. Stewart, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning and
Economic Development
B. Browett, A/Fire Chief/General Manager HES
J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
K. Christenson, City Clerk
R. Caterini, Deputy City Clerk
C. Biggs, Legislative Assistant

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTS REPORT 08-027 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Downtown Transportation Master Plan Five Year Review (PW08083)
(City Wide) (Item 6.1)**
 - (a) That the five year review of the 2001 Downtown Transportation Master Plan (DTMP) be endorsed and the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to file the five year review, as per the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2007), on the public record with the Municipal Clerk for a thirty day public review;

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- (b) That upon the completion of the thirty day public review, the General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to program and include the recommended projects, (as shown in Appendix A attached to Report PW08083), in the five year review of the Downtown Transportation Master Plan in the capital budget for future years;
- (c) That with respect to the Gore Park Pedestrianization Plaza Initiative, the concept of Closing the South Leg of Gore Park, to begin as a pilot project, be endorsed,
 - (i) All HSR buses will be redirected to the North side of Gore Park and the proposed Multi-Modal Transit Terminal, consistent with the final recommendations for the Multi-Modal Transit Terminal, to allow for a focus on pedestrians;
 - (ii) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to undertake a functional design study, which will include a consultation and communications strategy, at an approximate cost of \$100,000, subject to approval through the 2009 budget process;
- (d) That the capital costs of reconstruction associated with the implementation of the Gore Park Pedestrianization Plaza Initiative be brought back to the 2009 budget process or later date for consideration;
- (e) That the items dealing with Gore Park pedestrianization and removal of buses from the Gore Park area be removed from the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The agenda was adopted as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6.1)**Downtown Transportation Master Plan Five Year Review (PW08083)
(City Wide)**

The Committee was provided with a power point presentation from Jill Stephen, Manager, Strategic Planning, Capital Planning and Implementation which provided the history of the Downtown Transportation Master Plan and address questions respecting the linkages between the Master Plan and other on-going plans. The presentation will also respond to questions from major stakeholders respecting their position on two-way conversion.

Gerry Davis introduced staff and guests in attendance representing various departments and stakeholders involved in this project.

The Motion **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas:	Eisenberger, Bratina, Clark, Duvall, Jackson, McCarthy, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers, Whitehead
Total Yeas-	13
Nays:	Collins (opposed to sub-section (a) only), Mitchell
Total Nays:	2
Absent	Ferguson
Total Absent:	1

**(d) Improvements to Access of James and John Streets South
(New Business)**

That staff report back to the Committee of the Whole with improvements to the access of John and James South, and that any required capital financing be identified and prioritized within the 2009 budget.

Councillors B. Clark and M. McCarthy indicated that they wished to be recorded as OPPOSED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger

C. Biggs
Legislative Assistant
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