Public Works Committee
REPORT 08-017
(as amended by Council on November 12, 2008)
9:30 a.m.
Monday, November 3, 2008
Hamilton Convention Centre
One Summer’s Lane
Albion Rooms A, B and C

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

Also Present:
Councillors S. Duvall, M. Pearson, T. Whitehead
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. Goodger – Director, Waste Management
J. Harnum – Sr. Director, Water and Wastewater
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 08-017 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1.  Travis Carter Accessible Playground Addition (Item 9.1)

That an accessible playground addition at Meadowlands Community Park be
approved, subject to the following conditions:

(a) That the total cost of the addition, which includes three pieces of
    accessible playground equipment, playground safety surfacing, a pedestal
    sign describing Travis Carter’s life, and an asphalt walkway with rolled
    curb edges, not to exceed $38,000;

(b) That Travis’ father, Derek Carter, contribute up to $15,000 toward the cost
    of the accessible playground addition;

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(c) That the balance of the cost of the accessible playground addition, estimated at $23,000, be charged to the Parkland Reserve Account No. 104090.

2. Municipal Household Special Waste Program – Stewardship Ontario Funding Agreement (PW08122) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(a) That the City of Hamilton enter into an Agreement with Stewardship Ontario for the funding of the City’s Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Program;

(b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement referred to in recommendation (a) above, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

(c) That the MHSW funding in the amount of $514,000 be included in the Waste Management Division 2009 Operating Budget.

3. Hamilton Street Railway Bus Advertising Contract Renewal 2009-2014 (PW08125) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to enter into negotiations with a single source, 1333988 Ontario Inc. (StreetSeen Media), for the renewal of the Hamilton Street Railway bus advertising licence agreement for an additional five year period, commencing on April 1, 2009, with a five year minimum revenue guarantee of $2,125,000;

(b) That the licence agreement renewal document be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that it incorporate the provisions contained within the revised City of Hamilton Commercial Advertising and Sponsorship Policy (Report PW08060) approved by City Council on June 11, 2008, (Public Works Committee Report 08-010).

4. Alleyways Review (Item 7.1)

That the presentation by Rick Hein of Dillon Consulting respecting the City of Hamilton Alleyways Review, be received.

5. Clean City Liaison Committee – Annual Report (Item 7.2)

That the annual report presentation by Dan Rodrigues, Chair of the Clean City Liaison Committee, be received.
6. **Drinking Water Quality Management System Operational Plan (PW08121) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)**

   (a) That the Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) Operational Plan be approved for submission to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment by January 1, 2009;

   (b) That the Mayor, City Clerk, General Manager of Public Works and Senior Director, Water and Waste Water Division, be authorized and directed to execute the Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) Operational Plan, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.


   (a) That the recommendations of the Cross Street - Melville Street Neighbourhood Traffic Study be endorsed;

   (b) That staff be authorized to undertake detailed design and implementation of the recommended Traffic Calming measures in the Cross Street - Melville Street Heritage Conservation District Neighbourhood Traffic Study at an estimated cost of $150,000, with funding to be from the Annual Traffic Calming Capital Budget 4040916102.

   (c) That staff submit a heritage permit application under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and obtain the required approvals prior to implementation.

The following item was **referred back** to staff for further investigation of additional options that take into consideration the comments raised by the members of the Public Works Committee at the November 3, 2008 meeting, with a report back to the next appropriate Public Works Committee meeting:

8. **Green Cart and Leaf and Yard Waste Program Changes (PW08126) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

   (a) That the report be received and no action taken;

   (b) That staff be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to initiate discussions with the Simcoe County to terminate the current contract.

9. **Sidewalk Snow Clearing (PW08119) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

   (a) That Report PW08119 respecting Sidewalk Snow Clearing, be received;
(b) That this item be removed from the Outstanding Business List of the Public Works Committee.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk reported the award presentation has been postponed to a future meeting of the Committee.

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 20, 2008 meeting of the Public Works Committee were received, as presented.

(d) MINUTES OF OUTSIDE AGENCIES (Item 5.2)

On a motion, the Minutes of the September 4, 2008 Minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, were received.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Marryann Duggan requested to appear before the Committee on behalf of the Ferrie Street Community respecting sewage backup as a result of rain storms. Chair Powers called upon Ms. Duggan for her presentation; she was not in attendance at the meeting

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Alleyways Review (Item 7.1)

Rick Hein of Dillon Consulting gave a power point presentation to the Committee providing an update of the City of Hamilton Alleyways Review. The presentation included:
The Committee requested clarification with respect to the definitions of “public assumed” and “public unassumed”. Staff responded that the “public assumed” are those alleys which are maintained by the City; the “public unassumed” are those which have no set maintenance. The Committee indicated that the study needs to address such issues as why the alleyways were initially established, their purpose at the time e.g., access to rear garages, legal issues, etc. The Committee was advised that the comprehensiveness of the study will include as much as possible, and the intent is to capture all alleyways throughout the City.

With respect to policies on newly-created alleyways, staff responded that there are no formal alleyway policies and no new policies at this time; however, the intent is to come up with new policies and service levels. Staff will also investigate if a property’s current value assessment (CVA) is affected.

As the power point presentation provided information on Wards 1 to 8 only, the Committee suggested that the Councillors for Wards 9 to 15 also be consulted in the stakeholder dialogue.

Martin White, Superintendent, Traffic Field Operations, offered to meet with each Councillor individually to discuss specific concerns.

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

(ii) **Clean City Liaison Committee – Annual Report**

Phil Homerski, Public Affairs Co-ordinator, Public Works Department, and Staff Liaison for the Clean City Liaison Committee (CCLC), together with Dan Rodrigues, Chair of the Clean City Liaison Committee, provided the CCLC Annual Report, which included:
The Committee recognized that the CCLC needs the community’s buy-in and co-operation to change behaviour, and that Council needs to continue to support this group with both policy and budget initiatives. The Committee thanked Messrs. Rodrigues and Homerski and the members of the CCLC for their continued efforts and work on this Committee.

Councillor McCarthy recognized the work of Roger Wilson, a resident of Waterdown, who volunteers his time to clean and pick up litter in various areas of Waterdown, and put his name forward for staff to contact for future initiatives.

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

(iii) Transfer Station and Disposal Operations Request for Proposals C11-40-08 – Selection of Successful Proponents (PW08123/FCS08101) (City Wide)

Beth Goodger, Director of Waste Management, acknowledged the participation of the staff members who evaluated the RFP’s received for this project. The Committee a power point presentation which outlined:

- The Integrated Waste Management System
- Background
- Overview – RFP process; evaluation team/process
- Photographs of the Dundas, Kenora and Mountain transfer stations and recycling centres; re-use centre; Glanbrook Landfill/Leaf & Yard Waste Composting Facility
- Submissions received
- Phase 1, Step 1 – technical evaluation; technical evaluation criteria for Projects A, B and C; technical evaluation results summary
- Phase 1, Step 2 – financial evaluation and financial evaluation results summary
- Phase 2 Evaluation – System Analysis
- System Analysis Options – disposal cost comparison; factors affecting cost increases; indirect benefits
Timelines
Recommendations.

Following a lengthy question and answer period, the Committee agreed to defer decision on this item pending moving into Closed Session at the end of the meeting to receive legal advice; however, due to loss of quorum at the end of the meeting, this item will be placed on the agenda of the November 17, 2008 meeting of the Public Works Committee.

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

(iv) Drinking Water Quality Management System Operational Plan (PW08121) (City Wide)

Jim Harnum, Senior Director of Water and Wastewater, gave a power point presentation which outlined the City’s drinking water systems, review of legislative framework, requirements for a Drinking Water System (DWS) License; Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) Operational Plan; Role and Responsibilities; Consultation – Internal and External; future communications with Owner (Council); schedule and next steps. The presentation also addressed the Walkerton Incident and recommendations of Justice O’Connor as a result of the Walkerton Inquiry, an overview of the Clean Water Act and Sustainable Water & Sewage System Act, overview of the Safe Drinking Water Act and Regulations, financial plans regulation, the Ministry of the Environment’s DWQMS Standard Elements.

Mr. Harnum acknowledged the work of Rosa Gonzalez, Manager, Compliance and Regulations, and Charlene McKay, Senior Regulatory Co-ordinator, Water and Wastewater, in compiling the information required for submission to the Ministry of the Environment.

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

(v) Green Cart and Leaf and Yard Waste Program Changes (PW08126) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

Beth Goodger, Director of Waste Management, provided a power point presentation outlining the schedule of leaf and yard waste pick up pre-2006, in 2006 and in 2007, why the changes are proposed, the summary of options, and the recommendations.

See Item 8 for the disposition of this item.

The motion CARRIED on the following vote:
Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Ferguson, Jackson, Merulla, Mitchell
Total Yeas: 6
Nays: Powers
Total Nays: 1
Absent: McCarthy
Total Absent: 1

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

On a motion, the Outstanding Business List was amended as follows:

(i) Hannon Creek Sub-Watershed
   Due Date: November 3, 2008
   Revised Due Date: January 19, 2009

(ii) Parkland Dedication
    Due Date: November 3, 2008
    Item to be transferred to Corporate Services as lead for a report to
    the Audit and Administration Committee

Updates on the following items be provided at the November 17, 2008 meeting of
the Public Works Committee:

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

(ii) Endorsement of a Sports Field Management Strategy
    Due Date: November 17, 2008
    Revised Due Date:

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

(iv) Streetscape Cigarette Butt Receptacle Program
    Due Date: November 17, 2008
    Revised Due Date:

(v) Control Measures to Stop Dust fall outs resulting from Unpaved Parking
    Lots and Roads on Industrial Properties
    Due Date: November 17, 2008
    Revised Due Date:
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor R. Powers, Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
November 3, 2008