Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

MINUTES 06-003
9:30 a.m.
Monday, February 20, 2006
Bohemian Banquet Centre
215 Dundas Street East, Waterdown

Present: Mayor L. Dilanni, Ex-Officio, Councillors M. McCarthy, Chair and M. Merulla, Vice Chair
Councillors D. Braden, C. Collins, P. Bruckler, T. Jackson

Absent with regrets: Councillor M. Ferguson, Illness
Councillor D. Mitchell, Personal

Also Present: S. Stewart, General Manager, G. Davis, B. Goodger,
J. Harnum, D. Hull, J. Mater, C. Murray, B. Shynal,
M. L. Tanner, A. Head, Public Works Department
J. Rinaldo, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services
C. Covelli, Dillon Consulting Limited and P. Hubbard, Lura Consulting
I. Sturgeon and I. Bediou, Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Volunteer/Sub-Committee Minutes – For Information (Item 5.1):
   (Merulla/Collins)
   That the following Volunteer/Sub-Committee Minutes be received for information:
   (a) Keep Hamilton Clean Committee, Minutes of January 11, 2006

CARRIED

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2. To Incorporate Certain City Land Into Various Streets by By-Law (PW06002a) - (Affects Wards 8 and 12) (Item 5.2)

(Merulla/Collins)

(a) That the following City land be incorporated into the following streets:

- Citino Drive
  - Parts 1 and 2
  - Plan 62R-10161
  - Ward 8

- Duncairn Crescent
  - Part 8
  - Plan 62R-12372
  - Part 2
  - Plan 62R-12403
  - Ward 8

- Forbes Street
  - Parts 3, 4, and 5
  - Plan 62R-10161
  - Part 4
  - Plan 62R-10269
  - Ward 8

- Fortissimo Drive
  - Part 3
  - Plan 62R-10269
  - Ward 8

- Raymond Road
  - Part 1
  - Plan 62R-17384
  - Ward 12

- Waterberry Trail
  - Blocks 24 and 25
  - Plan 62M-1024
  - Ward 8

(b) That the By-Laws to carry out the incorporation of the said land into the foregoing streets be prepared to the satisfaction of the Corporate Counsel and be enacted by Council.

(c) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and directed to register the By-Laws.

CARRIED

3. Around The Bay Road Race - March 26, 2006 (PW06024) - (Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4) (Item 5.3)

(Merulla/Collins)

(a) That the following temporary full road closures for the Annual Around the Bay Road Race, hosted by the City of Hamilton on Sunday March 26, 2006, be approved:

(i) York Boulevard between Queen Street and MacNab Street (eastbound only) from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(ii) York Boulevard between eastbound 403 ramp and Dundurn Street from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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(iii) Bay Street between Main Street and Market Street from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(iv) Valley Inn Road between York Boulevard and the City of Hamilton Limit from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

(b) That approval of these closures be subject to the following conditions:

(i) 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.

(ii) That the applicant provide proof of $2,000,000 public liability insurance naming the City of Hamilton as an added insured party with a provision for cross liability, and holding the City of Hamilton harmless from all actions, causes of action, interests, claims, demands, costs, damages, expenses and loss.

(iii) That all barricading, detour signing and traffic control be subject to the direction and satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works, or his designate.

(iv) That all barricading be supplied by and at the expense of the applicant.

(v) 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.

(vi) That the applicant ensure that clean up operations be carried out immediately before the re-opening of the roads, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works at the expense of the event organizer.

(vii) That no property owner or resident within the barricaded area be denied access to their property upon request.

(viii) That all property owners and tenants along the closed portion of the route be notified of the event by the applicant prior to the event in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works.

CARRIED
4. **Ministry of Transportation Highway Signs & Airport Route Signing (PW06026)(City Wide) Outstanding Business Item No. J and Issue: MTO Highway Signs (Airport), etc. (Item 5.4)**

**(Bruckler/Collins)**

(a) That Report PW06026 respecting Ministry of Transportation Highway Signs & Airport Route Signing be received.

(b) That Item J respecting MTO Highway Signs (Airport) be removed from the outstanding business list.

CARRIED

5. **Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Phase 2 (PW05073a) – (Ward 15 with City Wide Implications) (Item 7.1)**

**(Merulla/Collins)**

(a) That the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report from Dillon Consulting Ltd. be endorsed.

(b) That the City of Hamilton, in coordination with the City of Burlington and the Region of Halton, proceed with Phase 3,4,5 of the Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Study (Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process - June 2000). Phases 3,4,5 must also include the items in the original terms of reference for this study that was approved by the City of Burlington and the Former Town of Flamborough and as noted in the Order in Council approving OPA 28. The next phases of the EA process will:

(i) Provide detailed alternative design concept for the preferred solution and environmental study report.

(ii) Address the concerns and questions raised at the Public Information Centres in Phase 2 that are design details properly addressed in Phases 3 and 4.

(c) That a copy of the Report PW05073a be forwarded to the City of Burlington the Regional Municipality of Halton, Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Conservation Authorities.

CARRIED

6. **Slainte Irish Pub St. Patrick’s Day Event (PW06025) - (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)**

**(Merulla/Jackson)**

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 Friday, March 17, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006 to hold a street festival, be approved subject to the following conditions:

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(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 Friday, March 17, 2006 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

7. Intersection Control List for March 6, 2006 (PW06001a) (Wards 4, 7, 8, & 9) (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Jackson)
That the appropriate By-law be presented to Council to provide traffic control as follows:

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<th>Intersection</th>
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<th>Location / Comments / Petition</th>
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<td>San Greco Dr.</td>
<td>Goulding Ave.</td>
<td>N/C</td>
<td>W/B Stop</td>
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8. North Service Road to Trillium Avenue - Extension of a Municipal Sanitary Sewer (PW06023) - (Ward 11) Outstanding Business Item Y - PWIE Committee and Council Meeting of November 17, 2005 (Item 8.3)

(Merulla/Braden)

(a) That the construction of a municipal sanitary sewer extension on North Service Road from 1075 North Service Road to 196m easterly and then 61m northerly (through existing sewer/watermain easement) to the existing sewer outlet on Trillium Avenue be approved; and

(b) That the proportionate cost of the municipal sanitary sewer and one private drain per lot (six (6) lots total) currently estimated at $200,000, be charged to Project ID 5160625640 (Municipal Act sanitary sewer extension on North Service Road from 1075 North Service Road to approximately 196m easterly); and

(c) That pursuant to the Municipal Act, a full cost recovery by-law for the total cost of the installation of the sanitary sewer and private drains as noted in b) above be implemented in order to repay the Project ID 5160625640 from benefiting property owners at 1075, 1079, 1083, 1089, 1093 and 1097 North Service Road; and

(d) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be authorized and directed to prepare the necessary cost recovery by-law and that the full cost recovery by-law not be passed until the total project cost, as tendered, has been determined; and

(e) That Item BB regarding a Petition for a sanitary sewer service on North Service Road be deleted from the PWIE Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED
9. Expansion of Ancaster Public Library/Renovations to the Ancaster Municipal Building, 300 Wilson Street East (PW06027) - (Ward 12) (Item 8.4)

(Jackson/Collins)
That the expansion of the Ancaster Public Library and the renovations to the Ancaster Municipal Building known as 300 Wilson Street East be approved as revised in the amount of $2,504,000 and that this amount be funded as set out in Table 1 of Report PW06027.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

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

(Collins/Braden)
That the following changes to the agenda be approved:

(i) A petition submitted by the Parkside Drive East Citizens' Group which has been referred from Council to today's meeting has been added as Item 7.1.1

(ii) An updated/revised delegation request list with respect to Item 7.1 will replace the list in 4.1.

CARRIED

(b) Declarations of Interest (Item 2)
None declared.

(c) Minutes (Item 3)
Councillor Bruckler requested that Item (f)(i) respecting Update on Cycling Infrastructure Initiatives (PW03072b) be amended by adding the following:

Staff were requested to include a new east/west bicycle trail from Heritage Green to the Red Hill Valley Parkway and to look at Old Glover Road as a possible North/South route in the new cycling plan.

(Merulla/Bruckler)
That the Minutes of the February 6, 2006 meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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(d) Delegation Requests

(Collins/Braden)
The following delegation requests were approved to be heard today as Item 7.1.2. (Item 4.1.)

1. Mike Kondrat
2. Alex Bielak
3. Rick Breznik and Bob Reynolds, Hunter Park Survey (PowerPoint)
4. Steve Oliver and Al Seferiades, Waterdown Parkside Drive East Citizens (PowerPoint)
5. Mary Newell
6. Leslie and Susan MacMillan
7. Greg Fraleigh
8. Tony Onufer
9. Rick and Ann Brown
10. Jim Brush
11. Greg Goodbrand
12. Irene and Rob Harrison
13. Larry Kelterborn
14. Lisa Neddow
15. Julie Martin and Al Froggett, Waterdown Road Residents Association
16. Marie Cameron
17. Gary Hanna

CARRIED

(e) Staff Presentations

(i) Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Phase 2 (PW05073a) – (Ward 15 with City Wide Implications) (Item 7.1)

1. Petition from the Waterdown Parkside Drive East Citizens Group (referred from Council on February 15, 2006) (Added Item 7.1.1)

Mary Lou Tanner introduced staff and the Consultants, Claudio Covelli and Pam Hubbard who assisted her in making a PowerPoint presentation which addressed the following:

- Minutes of Settlement
- Environmental Assessment Process
- Recommended Transportation Master Plan
- Consultation Process
- Project Issues
- Financial Matters
- Next Steps
- Highlights of the Staff Report

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A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed and provided to the Clerk for the public record.

(ii) Delegations (Added Item 7.1.2)

1. Mike Kondrat
   Mr. Kondrat addressed Committee and spoke in support of the staff recommendation. He provided the following comments which included, but were not limited to:
   - Roadways packed with gridlock
   - By-pass to eliminate congestion will increase safety
   - Further delays to the project will increase the costs

2. Alex Bielak
   Mr. Bielak was not present at this time.

3. Rick Breznik and Bill Shields, Waterdown Parkside Drive East Citizens Group, (PowerPoint)
   Mr. Breznik made a PowerPoint presentation to members of Committee. Mr. Breznik explained that the Citizens Group does not endorse the Project Teams recommendations at this time and asked Committee to consider the following:
   - Do not approve the staff recommendation but Table it
   - Review their submitted list of concerns
   - Request the Project Team to review their list of issues and report back to Committee

   A copy of the presentation was circulated to members of Committee and a CD copy was provided to the Clerk.

4. Steve Oliver and Al Seferiades (PowerPoint)
   Mr. Oliver and Mr. Seferiades made a PowerPoint presentation to members of Committee regarding their objection to the plan and noted a concern regarding increased traffic which would destroy their neighborhood. They asked Committee to consider implementing a new Stakeholders Committee which would include local membership. A copy of the presentation was circulated to members of Committee.

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5. **Mary Newell & Mary Bielak**

Ms. Newell addressed Committee and noted her concern with the widening of Waterdown and Mountain Brow roads.

**Mary Bielak**

Mrs. Bielak addressed Committee on behalf of her husband Alex Bielak and provided written comments which included but were not limited to the following;

- Applauds protection of 23 acres in the green belt
- Accepts growth is inevitable in Waterdown
- Does not believe any of the routes are good suggestions
- No cohesive approach has taken place
- Recommends a holistic approach
- Broad community involvement is needed
- Residents should live and work in the community
- Doesn’t want Waterdown to be a bedroom community
- Need more schools before building takes place

6. **Leslie MacMillan**

Mr. MacMillan addressed Committee and provided comments which included but were not limited to the following;

- Would like Committee to endorse the plan
- Believes Environmental Impact Study was done correctly
- 98% of North/South corridor could be funded by Development Charges
- Concern with unknown property values
- Complemented staff on their work with the plan

7. **Greg Fraleigh**

Mr. Fraleigh addressed Committee and provided comments which included, but were not limited to:

- Lands have not been set aside to do this
- Concerns with costs and design
- Questioned how Hamilton can use Development Charges to pay for a project in Burlington
- Citizens have not received enough time to review the report
- Asked Committee to reject the staff recommendations and to TABLE the matter at this time
A copy of Mr. Fraleigh’s presentation was distributed to members of Committee.

8. **Tony Onufer**

Mr. Onufer addressed Committee and provided comments which included, but were not limited to:

- Would like Committee to reconsider a few issues
- Page 21 – Concerned with the item of Parkside Drive and Hwy 6
- Questioned if Hwy 6 is a by-pass or an arterial road? Need a by-pass with minimal entrances
- A bridged cloverleaf would be preferable at Hwy 6
- 4th Concession West is narrow and runs through a built up area which is not built on a good base. Feels this road cannot sustain a large amount of traffic.
- Millgrove Side road has experienced the same traffic increases
- Questioned if Parkside Drive should be used
- We need more lane capacity to handle the growth

9. **Rick and Ann Brown**

Mr. Brown addressed Committee and provided comments which included but were not limited to the following;

- Recognizes the future plans for Waterdown must be dealt with
- Balance is needed
- Agrees with conclusion on page 8
- Concerned with maintaining heritage district and downtown businesses
- Encouraged Committee to approve the staff recommendation
- New development should pave the way

10. **Jim Brush**

Mr. Brush addressed Committee and provided comments which included but were not limited to:

- Lives on Union Street which is a residential street
- Union St. is being used as a shortcut to Waterdown Road.
- Must add an option to get to Waterdown Road
- Asked Committee to accept the staff report.

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11. **Greg Goodbrand**  
Mr. Goodbrand was not present.

12. **Irene and Rob Harrison**  
Mr. & Mrs. Harrison were not present.

13. **Larry Kelterborn**  
Mr. Kelterborn was not present.

14. **Lisa Neddow**  
Ms. Neddow was not present.

15. **Julie Martin, Waterdown Road Residents Association**  
Ms. Martin addressed Committee and provided comments which included but were not limited to the following:

- Feels the proposed solution is in the interest of Hamilton residents and no consideration has been given to Aldershot residents.
- Blatant disregard of documents – Nair Report states this area (North Aldershot) should be protected.
- Current preferred option does not recognize this.
- Waterdown Road should not be widened - Expropriation is planned and will threaten the existing community and area.
- OPA 28 – contains significant passages that suggest the environmental impact that would occur if Waterdown Road was widened and this should not be an option.
- Stantec Report – Waterdown Road was not the recommended Road - King Road was recommended.
- City of Burlington has committed to not widening Waterdown Road.
- Cost – Which taxpayers will pay for widening Waterdown Road…Hamilton or Burlington?
- Inaccuracy with staff report with regards to expropriation.
- Aldershot residents do not support the staff report.

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16. **Marie Cameron**

Ms. Cameron allowed her time to be used by Julie Martin and therefore did not address Committee.

17. **Gary Hanna**

Mr. Hanna addressed committee and asked for further clarification regarding the location of the proposed road. He also requested to be better informed by the City.

18. **John MacLennan**

- Feels concept is incorrect and questioned our association with the GTA
- This plan will allow residents to leave our community and work in Toronto - suggested we should help Hamilton not the GTA
- This development in the north west should be used for Hamilton and not the GTA
- Parkside Drive was scheduled to be a four lane road… 35% of homes on Parkside Drive have been sold in the last few years. These new home owners should have been aware of this road widening.
- Forward looking communities are starting to look at wet-lands as an asset. Wet-lands are important to the future of our community and should be protected. The wet-land that is there can not be replaced and is the last wet-land associated with Grindstone Creek.
- If this project needs to go ahead then a pedestrian round-about should be installed by the trail

Chair McCarthy relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Merulla in order to provide comments regarding the proposal.

Councillor McCarthy provided a brief history regarding O.P.A. 28 and the final decision by Cabinet. She advised that she would be asking the members of Committee to approve the staff recommendation.

Councillor McCarthy resumed the Chair.

Members of Committee then debated the issue and raised the following comments and/or concerns;

- Relationship between timing and obligations with developers

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- Cost of project vs. how many people will benefit from it
- Assurance that this project can be paid with Development Charges funding
- Confirmation on which parties will be paying for the project
- Have staff reviewed the C.N. Watson report with respect to the economic impact?
- Concern that responses were made to the citizens in an untimely manner.
- The Peak Oil Report and its impact on this proposal.

On a motion (Merulla/Collins), the Committee approved the staff recommendation as presented.

Councillors Braden and Bruckler asked to be recorded as opposed to this Item.

(f) Intersection Control List for March 6, 2006 (PW06001a) (Wards 4, 7, 8, & 9)(Item 8.2)

On a motion (Merulla/Collins) the Committee amended the staff recommendation by adding intersection control at Maple Avenue and London Street South.

(g) General Information / Other Business

(Braden/Merulla)

(i) That the Outstanding Business List be amended by changing the due dates as follows:

1. Outstanding Business List Item F, Report on financial implications of various noise mitigation options due date changed to **March 6, 2006**
2. Outstanding Business List Item O, Policy respecting removal of trees on public property posing threat to public safety or property, due date changed to **April 3, 2006**.
3. Outstanding Business List Item S, Whistle Blowing at Parkside Drive, due date changed to **June 5, 2006**.
4. Outstanding Business List Item T, Slow Moving Vehicles Caution signs, due date changed to **March 6, 2006**
5. Outstanding Business List Item Z, Tendering for snow clearing by PW and PHCS, due date changed to **April 24, 2006**.

CARRIED
(h) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Margaret McCarthy, Chair
Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Ida Bedioui, Legislative Assistant
Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
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