Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

REPORT 05-015
9:30 a.m.
Monday, October 17, 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: Councillor A. Samson
I. Bedioui - Clerk’s Office

THE PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 05-015 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Volunteer Committee Minutes – For Information (Item 5.1):
   That the following Volunteer/Sub-Committee Minutes be received for information:
   (a) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee Minutes of May 30, 2005 Meeting.

2. To Incorporate Certain City Land Into Various Streets by By-law (PW05002f) - (Affects Wards 9, 10 and 11) (Item 5.2)
   (a) That the following City land be incorporated into the following streets:
      Belgraden Avenue     Parts 6 and 7
      Plan 62R-9859        Ward 10

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Candlewood Drive  Block 180 on 62M-700  
Part 6 on 62R-11998  Ward 9
Cardigan Place  Block 169  
Plan 62M-950  Ward 11
Delrosa Way  Block 171  
Plan 62M-950  Ward 11
Gracehill Drive  Block 170  
Plan 62M-950  Ward 11
Kingspoint Circle  Blocks 167 and 168  
Plan 62M-950  Ward 11
Watercliff Place  Block 172  
Plan 62M-950  Ward 11

(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.

3. Intersection Control List, October 17, 2005 (PW05001e) (Item 8.1)
That the appropriate By-law be presented to Council to provide traffic 
control as follows:

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<td>(c) Leadale Pl.</td>
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<td>(d) Sonata Ave.</td>
<td>Fortissimo Dr.</td>
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<td>EB Stop</td>
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<td>N. of Stone Church, E of West 5th</td>
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4. Grays Road Road Closure Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (PW05123) - (Ward 5) (Item 7.1)
That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized and 
directed to file the Grays Road Road Closure Municipal Class 
Environmental Assessment Project File Report with the Municipal 
Clerk for a thirty (30) day public review period; and,
(b) That upon final approval of the 2006 Capital Budget, the General Manager, Public Works Department, be authorized and directed to proceed with implementation of the preferred alternative.

(See also Item (f)(i) page 6 for further disposition.)

5. Temporary Closure of King Street (South Leg) from James Street to Hughson Street for a Harry Potter Halloween Festival on Saturday, October 29, 2005 (PW05122) - (Ward 2) (Item 8.2)

That the application by the Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. to temporarily close King Street (south leg) between James Street and Hughson Street to hold a Halloween Street Festival on Saturday, October 29, 2005 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 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 $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.

(c) 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 with all costs to be the responsibility of the applicant.

(d) That all barricading be supplied 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 at the sole cost of the applicant.

(f) 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.

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

(h) That all property owners and tenants along the closed portion of the road be notified of the event by the applicant prior to the event in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works.
6. **Train Whistle Blowing at Carlisle Road and CPR (PW05052) - (Ward 15)**

**Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee Outstanding Business List (Z)**

(a) That the continued use of train whistles at the public railway crossing on Carlisle Road with Canadian Pacific Railway be endorsed and that the matter be brought forward for review in 2010 pending the further intensification of development and associated increase in traffic volumes at this location.

(b) That Item (Z) - Whistle blowing at public railway crossings be removed from the Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee Outstanding Business List.

7. **Temporary Closure of Hess Street South between George Street and King Street for a Halloween Street Festival (PW05116) - (Ward 2)**

(a) That Report (PW05116) entitled Temporary Closure of Hess Street South between George Street and King Street for a Halloween Street Festival be received, as the proponent has withdrawn his application.

(b) That Item LL respecting Report (PW05116) the Temporary Closure of Hess Street South for a Halloween Street Festival be removed from the Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee Outstanding Business list.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

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

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda which were approved:

(i) Addition of delegation requests from Mrs. Julie Crowe and Ms. Laura Wolfson with respect to Item 8.1 (a) (proposed stop sign at McKay Road and McKay Court, Dundas)

(ii) Item 8.1 respecting Intersection Control List to be considered after the delegations.

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

None declared.

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

The Minutes of the October 3, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

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(d) **Delegation Requests**

The following delegation requests were approved:

(i) Mr. Jan Figar, October 7, 2005, respecting proposed stop sign at McKay Road at McKay Court in Dundas (Item 4.1)

(ii) Mrs. Julie Crowe with respect to the proposed stop sign at the junction of McKay Road and McKay Court, Dundas, which is listed on Item 8.1 of today’s agenda. (Added Item 4.2)

(iii) Ms. Laura Wolfson with respect to the proposed stop sign at the junction of McKay Road and McKay Court, Dundas, which is listed on Item 8.1 of today’s agenda. (Added Item 4.3)

(e) **Delegations/Public Hearings**

(i) Mr. Jan Figar, October 7, 2005, respecting proposed stop sign at McKay Road at McKay Court in Dundas. (Added Item 6.1)

Mr. Figar addressed the Committee and indicated that he was opposed to the installation of the proposed stop sign at McKay Road at McKay Court because the intersection has existed for over twenty years with no safety problem to children. Children should not be playing on the street but in parks. In his opinion, requiring vehicles to stop will add to noise and air pollution the latter of which is detrimental to children’s health. Also, McKay Road is uphill and under winter conditions, cars may become stuck in snow if they are required to stop.

Chairman Mitchell noted that Councillor Samson has submitted to the Clerk a petition opposing the sign with approximately 32 signatures.

(ii) Mrs. Julie Crowe with respect to the proposed stop sign at the junction of McKay Road and McKay Court, Dundas. (Added item 6.2)

Mrs. Crowe addressed the Committee and indicated that she supports the installation of the proposed stop sign at McKay Road at McKay Court because of the large number of children who travel through the area on foot to take short cuts to the elementary and high schools. There is also a high volume of traffic from adults dropping children off. She used a diagram to illustrate the motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow. She indicated that recently her five year old son was nearly hit by a car.

She submitted a petition in support of the stop sign. She advised that there are 24 residents on the street and 13 of them signed the petition therefore a majority of the residents want the stop sign.
The Committee asked for details about the two petitions and was informed that some residents would be happy with a speed limit decrease to 40 kph in lieu of the stop sign, however, this is not recommended by Traffic Division staff.

(iii) Ms. Laura Wolfson with respect to the proposed stop sign at the junction of McKay Road and McKay Court, Dundas.

Ms. Laura Wolfson addressed the Committee and indicated that she supports the installation of the proposed stop sign at McKay Road at McKay Court because the stop sign would cause vehicles to slow down thereby making the street safer for children.

Chair Mitchell vacated the Chair and left the meeting to attend another meeting relating to a planning issue and Councillor McCarthy assumed the Chair.

Councillor Samson, who is the Ward Councillor, addressed Committee and felt that a stop sign at this location is not warranted. After some discussion the Committee made the following decision.

(iv) That Item 8.1(a) respecting a proposed stop sign at the intersection of McKay Road and McKay Court in Dundas be TABLED for two weeks until the next Public Works Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting, scheduled for November 7, 2005 in order to allow the Ward Councillor to meet with the residents.

The Committee took no action with respect to Item 8.1(f), the issue of a stop sign at Mercer Street and Cloverhill Avenue.

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) Grays Road Road Closure Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (PW05123) - (Ward 5)

Hard copies of the presentation were distributed to Committee.

Councillor Collins requested that as part of the Gray’s Road Environmental Assessment Process, staff seek to harmonize the City’s existing policies as they relate to providing public access in the vicinity of roads that “dead end” along the shoreline of Lake Ontario.
(ii) Green Cart Program Communication Strategy (no copy)

Beth Goodger made a brief introduction prior to Dennis Guy’s PowerPoint presentation which outlined the strategy for informing residents of the use of the green cart. He answered questions posed by the Committee and noted some of the suggestions made by the Members.

During the discussions, Chair McCarthy vacated the Chair to Councillor Braden in order to join in the debate.

Councillor McCarthy assumed the Chair and the Committee received the staff presentation for information.

(g) General Information / Other Business

The dates of the following Outstanding Business List items were changed as follows:

(i) Outstanding Business List Item K, Update of current status of various intersections in the City (Red Light Camera list) due date October 17, 2005 changed to January 16, 2006.

(ii) Outstanding Business List Item U, Toronto Tree Advocacy Program due date October 17, 2005 changed to November 21, 2005.

(iii) Outstanding Business List Item V, Policy respecting removal of trees on public property posing threat to public safety or property due date October 17, 2005 changed to December 5, 2005.


(v) Outstanding Business List Item Y, Petition from Tiara Apartments, 770 Queenston Road requesting pedestrian walkway, due date October 17, 2005 changed to June 19, 2006.

(vi) Outstanding Business List Item Z, Train Whistle Blowing at Carlisle Road and CPR (PW05052), due date October 17, 2005. Report TABLED May 2, 2005 in order to allow residents to explore fund raising options.

On a motion (Merulla/Braden) Report PW05052 respecting Train Whistle Blowing at Carlisle Road and CPR was lifted from the TABLE.
On a motion (Braden/Merulla) Report PW05052 was approved and the Item was removed from the Outstanding Business List.

(vii) Outstanding Business List Item JJ, Fifty Point Sub-division – Lochside Drive – diversion of storm sewer and sanitary sewer trenches. (Referred from Planning and Economic Development Committee, September 6, 2005). Staff updated the Committee and indicated that the report will be forthcoming.


On a motion (Bruckler/Braden) Report PW05116 respecting Temporary Closure of Hess Street South between George Street and King for a Hallowe’en Festival was lifted from the TABLE.

On a motion (Bruckler/Braden) Report PW05116 was received.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Public Works Infrastructure and Environment Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ida Bedioui, Legislative Assistant
Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
October 17, 2005