Public Works Committee
MINUTES
9:30 a.m.
Monday, March 7, 2011
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors R. Powers (Chair), B. McHattie (Vice Chair), C. Collins, S. Duvall, L. Ferguson, S. Merulla, T. Jackson

Absent with Regrets: Councillor R. Pasuta – Vacation
Councillor T. Whitehead – Appointment

Also Present: Councillors B. Morelli, M. Pearson
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
B. Goodger, Senior Director, Operations & Waste Management
J. Mater, Senior Director, Transportation, Energy & Facilities
G. Rae, Senior Director, Environment & Sustainable Infrastructure
G. Lupton, Director, Energy, Fleet, Facilities & Traffic Management
D. Hull, Director, Transit
J. Stephen, Director, Rapid Transit
D. McKinnon, Director, Operation, Water & Wastewater
B. Shynal, Director, Operations, Operations & Waste Management
D. Murray, Manager, Transit Fleet Maintenance
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. 2010 Annual Drinking Water Report (PW11019) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Jackson/McHattie)
That Report PW11019, respecting the 2010 Annual Drinking Water Report, be received.

CARRIED
2. **Metrolinx Transit Inventory Management Services (PW11011) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Collins/Ferguson)

(a) That the Mayor and General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services (City Treasurer) be authorized and directed to enter into a Governance Agreement, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW11011, for the Joint Procurement of Bus Parts for the years 2010 - 2013, with an additional two option years concluding in 2015;

(b) That a certified copy of this Governance Agreement (attached as Appendix "A" to Report PW11011), and accompanying By-law in a form satisfactory to Corporate Legal Services, Corporate Purchasing and Corporate Finance be forwarded to Metrolinx.

CARRIED

3. **City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Environment Relating to Funding Provided under the 2010-2011 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program - Special Project Land Securement (SPLS1011-23) (PW11018) - (Ward 14) (Item 12.1)**

(Ferguson/McHattie)

(a) That the City of Hamilton enter into an Agreement with the Ontario Minister of the Environment, related to the funding commitment made by the Province of Ontario to the Municipality, under the 2010-2011 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program - Special Projects Land Securement Program;

(b) That the City of Hamilton / Minister of the Environment Grant Funding Agreement By-Law, under the 2010-2011 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program - Special Project Land Securement (SPLS1011-23), attached as Appendix "B" to Report PW11018, be passed;

(c) That the Funding Agreement, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PW1108, be executed in accordance with the By-Law attached as Appendix “B” Report PW11018;

(d) That a certified copy of the By-Law (attached as Appendix “B” to Report PW11018) be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of Environment.

(e) That the Manager of the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to enter into negotiations with the owner of the property described as 3618 Governors Road, Lynden for the purpose of acquiring lands within 100m of the Lynden municipal drinking water supply well, as per report (PW11018); and
(f) That Appendix “B” of Report PW11018 be released as a public document and that the remainder of the report, respecting a Funding Agreement between the Ontario Minister of the Environment and the City of Hamilton, remain confidential, as it includes financial information that if released could undermine subsequent land acquisition negotiations between the City of Hamilton and the current landowner.

**CARRIED**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 4.1 – A delegation request, by Larry Pomerantz of Rainbarrel.ca, respecting Item 7.1 – the City of Hamilton Rain Barrel Sale

(ii) Added as Item 11.2 – Team Up to Clean Up (no copy)

(iii) Waste Collection Calendars

**(McHattie/Jackson)**

That the March 7, 2011 Public Works Committee Agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

(b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**

(i) **February 7, 2011 (Item 3.1)**

**(Collins/Merulla)**

That the Minutes of the February 7, 2011 Public Works Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**
(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

4.1 Larry Pomerantz of Rainbarrel.ca, respecting Item 7.1 – the City of Hamilton’s Rain Barrel Sale

(McHattie/Duvall)
That the delegation request, by Larry Pomerantz of Rainbarrel.ca, respecting Item 7.1 – the City of Hamilton’s Rain Barrel Sale, be approved.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (Item 5.1)

(Jackson/McHattie)
That the following Sub-committee Minutes be received:

1. Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee (Item 5.1.1)
   (aa) May 12, 2010
   (bb) June 9, 2010
   (cc) September 8, 2010

2. Clean City Liaison Committee – December 16, 2010 (Item 5.1.2)

CARRIED

(ii) Minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee – January 13, 2011 (Item 5.2)

(Jackson/McHattie)
That the January 13, 2011 Minutes of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee be received.

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Larry Pomerantz, of Rainbarrel.ca, respecting the City of Hamilton’s Rain Barrel Sale (Item 6.1)

- Suggesting that the City cancel the RFQ for a rain barrel supplier and get out of the rain barrel business.
- Rainbarrel.ca is hosting a rain barrel sale, in partnership with Earth Day Hamilton, in April. Rain barrels can be ordered online in advance and picked upon at Lime Ridge Mall.
- Sells rain barrel’s through partnerships with non-profit organizations at $50 per barrel.
• Rain barrels are pre-sold weeks in advance of the April sale; with a choice of size and colour.
• The City’s RFQ asks that all rain barrels be the same colour, shape and size.
• The rain barrel received through the City would have two hoses - most people don’t need a dispensing hose.
• The City should be open to new ideas to the rain barrel RFQ process.
• Doesn’t believe that local government should be involved in the rain barrel business.

(Ferguson/Merulla)
That the presentation by Larry Pomerantz, of Rainbarrel.ca, respecting Item 7.1 – the City of Hamilton’s Rain Barrel Sale, be received.

CARRIED

(g) PRESENTATIONS

(i) City’s Annual Rain Barrel Sale Update (Item 7.1)

Dan McKinnon, Director, Director of Water and Wastewater Operations, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the City’s annual rain barrel sale. Mr. McKinnon’s comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

• The City of Hamilton had a rain barrel event in 2010, at the request of the public.

• Purpose of the One Day Annual Rain Barrel Sale:
  • Residents want to see the City involved in these events.
  • Promote awareness regarding water conservation and storm water management.
  • Encourages downspout disconnection.
  • Many other municipalities have annual rain barrel sales as part of their education and outreach programs.
  • It is not intended to “compete” with other suppliers.
  • Original scheduled date was adjusted so as to avoid interfering with other events.

• Event Related Costs:
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- **2011 RFQ Structure – New Approach to Procurement:**
  - City will provide location, advertising and police presence (for traffic control).
  - City will not be subsidizing barrels.
  - Supplier is responsible for all payments and logistics.
  - Supplier will be responsible for organizing, set up, processing, teardown and transportation.
  - City will undertake follow up surveys to obtain citizen feedback.

- **Alternatives:**
  - Remain with rebate structure, as used in 2009/2010.
  - City could procure and sell units at City’s own store front.
  - Staff does not recommend the above alternatives.

- **New Alternative:**
  - Rebate structure with provision for resident to purchase what and where they choose.
  - New specification to allow for safe, re-purposed barrels.
  - Staff recommends that they be directed to work with the industry to explore new options that meet the stakeholders’ needs, and delay City sponsored event until 2012.
  - With regard to the sale of re-purposed rain barrels – staff wants to ensure public safety by investigating sources for reused rain barrels that can be guaranteed to be contamination free, prior to making them available to the public.

**(Duvall/Ferguson)**
That the staff presentation, respecting the City Annual Rain Barrel Sale Update, be received.  

CARRIED
(McHattie/Jackson)
That staff be directed to continue with the City's 2011 Annual Rain Barrel sale, providing new rain barrels only at this time.  CARRIED

(McHattie/Jackson)
That staff be directed to review the Rain Barrel RFQ process, to include, if possible, certified clean, re-purposed rain barrels, and report back to the Public Works Committee.  CARRIED

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)
Councillor S. Duvall introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Installation of an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Bishopsgate Avenue and Ranchdale Drive (Item 10.1)

That an all-way stop be installed at the intersection of Bishopsgate Avenue and Ranchdale Drive and that the appropriate amending by-law be passed.

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

(iii) Items on Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(a) Amendments to Due Dates

(Ferguson/Jackson)
That the following item on the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List be amended to reflect the following revised due date:

(i) Item C: Control measures to stop dust fall outs resulting from unpaved parking lots and roads on industrial properties
Due Date: March 7, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: October 3, 2011

CARRIED

(b) Team Up to Clean Up (Item 11.2)

• Beth Goodger, Senior Director, Operations & Waste Management, advised Committee that, as Easter falls during Earth Week, the City of Hamilton will be holding Team Up to Clean up events throughout the entire month of April.

• Staff is encouraging all members of Council to participate in at least one Team Up to Clean Up event.
- Staff’s goal for 2011 is to have 20,000 volunteers participate in the spring clean up.

(Merulla/Collins)
That the presentation respecting Team Up to Clean Up be received.

CARRIED

(c) Waste Collection Calendar (Item 11.3)

- Beth Goodger, Senior Director, Operations & Waste Management, advised Committee that the new Waste Collection “Be the One!” booklets and 2011-2012 waste pick up calendars are being distributed to residents over the next week or so.

- The new booklets are in compliance with the AODA regulations – using a 12 pt. font.

- The booklet is also more comprehensive and includes a “pull out” 2011-2012 waste pick up calendar. The booklets will be good for 2 years, but the pull out calendars will change annually.

- Both the booklet and calendars will also be available at festivals and events throughout the City.

(Merulla/Collins)
That the presentation respecting the 2011-2012 Waste Calendar and “Be the One!” waste collection booklet, be received.

CARRIED

(j) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (ITEM 12)

(i) City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Environment Relating to Funding Provided under the 2010-2011 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program - Special Project Land Securement (SPLS1011-23) (PW11018) - (Ward 14) (Item 12.1)

As the Public Works Committee determined that no Closed Session discussion, respecting Report PW11018 - City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Environment, Relating to Funding Provided under the 2010-2011 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program - Special Project Land Securement (SPLS1011-23) was required, the Committee provided its recommendation in Open Session, as shown in Item 3 above.
(k) ADJOURNMENT

(Ferguson/Duvall)
There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Powers, Chair
Public Works Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
March 7, 2011