Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

MINUTES 06-008
9:30 a.m.
Monday, May 1, 2006
Council Chambers
2nd Floor, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Councillors M. McCarthy, Chair, S. Merulla, Vice-Chair
Councillors D. Braden, C. Collins, P. Bruckler, T. Jackson,
D. Mitchell, and M. Pearson

Absent with regrets: Councillor M. Ferguson, Illness

Also Present: Councillors B. Bratina and B. McHattie

S. Stewart, General Manager, G. Davis, B. Goodger,
J. Harnum, D. Hull, J. Mater, B. Shynal, J. DiDomenico,
and J. Warner, Public Works Department
B. Neill, Customer Service
D. Edwards and G. Kuzyk, Legal Services
I. Bedioui, Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Volunteer/Sub-Committee Minutes – For Information:

   (Braden/Collins)
   That the following Volunteer/Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes be received for information:

   (a) Waste Reduction Task Force Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2005

   (b) Waste Reduction Task Force Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2006

   (c) Waste Reduction Task Force Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2006

   CARRIED

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2. Citizen Appointments to the City of Hamilton Waste Reduction Task Force - (PW06051) - (City Wide)

(Braden/Collins)
That the following citizens be appointed to the City of Hamilton Waste Reduction Task Force for the noted term of office:

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<td>Mary Lou Dickson</td>
<td>Public - B1 Zone</td>
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<td>Rena Marie Cornelius</td>
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<td>Angela Pastorius</td>
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<td>David Hart Dyke</td>
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CARRIED

3. Ontario Clean Air Alliance Recommendations (Item 6.1)

(Merulla/Collins)
That correspondence be forwarded to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty advising that Council endorses the resolutions as submitted by the Ontario Clean Air Alliance as follows:

(a) That the Independent Electricity System Operator/Ontario Power Authority (OPA) be directed to pay Ontario consumers to shift some of their demand from peak to off-peak periods on smog alert days in order to minimize or completely eliminate the need to import coal-fired electricity from the U.S.A. (This will keep our electricity consumer dollars in Ontario, reduce electricity spot prices, reduce electricity bills and reduce air pollution in Ontario from the U.S.A.)

(b) That the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) be directed to establish the following conservation and energy efficiency budget targets for Ontario’s electric utilities (e.g. Hydro One, Horizon Utilities): 1%, 2% and 3% of their total revenues in 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively.

(c) That Hydro One be directed to launch a pilot project to rent at least 5,000 hybrid solar/electric water heaters by December 31, 2007.

(d) That Hydro One be directed to launch a pilot project to rent at least 500 geothermal heat pumps by December 31, 2007.

(e) That the OEB be directed to direct Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas to implement electric-to-gas fuel switching programs (space heating, water heating, cooking and drying) that will reduce Ontario’s electrical load by 1,500 megawatts between 2006 and 2010.

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(f) That the OEB be directed to establish the following conservation and energy efficiency budget targets for Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas: 2% and 3% of their total revenues by 2007 and 2008 respectively.

(g) That the OPA be directed to procure at least 1,200 megawatts per year of new Made-in-Ontario renewable electricity supply during each of the next five years.

(h) That the OPA be directed to procure at least 1,000 megawatts per year of new combined heat and power electricity generation capacity during each of the next five years.

(i) That all new combined heat and power projects be exempt from the 0.7 cents per kWh nuclear debt retirement charge.

(j) That the OPA be directed to aggressively pursue base-load water power imports from Manitoba, Quebec and Labrador.

(k) That the OPA be directed to develop a long-term strategy to achieve the following objectives to the fullest extent practical:

   (i) Raise the price of electricity up to its full cost without raising the electricity bills of consumers or impairing the competitiveness of Ontario’s industries;

   (ii) Raise Ontario’s electricity productivity (GDP per kWh) up to New York State’s level, which is currently 2.3 times higher than Ontario’s.

   CARRIED

4. Chedoke Farms Fessenden Subdivision Petition - Sewer Backups (PW06053) (Ward 8) (Item 8.1)

   (Pearson/Jackson)

   That Information report PW06053 respecting the Chedoke Farms Fessenden Subdivision Petition – Sewer Back-ups be received.

   CARRIED

5. City Hall Accommodation Adjacency Plan (Ward 2 with City Wide Implications) - (PW06054) (Item 7.1)

   (Pearson/Bruckler)

   (a) That the proposed City Hall Departments/Divisions (summarized in Appendix “A” attached hereto) which outlines the Departments to be accommodated in City Hall after renovation, be received.
(b) That staff proceed with the City Hall renovation design in accordance with recommendation (a) of Report PW06054, and as set out in Staff Report PD05088/PW03010c/FCS03064c.

CARRIED

6. Proposed CP Rail Trail in West Hamilton (PW06052) - (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (Braden/Bruckler)

(a) That a real estate appraisal report be completed for the Canadian Pacific Rail corridor between Stroud Road and the Fortino’s property limit, at an estimated cost of $8,500, to be funded from the Cycling Capital Account 4030517124.

(b) That a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment be conducted on the Canadian Pacific Rail corridor between Stroud Road and the Fortino’s property limit, at an estimated cost of $4,000, to be funded from the Cycling Capital Account 4030517124.

(c) That an initial design and cost estimate for the proposed trail be completed for the Canadian Pacific Rail corridor between Stroud Road and the Fortino’s easterly property limit, at an estimated cost of $27,000, to be funded from the Cycling Capital Account 4030517124.

CARRIED

7. Stoney Creek Trans-Cab ~ In-House Bid for 2006 Tender (PW06050) - (City Wide) (Pearson/Jackson)

(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to direct designated Transit Division staff to prepare an in-house bid, upon the request of and in conjunction with Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) officials, in response to the 2006 tender call for the Stoney Creek Trans-Cab service.

(b) That Staff report back on the outcome of the Stoney Creek Trans-Cab tender with a recommendation taking into account both the cost and quality of service implications.

CARRIED
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

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

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

(i) The Ward Councillor requested that Item 8.1 be moved forward and be considered following the Consent Items.

(ii) Added In-Camera Item 12.2 respecting the Shaver Road Wastewater Pumping Station (LS06008) which was deferred from the last meeting

CARRIED

(b) Declarations of Interest (Item 2)

None declared.

(c) Minutes (Item 3)

(Bruckler/Merulla)
That the Minutes of the April 24, 2006 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Public Hearings/Delegations (Item 6)

(i) Mr. Jack Gibbons, Chair, Ontario Clean Air Alliance, March 16, 2006, respecting meeting Ontario’s electricity needs.

Mr. Gibbons addressed Committee and advised that the Ontario Clean Air Alliance is proposing recommendations to address Ontario’s electricity needs. He recognizes that the Provincial Government is taking some steps and is committed to phasing out coal plants but there is much more to be done with respect to conservation. In his opinion the Province is encouraging increasing electricity consumption. The Ontario Clean Air Alliance’s long term goal is for Ontario to have a 100% renewable electricity supply.

The Committee approved the recommendations presented by Mr. Gibbons.
(e) Staff Presentations

(i) City Hall Accommodation Adjacency Plan (Ward 2 with City Wide Implications) - (PW06054) (Item 7.1)

Gerry Davis made a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee and a hard copy was distributed.

He presented Janet Warner, the Project Manager and Bev Neill of Customer Service who were in attendance to answer questions.

He indicated that the report proposed what staff should be relocated in the City Hall once the renovations have been completed and that the next report would be presented in August.

Some of the Committee’s input included the following: keep the Mayor’s office near the Councillors’ offices, the Access and Equity Office should be located at City Hall, and energy efficiencies should be considered during the renovations.

Staff responded to questions and the Committee approved the staff report.

(f) Private and Confidential

12.1 Halton Recycling Limited Contract Negotiations – Staff Presentation – No Copy

12.2 Shaver Road (Ancaster) Wastewater Pumping Station (LS06008) (City Wide) (Deferred from previous meeting)(Added Item)

On a motion (Braden/Pearson) Committee moved In-Camera on the aforementioned two matters in order to receive legal advice which is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

On a motion (Braden/Mitchell) Committee reconvened in open session and indicated that In Camera direction was provided to staff.
(g) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting of the Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ida Bedioui, Legislative Assistant
Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
May 1, 2006