



## **Public Works Committee**

### **MINUTES**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Monday, December 5, 2011**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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

**Also Present:** G. Davis, General Manager Public Works  
J. Mater, Senior Director of Transportation, Energy & Facilities  
B. Goodger, Senior Director of Operations & Waste Management  
D. McKinnon, Director of Water and Wastewater Operations  
D. Hull, Director of Transit  
G. Moore, Director of Engineering Services  
G. Lupton, Director - Energy, Fleet, Facilities & Traffic  
P. Parker, Director of Support Services  
R. Norman, Acting Director, Environment and Sustainable  
Infrastructure  
R. D'Angelo, M. Cluckie, C. Alkerton - Transportation,  
Energy and Facilities  
K. Holloway, J. Colangelo, L. Hucal - Operations and Waste  
Management  
A. Grozelle, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

#### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

##### **1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2012 (Item B)**

###### **(Collins/Duvall)**

- (a) That Councillor B. McHattie be appointed Chair of the Public Works Committee for 2012.
- (b) That Councillor L. Ferguson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Public Works Committee for 2012.

**CARRIED**

**2. Intersection Control List (PW11001f) (Wards 1, 2 and 11) (Item 5.4)**

**(Whitehead/Pasuta)**

Intersection		Stop Direction		Class	Location / Comments / Petition	Ward	
Street 1	Street 2	Existing	Requested				
(a)	Yates Dr.	Carwyn Cr.	NC	SB	A	S. of Whitney Ave., E. of Main St. W.	1
(b)	Yates Dr.	Purvis Dr.	NC	NB	A	S. of Whitney Ave., E. of Main St. W.	1
(c)	Blackwood Cr.	Purvis Dr.	NC	NB	A	S. of Whitney Ave., E. of Main St. W.	1
(d)	Carwyn Cr.	Purvis Dr.	NC	NB	A	S. of Whitney Ave., E. of Main St. W.	1
(e)	Markland St.	Park St.	SB	EB/WB	B	S. of Main St., W. of James St.	2
(f)	Escarpment Dr.	Barton St.	NC	SB	C	S. of QEW, W. of Winona Rd.	11
(g)	Edenrock Dr.	Escarpment Dr.	NC	SB	B	S. of QEW, W. of Winona Rd.	11
(h)	Escarpment Dr.	Edenrock Dr.	NC	NB	B	S. of QEW, W. of Winona Rd.	11
(i)	Edenrock Dr.	West Ave.	NC	EB	B	S. of QEW, W. of Winona Rd.	11
(j)	Edgeview Dr.	Edenrock Dr.	NC	WB	B	S. of QEW, W. of Winona Rd.	11
(k)	Edgeview Dr.	Escarpment Dr.	NC	EB	B	S. of QEW, W. of Winona Rd.	11
(l)	Norbrook Dr.	Edenrock Dr.	NC	WB	B	S. of QEW, W. of Winona Rd.	11
(m)	Norbrook Dr.	Escarpment Dr.	NC	EB	B	S. of QEW, W. of Winona Rd.	11

**CARRIED**

**3. Clean & Safe Crown Point Railway Neighbourhood Pilot Project (PW10084a) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11) (Item 5.5)**

**(Whitehead/Pasuta)**

That Report PW11084a respecting, Clean & Safe Crown Point Railway Neighbourhood Pilot Project, be received. **CARRIED**

**4. Stop Sign at Linington Trail and Newcombe Road (PW11088)(Ward 13) (Item 5.6)**

**(Whitehead/Pasuta)**

That Report PW11088 respecting, Stop Sign at Linington Trail and Newcombe Road, be received. **CARRIED**

**5. Multi-Residential Waste Diversion Program Update (PW11096) - (City Wide) (Item 5.7)**

**(Whitehead/Pasuta)**

That Report PW11096 respecting, Multi-Residential Waste Diversion Program Update, be received. **CARRIED**

**6. Clean City Strategy 2012 Work Plan (PW11052a)(City Wide)(Item 8.1)**

**(Jackson/Collins)**

- (a) That subsection 7 of Appendix A to Report PW11052(a) be amended through the addition of the following areas;
  - (i) Albion Falls and East Mountain Rail Trail
  - (ii) Fennell Avenue East (From Upper Ottawa to Mountain Brow Boulevard)
  - (iii) Dundurn Street to Locke Street (between Chatham Street and Charlton Street)
  - (iv) Kirkendall Neighbourhood Alleyway
- (b) That the 2012 Clean City Strategy Work Plan outlined in Report PW11052a in Appendix A, be received as amended. **CARRIED**

**7. DARTS Agreement Renewal (PW11093) - (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

- (a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to negotiate and implement a renewal of the Master Operational Agreement between the City and Disabled and Aged Regional Transit System (DARTS) for a further period of five (5) years, expiring on June 30 2017, under such amended terms and conditions as may be approved by the General Manager and the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed, under such implementation, to:
  - i) Transfer the Specialized Transit (ATS) Reservation function from the City to DARTS, with appropriate base budget transfer to DARTS, resulting in a reduction in the Transit Section of Public Works complement by two (2) full time equivalent (FTE) positions, from 629.71 to 627.71 FTE, through voluntary attrition;
  - ii) Harmonize the duties of the remaining affected staff within the ATS Customer Services program and re-evaluate positions through appropriate Corporate policies in preparation for implementation of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA); and
  - iii) Take necessary actions to enable the move of DARTS from the City IT network to its own self-supporting network model;
- (c) That one-time expenditures to implement recommended changes be funded from Transit Reserve 108025, to an upset limit of \$100,000.

**CARRIED**

**8. Procurement of 2012 Replacement Conventional Transit (HSR) Buses (PW11094) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

**(Ferguson/Jackson)**

That the 2012 Capital expenditure for the purchase of 18 replacement Conventional (HSR) Transit Buses at an estimated cost of \$7,899,080 be pre-approved and funded from the following sources; Ontario Transit Capital Reserve - \$1,235,000, Federal Gas Tax - \$3,000,000, HSR Vehicle Replacement Reserves - \$3,664,080 resulting in an estimated cost savings of \$270,000.

**CARRIED**

**9. ACPD Interlocking Brick Replacement Plan (PW11095)(Ward 2) (Item 8.4)**

**(McHattie/Pasuta)**

(a) That the removal of interlocking bricks from sidewalks in high traffic areas of the City, be considered at the time of capital renewal;

(b) That consideration to use alternate materials for sidewalk installation and/or replacement, in coordination with future capital works projects be reviewed with ACPD;

**CARRIED**

**10. Water Meter Supply and Install Contract Extension (PW11097) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)**

**(McHattie/Pasuta)**

(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to negotiate an extension of no longer than twelve months to Contract C11-149-06 (Water Metering Services in the City of Hamilton) with Neptune Technology Group (Canada) Ltd. on similar terms and conditions as the original contract to allow for the procurement of an Automated Reading Upgrade solution for the City's residential and industrial-commercial-institutional water meter inventory;

(b) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents to implement subsection (a), with content acceptable to the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

**(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item A)**

**(i) Municipal Waste Associations Promotion and Education awards**

Chair Powers indicated that the Operations & Waste Management Outreach Team had won three awards from the Municipal Waste Association, formerly known as the Association of Municipal Recycling Coordinators. This organization is an incorporated not-for-profit group formed in 1987 by Ontario municipal waste management professionals to facilitate the sharing of municipal waste reduction and recycling information and experience. The Association keeps municipalities informed on municipal waste management programs and practices, undertakes research on behalf of and together with municipalities and works on policy issues with municipalities such as the Waste Diversion Act.

Chair Powers called upon Vivian De Giovanni, the Executive Director of the Municipal Waste Association to present the awards to Operations & Waste Management Outreach Team members Kathryn Holloway, Jacquie Colangelo, Lesia Hucal and recognized Dennis Guy who was unable to attend.

**(ii) Outstanding Building of the Year Award, for Hamilton City Hall**

Chair Powers indicated that Hamilton City Hall had recently received the nationally acclaimed Outstanding Building of the Year Award in the Corporate Facility category from the Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada (also known as BOMA). This award recognizes excellence in property management, operations, resource conservation, environmental awareness, building design and innovation. Hamilton City Hall garnered two other awards from BOMA in 2011 – the Building of Excellence Award as well as the Office Building of The Year Award.

Hamilton City Hall prevailed over Bell Campus Montreal and Manitoba Hydro which were both new construction projects and both LEED certified buildings. The project is now eligible to compete for the international award which will be announced at BOMA International's annual convention in Seattle, Washington in June 2012.

Chair Powers invited Geoff Lupton, Rome D'Angelo, Marnie Cluckie and Chuck Alkerton forward for the award presentation.

**(b) Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2012 (Item B)**

**(i) (Merulla/Whitehead)**

That Councillor B. McHattie be nominated as Chair of the Public Works Committee for 2012. **CARRIED**

Hearing no other nominations, Councillor B. McHattie was acclaimed.

**(ii) (Merulla/Whitehead)**

That Councillor L. Ferguson be nominated Vice-Chair of the Public Works Committee for 2012. **CARRIED**

Hearing no other nominations, Councillor L. Ferguson was acclaimed.

It was requested the record show that Councillor T. Whitehead expressed his desire to serve as Vice-Chair in 2013.

For disposition on Items b(i) and b(ii) refer to Item 1.

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

**(Collins/Jackson)**

That the December 5, 2011 Public Works Committee Agenda be approved, as presented. **CARRIED**

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

None

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

**(i) November 21, 2011 (Item 3.1)**

**(Duvall/McHattie)**

That the Minutes of the November 21, 2011 Public Works Committee be approved, as presented. **CARRIED**

**(f) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

**(i) Delegation Request from Christeen Urquhart, respecting alternate uses for the Rheem Building (referred by Council November 16, 2011 - Item 1 Planning Committee Report 11-019) (Item 4.1)**

**(Ferguson/Pasuta)**

That the Delegation Request from Christeen Urquhart, respecting alternate uses for the Rheem Building, be denied. **CARRIED**

**(ii) Delegation Request from Hamaz Khan of the Hillfield Strathallan College Environment Club respecting a proposal to seek formal designation as a "Blue Community" (Item 4.2)**

**(Whitehead/McHattie)**

That the Delegation Request from Hamaz Khan of the Hillfield Strathallan College Environment Club respecting a proposal to seek formal designation as a "Blue Community, be approved. **CARRIED**

**(g) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**

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

**(Duvall/Ferguson)**

That the following Sub-Committee Minutes be received.

5.1.1 Waste Reduction Task Force – September 21, 2011

5.1.2 Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee –  
October 12, 2011

5.1.3 Clean City Liaison Committee – September 29, 2011

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Halton-Hamilton Source Water Protection Committee (Item 5.2)**

**(Duvall/Ferguson)**

That the following Minutes of the Halton-Hamilton Source Water Protection Committee be received.

(a) June 27, 2011

(b) August 23, 2011

(c) September 13, 2011

(d) September 27, 2011

(e) October 11, 2011

**CARRIED**

**(iii) Lake Erie Source Water Protection Committee – October 6, 2011**

**(Duvall/Ferguson)**

That the Minutes of the October 6, 2011 Lake Erie Source Water Protection meeting be received. **CARRIED**

**(iv) Multi-Residential Waste Diversion Program Update (PW11096) - (City Wide) (Item 5.7)**

**(Jackson/Collins)**

That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee at the end of the first quarter 2012 respecting the Multi-Residential Waste Diversion Program **CARRIED**

**(h) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Capital Variance Report (No copy) (Item 7.1)**

Gerry Davis, General Manager of Public Works addressed the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record. Gerry Davis, provided an overview of the 2011 Capital Projects and highlighted areas of budget variances. He discussed the common reasons for project delays and budget variances.

Committee members discussed the need to avoid delays specifically those met when a project goes into consultations with key outside agencies. Committee members suggested examining possibilities to further streamline outside consultations.

Committee members discussed delays around work on parks and bridges. Staff provided further details on the general issues that often impact these types of projects. There was also discussion on what railway bridges fall under the municipality's responsibility for upkeep and maintenance.

Committee members asked about the administration of Park Projects. Staff indicated that they have returned to a process where the same staff member is the lead on a Park Project something that they implemented two-three years ago.

Committee members discussed issues raised with pavement cut restorations in their wards.

Committee members discussed whether Public Works should spend all the allotted money budgeted for 2011 and not roll over unused funding.

Chair Powers asked that the information represented in the PowerPoint presentations flow charts be placed somewhere on the City's website. He also suggested that the budget move to a four year priorities system to coincide with the terms of Council.

Committee members discussed the contract tendering process as well as enforcement for contractors who do not deliver and quality control issues. Committee commended staff for issuing tenders earlier resulting in savings to the City of Hamilton.

**(Duvall/Collins)**

That the staff presentation respecting the Capital Variance Report, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Collins/ Jackson)**

That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee, with a strategy to appropriately address resources in minor and major construction as well as the resurfacing annual accounts for the years 2010 to 2012 and beyond.

**(Jackson/Collins)**

That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee at the end of the first quarter 2012 respecting pavement cut restorations.

**CARRIED**

**(i) NOTICES OF MOTIONS (Item 9)**

- (i)** Councillor Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion

**Centennial Parkway Regional Shopping Complex Transit Service  
(Added Item 9.1)**

That staff be directed to report to the Public Works Committee with a plan to address the introduction of transit services to the new regional shopping complex on Centennial Parkway.

**(McHattie/Collins)**

That the rules of order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Centennial Parkway Regional Shopping Complex Transit Service.

**CARRIED**

That staff report with a plan to address the introduction of transit services

**(j) MOTIONS (Item 10)**

- (i) Centennial Parkway Regional Shopping Complex Transit Service  
(Added Item 10.1)**

**(Collins/McHattie)**

That staff be directed to report to the Public Works Committee with a plan to address the introduction of transit services to the new regional shopping complex on Centennial Parkway.

**CARRIED**

**(k) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

**(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)**

**(Pasuta/Duvall)**

(a) That the following Revised Due Date be approved:

- (i) Item I - Comprehensive Outdoor Lighting Study:  
Sidewalk and Roadway Lighting  
Due Date: December 5, 2011  
Proposed New Due Date: Q2 2012

**CARRIED**

(b) That the following Items be removed from the Outstanding Business List

**(Pasuta /Collins)**

- (i) Item H - Stop sign at Linington Trail and Newcombe Road  
(Dundas)

**CARRIED**

**(Whitehead/Pasuta)**

- (ii) Item C - Litter, Illegal Dumping and Security Issues affecting  
Municipal Properties abutting Railways

**CARRIED**

**(Whitehead/Pasuta)**

- (iii) Item L - Illegal Dumping, Litter and Escaped Waste

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Backwater valves (Added Item 11.2)**

Councillor Ferguson introduced the issue of backwater valves. The Councillor indicated that he had heard complaints that backwater valves need to be installed at the property lines something that causes a significant cost increase as they need to be installed in a heated area.

Staff indicated that this is an issue in cases where a water meter is at the property line and a significant distance from a building. Staff discussed that they are currently at the survey phase; however they are having difficulty getting businesses to reply to the survey.

Committee members asked for more information on backwater valves.

(I) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – November 21 2011 (Item 12.1)

(Collins/Jackson)

(a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the November 21 2011 meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

(b) That the November 21, 2011 Minutes of Council remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure, in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. **CARRIED**

(m) ADJOURNMENT

(Ferguson/Jackson)

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Powers, Chair  
Public Works Committee

Andy Grozelle  
Legislative Assistant  
December 5, 2011