



Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

REPORT 06-014

9:30 a.m.

Monday, October 2, 2006

Council Chambers

2nd Floor, Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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- 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: Scott Stewart, General Manager, J. Harnum, D. Hull,
J. Mater, C. Murray, B. Shynal, C. Murdoch, M. L. Tanner,
– Public Works Department
D. Edwards, G. Brailsford, Legal Services
I. Bedioui, Clerk's Office

THE PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 06-014 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Recreation opportunities and amenities in the east harbour (delegation by Jim Howlett) (Item 6.2)

That staff prepare a capital budget submission for the 2007 Budget process in consultation with all affected stakeholders including but not limited to the Hamilton Beach Preservation Committee, the Hamilton Waterfront Trust, the Hamilton Conservation Authority, the Hamilton Port Authority and the Ministry of Transportation with respect to the Hamilton Beach Preservation Committee's proposal to link the Hamilton harbour to the beach strip by building a trail under the Skyway Bridge.

2. Conventional Transit Fleet Purchase - (PW06092a) - (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That staff be authorized to draw \$672,389 from the Conventional Transit Fleet Reserve 110030, in addition to the funds previously approved in Report PW06092, in order to cover the retail sales tax for the purchase of Hybrid buses.

3. Davis Creek Subwatershed Study - (PW06127) - (Wards 5, 9 and 11) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the implementation strategy and recommendations of the Davis Creek Subwatershed Study be adopted.
- (b) That the General Manager, Planning & Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to include the recommendations of the Davis Creek Subwatershed Study in Secondary and/or Community Planning processes for the area covered by the Subwatershed Study.
- (c) That the General Manager, Planning & Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to include provisions in subdivision agreements for development within the study area to collect the necessary funds to construct the proposed stormwater management facilities.

4. Garner Neighbourhood Master Drainage Plan (Former Town of Ancaster) - (PW06126) - (Ward 12) (Item 8.3)

- (a) That the General Manager, Public Works Department be authorized and directed to file the Garner Neighbourhood Master Drainage Plan with the Municipal Clerk for a thirty (30) day public review.
- (b) That upon the completion of the thirty (30) day public review, the General Manager, Public Works Department be authorized and directed to include the stormwater management projects identified in the Master Drainage Plan to the capital budget for future years.
- (c) That upon the completion of the thirty (30) day public review, the General Manager, Planning & Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to include the recommendations of the Master Drainage Plan in Secondary or Community Planning processes for the areas covered by the Master Drainage Plan.
- (d) That upon the completion of the thirty (30) day public review, the General Manager, Planning & Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to include provisions in subdivision

agreements for development within the study area to collect necessary funds to construct the proposed stormwater management facilities, the erosion protection, channel protection and stabilization works and culvert upgrades.

5. Litigation to Collect Outstanding Sewer Charges: 15 Biggar Avenue (LS0612/PW06128) - (Ward 3) (Item 8.3)

- (a) That the City Solicitor commence appropriate court proceedings on behalf of the City of Hamilton against Canadian Liquids Processors Limited and Biggar Avenue Properties Inc. with a view to collecting outstanding sewer use charges related to discharges from 15 Biggar Avenue, Hamilton.
- (b) The recommendation as outlined in subsection (a) is now public with the balance of Report LS0612/PW06128 remaining private and confidential.

6. “No Through Access” sign on Ridge Road, Stoney Creek (New Business)

That a “No Through Access” sign be erected on Ridge Road, Stoney Creek in the east bound direction, to advise motorists that 6th Road East is a dead end.

7. Traffic Island Beautification (New Business)

- (a) That staff include in the 2007 budget proposals, as part of the Keep Hamilton Blooming beautification program the re-establishment of traffic island flower beds at the following locations:
 - (i) King Street East/Kenilworth Avenue
 - (ii) Queenston Traffic Circle
 - (iii) Centennial Parkway gateway south of the Queen Elizabeth Way
- (b) That a pro-active approach be taken to continue the beautification of traffic islands through budget allocation, sponsorship and donations.
- (c) Notwithstanding the list of locations outlined in subsection (a) that a global approach be undertaken throughout the entire City when considering the re-establishment of the beautification program.

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) Added delegation request from Ms. Michaelene Galan to address Committee at its next meeting about waste collection issues. (Added Item 4.2)
- (ii) Added delegation request from Mr. Wayne Battaglio who wishes to address Committee to present a petition signed by homeowners who back onto Mud Street between Paramount Drive and Winterberry Street concerning traffic noise and engine brakes. (Added Item 4.3)
- (iii) Mr. Joe Stanicak who is Item 6.1 on today's agenda will not be addressing Committee today but wishes to attend the next meeting on October 16, 2006. (Remove from agenda.)

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None declared.

(c) MINUTES (Item 3)

The Minutes of the September 11, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) The delegation request from Adi Irani, P.Eng., A. J. Clarke and Associates Limited, Co-Chair, HHHBA Development Council, respecting Multiple Unit Water Metering Policy for the City of Hamilton was approved to be heard today. (Item 4.1)
- (ii) The delegation request from Ms. Michaelene Galan to address Committee about waste collection issues was referred to staff so that they can contact Ms. Galan to discuss her concerns. Ms. Galan may appear as a delegation at a future meeting if she is not satisfied after meeting with staff. (Item 4.2)

- (iii) The delegation request from Wayne Battaglio regarding the posting of signs along Mud St. discouraging the use of Jake Brakes on trucks was approved to appear at the October 16, 2006 Committee meeting.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) Joe Stanicak, respecting his pending patio application for 216-218 Locke Street South (Item 6.1)**

The Committee was advised that Mr. Stanicak will make his presentation at the October 16, 2006 meeting.

- (ii) Jim Howlett, President, Hamilton Beach Preservation Committee, to discuss recreation opportunities and amenities in the east harbour. (Item 6.2)**

Mr. Jim Howlett of the Hamilton Beach Preservation Committee made a PowerPoint presentation with Mr. Scott Howley who has been a resident of the beach strip all of his life.

The presentation included photos from the past showing that the harbour, up until about half a century ago was used for recreational activities. Mr. Howlett explained that the purpose of the Hamilton Beach Preservation Committee was to save the beach area from industrialization and to revitalize the harbour.

He explained that there were multiple owners and stakeholders linked to the lands under the QEW between the Windemere Basin and the beach strip. He proposed that Hamilton partner with the Hamilton Beach Preservation Committee to construct a trail under the QEW linking the harbour to the beach strip. He indicated that the Hamilton Conservation Authority, Environment Hamilton and various Angler Organizations were in support of this proposal.

The Committee approved a motion as indicated in Item 1 of this report.

(iii) Maggie Hughes wishing to address Committee about the dangers of blown tires. (Item 6.2)

Ms. Maggie Hughes made a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee outlining the dangers posed by trucks travelling on Queen Street and King Street. She brought in a piece of a steel belted tire that blew off of an 18 wheel truck to show how dangerous these tires can be.

She showed photos of the crosswalk at Pearl Street and King Street West. She indicated that motorists ignore the cross walk which is used by school children and by Ms. Hughes to get to the bus stop on the other side which will be a future DARTS location. She indicated that this is where the truck tire blew off. She also illustrated with photos, how narrow the westbound south sidewalk is and how a wheel chair can barely get through. She pointed out that there are two nursing homes in the area and the sidewalk is used by aged and disabled people with walkers, canes and wheelchairs.

She further indicated that in her opinion the intersection at Dundurn and King is one of the busiest and most dangerous in the City.

She pointed out that although tires and trucks are regulated by the Province, the trucks are using City streets and therefore the City should act. Trucks shouldn't be allowed to travel on these streets.

The Chair requested that Ms. Hughes provide a copy of her PowerPoint presentation to staff so that they can investigate and follow-up with her concerns. Staff indicated that they will contact the Property Standards Division with respect to the sidewalk issues and with the Province with respect to the potential dangers of retread tires.

(iv) Adi Irani, P.Eng., A. J. Clarke and Associates Limited, Co-Chair, HHHBA Development Council, respecting Multiple Unit Water Metering Policy and the motion in Item 9.1. (Item 4.1)

Mr. Irani made a PowerPoint presentation outlining the affects that the recently approved Multiple Unit Water Metering Policy has had on construction. He described to Committee the difficulties being encountered at a large townhouse development being built in Ancaster. He indicated that under the new policy, the installation of

master meters at two locations, plus at each unit, and the installation of three fire hydrants is required.

With this set-up if a fire occurs, any water used will be metered and charged to the residents. Therefore, to avoid this, the developer will have to install a separate fire line which is unmetered and is parallel to the metered waterline. This would cost up to \$1,053.00 per unit excluding the soft costs and the fees would be higher for a smaller project.

Mr. Irani indicated that he understands that staff are considering a policy to meter the fire line. That is the reason for Councillor Mitchell's motion on today's agenda to postpone implementing the new policy until the fire line issue is resolved.

Councillor Mitchell advised Committee that he will be meeting with staff and Mr. Irani this afternoon and will therefore keep his motion as a notice of motion pending the outcome of the meeting.

The Committee received the presentation.

(f) Community Liaison Committee for the Taro East Landfill Site (City Wide) (LS06013/PW06129) (Item 8.4)

The Committee discussed the proposed CLC Terms of reference and made the following suggestions:

- The meetings should be bi-monthly.
- A representative from the Ministry of the Environment should be included.
- There should be some provisions for obtaining public input
- Terms of reference and revisions were recommended by the last Committee and should be considered for inclusion

On a motion, Committee directed that Legal staff investigate the above suggestions and work with Councillors Collins and Bruckler to prepare a motion incorporating the proposed changes to be presented at the next Council meeting.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 9.1)

Councillor Mitchell advised that he wishes to postpone his motion respecting water meters.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11.1)

**(i) Stormwater Management and Transportation Master Plan
Public Meetings**

Councillor Mitchell asked staff about the outcome of the Public Meetings and requested that the Master Trails Plan component be sent to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee for comment.

(i) Private and Confidential

**(i) Litigation to Collect Outstanding Sewer Charges: 15 Biggar
Avenue - LS06012/PW06128 (Item 12.1)**

On a motion (Pearson/Jackson) Committee moved In-Camera to discuss a matter which is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

On a motion (Pearson/Mitchell) Committee reconvened in open session.

The Committee approved the staff recommendation as outlined in Item 5 of this report which can now be made public with the balance of the report remaining private and confidential.

(j) ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Ida Bedioui, Legislative Assistant
Public Works, Infrastructure and
Environment Committee
October 2, 2006**