



Public Works Committee

REPORT 09-014

(as amended by City Council on November 25, 2009)

10:00 a.m.

Monday, November 16, 2009

Hamilton Convention Centre

One Summer's Lane

Albion Room

Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Chair B. Bratina
Vice Chair C. Collins
Councillors L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, M. McCarthy,
S. Merulla, D. Mitchell, R. Powers

Also Present: Councillor T. Whitehead
G. Davis – General Manager, Public Works
J. Harnum – Sr. Director, Environment and Sustainable
Infrastructure
J. Stephen – A/Director, Strategic Planning and Rapid
Transit
J. Mater – Sr. Director, Transportation, Energy and Facilities
B. Goodger – Sr. Director, Operations and Waste
Management
P. Parker – A/Director, Support Services, Waste
Management
C. Biggs – Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 09-014 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Brenda Johnson, Project Manager, Environment Hamilton, respecting
Passport to Hamilton Project (Item 6.1)**

That the presentation from Brenda Johnson, Project Manager, Environment
Hamilton, respecting the Passport to Hamilton Project, be received.

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2. Downtown Dundas Transportation Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment (PW09095) (Ward 13) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the Downtown Dundas Transportation Master Plan (DDTMP) be endorsed and the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to file the DDTMP, as per the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2007), on the public record with the City Clerk for a minimum 60-day public review;
- (b) That upon the completion of the 60-day public review, the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to program and include the recommended projects (as shown in Appendix B, Recommended Intersection Improvements and Roadway Improvements), in the Downtown Dundas Transportation Master Plan in the capital budget for future years, provided that no comments or bump-ups are received or Part 2 ordered.

3. Signage on the LINC – “Avoid Use of Engine Brakes” (Item 9.1)

- (a) That staff be directed to install the appropriate number of “Avoid Use of Engine Brakes” signs for eastbound traffic on the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (on the “LINC” between Upper Gage Avenue and Dartnall Road), similar to those already in use on Centennial Parkway and the Red Hill Valley Parkway.

The following was added as sub-section (b):

- (b) That staff be requested to report back on a proposal to ban the use of engine brakes within the urban boundary, and review the Calgary model.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

- (i) Request for Delegation from Ernie Szabo and Harold Marek, South Huron Turf, respecting pesticide ban on sports fields and lining system relative to their product
- (ii) Written submission received from Randy Kay on behalf of Transportation for Liveable Communities expressing concerns respecting the Downtown Dundas Transportation Master Plan and requesting postponement of approval of recommendations contained in Report PW09095 (Item 8.1)

On a motion, the agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3.1)

On a motion, the Minutes of the November 2, 2009 meeting of the Public Works Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4.1)

On a motion, the request from Ernie Szabo and Harold Marek of South Huron Turf to address the Public Works Committee respecting the pesticide ban on sports fields and lining system relative to their product, was denied. The Committee requested that Messrs. Szabo and Marek be requested to forward printed material/information to the appropriate staff for their review.

(e) MINUTES OF THE HALTON-HAMILTON SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (Item 5.1)

On a motion, the September 29 and October 29, 2009 minutes of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee meetings, were received.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Brenda Johnson, Project Manager, Environment Hamilton, respecting Passport to Hamilton Project (Item 6.1)

Brenda Johnson distributed the Passport to Hamilton "Families Save 09 Adventure Map" which on one side, sets out Places of Interest, Recreation, Eateries, Accommodations, Arenas and Pools and Shops; locations of where the HSR Day Pass is available; H.S.R. information. The other side of the brochure is an indexed map showing the locations of the aforementioned sites and H.S.R. route information.

Ms. Johnson provided a power point presentation to update the Committee on the Passport to Hamilton program. Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- 139 participants in the Passport to Hamilton program
- Will be adding 60 new participants; however, in order to include these on the listing, the hours of operation of each participant will not be included in order to make more room
- As the program has “snowballed”, the map will require a complete overhaul with respect to design; printing fees may increase
- Outline of events held during the 2009 launch of the program
- Successes: over 30% increase in day pass sales; 139 destinations now offering discounts; over 70 locations selling the day passes; over 200 locations distribute maps and brochures, including physiotherapists, mental health clinics
- Participation in Environment Fairs; have developed environmental fair at a number of schools; partners include, but not limited to, HSR, City of Hamilton, Green Venture, Union Gas, Tourism Hamilton, Horizon Utilities, Public and Catholic Boards of Education, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, McMaster DeGroot Business School, et al
- Challenges:
 - Lacking in marketing skills; need to create more public awareness; to expand public awareness and increase marketing strategies, DeGroot Business School has created a course outline for marketing students and Environment Hamilton will have two or three students for three months to work on marketing
 - To expand work in schools, Environment Hamilton is approaching the TD Friends of the Environment
 - Funding is still needed to progress with 2010

Chair Bratina relinquished the Chair to speak to this issue. Chair Bratina asked if there was any information in terms of the numbers of people who use the day passes as a means of transportation e.g., a family pass includes more than one person, but is counted as a single rider vs purchasing individual tickets for each member of a family to ride the buses, and the effect this has on ridership numbers. Staff indicated that they will provide this information.

Councillors Jackson and McCarthy commended Brenda and Environment Hamilton for all of their efforts to make this program such a success and for all of the information presented.

(ii) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Allowance of Parkdale Avenue North, Hamilton (PW09093) (Ward 4) (Item 6.2)

Chair Bratina informed the Committee that Notice of this proposed closure and sale was published in the Spectator on Friday, November 6 advising that any person, or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent, who claims that his/her lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law, may be heard at today's meeting.

Chair Bratina requested if there was anyone present wishing to speak to this issue, of which there was no one.

Staff advised that the applicant has requested additional information. Once that information is provided, the applicant may or may not proceed with the application; therefore, staff requested that this report be deferred to a future meeting.

On a motion, Report PW09093 respecting Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Road Allowance of Parkdale Avenue North, Hamilton, was deferred.

(iii) Written Submission from Randy Kay, on behalf of Transportation for Liveable Communities, respecting Downtown Dundas Transportation Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment

The Committee was distributed with a written submission from Randy Kay on behalf of Transportation for Liveable Communities expressing concerns with respect to the Downtown Dundas Transportation Master Plan Class EA and requesting that approval of the recommendations in Report PW09095 be postponed until the concerns have been adequately dealt with.

Councillor Powers indicated that two public meetings have been held and spoke in support of the direction to file the Master Plan on the public record for the sixty-day public review. He indicated that the report addresses all aspects, including road works on King/Hatt Streets, appropriate transit and all issues regarding the movement of traffic through Dundas. He also thanked the efforts of all the staff involved in moving this plan forward.

Councillor Whitehead requested staff to provide additional information in terms of a current snapshot of what master plans have been done and future direction i.e., geographic overview.

Councillor Merulla expressed concern with respect to BIA's and their incorporation in transportation master plans. Staff responded that they have reviewed and support the Economic Development and Planning Department's report on secondary and neighbourhood planning objectives and that issue will be included. As part of the rapid transit work, there will be a significant need for understanding all modes of transportation; consequently, the BIA component will be taken into account as a first step into isolating those areas.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

On a motion, the following item on the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List was amended to reflect the revised due date:

Item M: Pavement Work – Highway 20 and Kirk Road

Due date: November 30, 2009 or immediately following completion of construction

Revised due date: Q2 2010 or immediately following completion of construction

**(ii) Site Assessment of Proposed Pan Am Sites (New Business)
(No Copy)**

Chair Bratina relinquished the Chair to speak to this issue.

Chair Bratina asked if there will be a site assessment of the Pan Am proposed sites and will Council be made aware of the costs associated with a particular site i.e., remediation, land assembly and other possible costs.

Staff responded that the consultant, together with a cross-departmental team, will bring back issues regarding the two sites approved by Council. It is anticipated that a Business Plan and comparison of the sites will be presented at the February 8, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Chair Bratina expressed concern with the load-bearing capacity of the sub-soil at one of the sites. Staff responded that part of the overall assessment will include geotechnical assessment, what materials are on the site(s), what the actual construction will be, all of which are a critical components relative to construction location.

(h) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12.1)

On a motion, the Committee moved into Closed Session at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to Section 8.1(c) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239 of the Municipal Act as the subject matter of Item 12.1 deals with a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes with respect to the Rapid Transit Maintenance Facility Location Review.

On a motion, the Committee reconvened in Open Session at 11:18 a.m.

Rapid Transit Maintenance Facility Location Review – Verbal Update

On a motion, the verbal update respecting the Rapid Transit Maintenance Facility Location Review, was received. As a result, the Committee deemed this item to be complete and removed it from the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. Bratina, Chair
Public Works Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
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