CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 10/25/2023

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Time: 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Members Present:

Councillors
Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie
Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak
Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie (Vice Chairperson)

Councillor Regrets
Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante (Chairperson)

Clerk's Note: Councillor Mark McKenzie participated via video conference (Zoom), in accordance with Procedure By-law 98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic participation.

ALSO PARTICIPATING ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Chris Nepszy, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services
Shelby Askin Hager, Commissioner, Legal & Legislative Services
Steve Vlachodimos, City Clerk
Shawna Boakes, Executive Director of Operations / Deputy City Engineer
Stacey McGuire, Executive Director Engineering / Deputy City Engineer
Kirk Whittal, Executive Director Housing & Children Services
Dan Seguin, Deputy Treasurer – Financial Accounting & Corporate Controls
Adam Pillon, Manager of Right-of-Way
Anne Marie, Manager Environmental Services
Jason Scott, Manager Transit Planning
Craig Robertson, Deputy Licence Commissioner
Kelly Goz, Manager Homelessness & Housing Support
Jennifer Tanner, Manager Homelessness & Housing Support
Mark Spizzirri, Manager Performance Measurement & Buisness Case Development
Doran Anzolin, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
Clare Amicarelli, Transportation Planning Coordinator
Kathleen Quenneville, Active Transportation Coordinator
Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services

ALSO PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to order at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE

3.1. Minutes of the September 27, 2023 Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held September 27, 2023 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Report Number: SCM 259/2023

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None presented.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.5. Active Transportation Master Plan 2022 Update - City Wide

Caroline Taylor, ward 2 resident

Caroline Taylor, ward 2 resident appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Active Transportation Master Plan 2022 Update – City Wide" and indicates that there is a safety concern for using bike lanes, the infrastructure does not exist to support the active transportation lifestyle and limits the connectivity of the city.

Lori Newton, Executive Director, Bike Windsor-Essex & the Bike Kitchen

Lori Newton, Executive Director, Bike Windsor-Essex & the Bike Kitchen appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Active Transportation Master Plan 2022 Update – City Wide" and indicates that gaps exist for active transportation, commuter cycling needs to be made a priority; and concludes by suggesting that there needs to be separated bike lanes so that residents feel comfortable and safe using them in order to make active transportation a reality.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires about the technology of the new bike-detection traffic signals and the possibility of more. Shawna Boakes, Executive Director, Operations appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Active Transportation Master Plan 2022 Update – City Wide" and indicates that the accuracy of the new technology is about 90-100% compliant; and is located mainly on Tecumseh Road now and in some other locations as well.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether there is a report available regarding vision zero and active transportation. Ms. Boakes indicates that the vision zero report will be coming forward to the November meeting.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires about the success of the e-scooter and e-bike program in the city and whether people are responding well to them. Ms. Boakes indicates that there have been very few complaints this year, just a few about the parking of the equipment, for the most part positive feedback.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there is a timeline in regards to the University Avenue infrastructure project. Stacey McGuire, Executive Director, Engineering Operations appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Active Transportation Master Plan 2022 Update – City Wide" and indicates that the design work is starting now and once the construction estimates come back, the current budget will be reviewed to determine how much of the project can be completed in the current budget, and administration will continue to review in future budgets moving forward.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires where we are in relation to the timeline that is contemplated in the Active Transportation Master Plan. Ms. Boakes indicates that next year there will be a full metrics evaluation for the ATMP as it is such a large endeavour. Ms. Boakes indicates that there

are a number of projects in progress between design and construction that will be installed next year along with a number of connection points within existing bike lanes.
Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about the issue of bike parking and a policy review that was being undertaken last term. Ms. Boakes indicates that it is anticipated to come forward between November and January.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 963**
THAT the report of the Active Transportation Coordinator dated April 26, 2023 entitled "Active Transportation Master Plan 2022 Update" **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Report Number: S 52/2023
Clerk's File: MB/5331

8.4. Follow-up to C172/2023 – Essex Terminal Railway Whistling Cessation – Ward 4

John West, ward 4 resident

John West, ward 4 resident, appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee and expresses concern with the recommendation in the administrative report entitled "Follow-up to CR172/2023 – Essex Terminal Railway Whistling Cessation –Ward 4" and indicates that the noise level of the train whistle is affecting his quality of life; and concludes by indicating that the unwillingness of Essex Terminal Railway CEO to release the independent noise decibel assessment is also concerning.

Michael Fox, ward 4 resident

Michael Fox, ward 4 resident appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee and expresses concern with the recommendation in the administrative report entitled "Follow-up to CR172/2023 – Essex Terminal Railway Whistling Cessation –Ward 4" related to the noise level of the train whistle, especially after midnight, which is affecting his sleep quality and overall quality of life.

Tony De Thomasis, President & CEO, Essex Terminal Railway

Tony De Thomasis, President & CEO, Essex Terminal Railway appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Follow-up to CR172/2023 – Essex Terminal Railway Whistling Cessation –Ward 4" and is available for questions.

Jack Weston, Superintendent, Essex Terminal Railway

Jack Weston, Superintendent, Essex Terminal Railway appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Follow-up to CR172/2023 – Essex Terminal Railway Whistling Cessation –Ward 4" and is available for questions.

Councillor Mark Mckenzie inquires about the sensitivity and confidentiality of the decibel levels. Mr. De Thomasis indicates that any safety device noise study or decibel level readings of safety equipment on locomotives is proprietary to the company and that it is confidential information. He adds that the ETR is federally regulated by Transport Canada, the horns and whistles are tested and certified to be operating safely and within the minimum requirements. Mr. De Thomasis adds that they are responsible for ensuring that the safety devices are in compliance with Transport Canada. The horns and whistles are regularly tested and are in compliance. They can continue to test on a yearly basis and can work with the City of Windsor to ensure that they are in compliance and meeting the minimum decibel levels, which is 96 decibels, and provide documentation of compliance.

Councillor Mark Mckenzie inquires if they are able to disclose what company was hired to do the testing. Mr. De Thomasis indicates that it is a company out of the Chatham area that performs routine maintenance on all of their locomotives. Mr. De Thomasis adds that all of their decibel level readings were within 1-2% of the minimum standard which is 96 decibels.

Councillor Mark Mckenzie inquires as to why there is an increase in the train whistle noise at these particular crossings. Mr. De Thomasis indicates that there has been an increase in volume of activity and frequency due to an increase in business activity, manufacturing and processing. He adds that essential goods that support these local businesses come through this central location, business operations begin and end at Lincoln Road and operating hours are ideally finished by midnight, but on occasion, and on an infrequent basis there may be operating hours beyond midnight in order to accommodate a customer.

Councillor Mark Mckenzie inquires as to what time business starts in the morning. Mr. De Thomasis indicates between 6am and 7 am.

Councillor Mark Mckenzie inquires as to what would have to be done in order to reduce the whistle noise. Mr. De Thomasis indicates that it is a nuisance issue in terms of the noise and the only thing that could be done is to put mechanical gates at each of the affected crossings and the road authority would need to apply for a discontinuation of whistling. Mr. De Thomasis indicates that this would not be feasible for ETR because it is millions of dollars of investments and adds that they are investigating funding for the improvements of these crossings and if there are funds available through infrastructure Ontario, Transport Canada, they are willing to work with the City of Windsor to make these improvements.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether there is a contact number at ETR that residents can call if they have a complaint. Mr. De Thomasis indicates that they have the main office number where

they record and log any complaints, which are then directed to the superintendent or other various departments appropriately.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires in the last 6 months has ETR seen an increased number of complaints. Mr. De Thomasis indicates that there has been an increase in volume of complaints over the past 12-18 months.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether ETR have spoken to any sound engineers on the issue of noise pollution and how this could help the residents in their homes. Mr. De Thomasis indicates that it is a common problem across Ontario, they have not consulted a sound engineer, but it is a good idea and they are open to the conversation and to working with the City of Windsor. Mr. De Thomasis adds that they do recommend certain measures for new construction in and around a certain radius around the railway including double pane windows, brick construction, sound barriers, and vibration proof foundations.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie requests that ETR confirm if the accredited agency inspecting the equipment has accurate reporting processes and that the ETR is in compliance with the regulations. Mr. De Thomasis responds indicating that the third party certified inspector provide ETR with the certification of minimum standard compliance.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires about conversations with MPs and the Ministry of Transportation. Ms. Boakes indicates that she believes that there were already answers to questions that were asked by the previous Administration and that administration has bee been in constant communication with grant providers and monitoring when the grants will come out and what they might look like.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether the City has been looking into implementing more safety measures, what the cost is and whether it is feasible to do so. Ms. Boakes indicates that there has been a secondary preliminary layout completed and they have communicated with other municipalities who have done similar installations as well as other City of Windsor installations and based on those installations, estimated cost would be between $2 and $3 million dollars. Ms. Boakes adds that there are several crossings in this corridor that would need to be addressed in order to apply for the whistle cessation.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires about the fencing along the Lens Greenway and who funded that project. Administration will look into it and provide further details at an upcoming meeting of City Council.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether there are any noise exemption by-laws in place for railways. Administration indicates that they are not able to regulate the noise around railways, and there is no by-law.

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 962**
THAT report of the Policy Analyst, Transportation Planning, dated October 6, 2023, entitled, "Follow-up to CR172/2023 - Essex Terminal Railway Whistling Cessation – Ward 4," **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

THAT Administration **BE REQUESTED** to continue discussions with Essex Terminal Railway in order to attempt to get the sound decibel levels report released; and,

THAT Administration **BE REQUESTED** to obtain an update from Member of Parliament Kusmierczyk related to his discussions with Federal Transportation Minister in regards to the status of the Rail Safety Grant Fund Program.
Carried.

Report Number: S 129/2023
Clerk's File: MTR2023

8.7. Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 – Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide

Deputy Chief Crowley, Windsor Police Services

Deputy Chief Crowley, Windsor Police Services appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 - Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide" and is available for questions.

Joyce Zuk, Executive Director, Family Services Windsor-Essex

Joyce Zuk, Executive Director, Family Services Windsor-Essex appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 - Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide" and is available for questions.

Gemma Smyth, Ward 3 resident

Gemma Smyth, Ward 3 resident, appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 - Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide" and reviews the language of the proposed panhandling by-law and the report. Ms. Smyth indicates that the proposed panhandling by-law is a duplicate of the Safe Streets Act, there is an increased cost associated with enforcing this by-law, there are several parallels and overlap between departments and concludes by suggest enacting the proposed by-law would be a waste of City resources.

Nate Hope, downtown resident and Vice-Chair of Windsor Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance

Nate Hope, downtown resident and Vice-Chair of Windsor Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 - Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide" to advocate for the safety and security of all residents in the downtown, including the panhandlers. Mr. Hope indicates that these panhandlers in the downtown are in need of help and support from the municipal government to find a way to reduce poverty and increase housing availability.

Shelley Gilbert, Interim Executive Director, Legal Assistance of Windsor

Shelley Gilbert, Interim Executive Director, Legal Assistance of Windsor appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 - Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide" and provides information regarding the challenges that unhoused individuals experience, strategies to reduce poverty, address mental health and addictions, and to request that the proposed panhandling by-law not proceed.

Travis Reitsma, Ward 3 resident
Travis Reitsma, Ward 3 resident appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 - Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide" and provides information regarding the challenges that unhoused individuals experience, strategies to reduce poverty and to request that the proposed panhandling by-law not go forward.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires what could be done about panhandling from a proactive standpoint. Deputy Chief Crowley indicates that public safety is the number one concern and aggressive panhandling is the concern. When panhandlers stand in right of ways, or approaching cars at a light it becomes a dangerous situation. Windsor Police acts using proactive measures to work with Family Services trying to connect people with services in a better way. Deputy Chief Crowley adds that Nurse Police teams and Mobile Rapid Response teams along with social workers are deployed to bridge the gap.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether any community safety services will become involved in patrolling the streets to help the police out, including walking the beat. Deputy Chief Crowley indicates that he does see the return of foot patrol, and they are a part of regular deployment, officers on bicycles are some of the busiest officers. The presence on foot or on bike gives a greater sense of security. He adds that they are working with community partners in order to be able to increase the service of these officers.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether the Highway Traffic & Safety Act allow people to be in medians. Deputy Chief Crowley indicates that it doesn't address medians and is not something

that can really be used as an enforcement tool. Deputy Chief Crowley adds that they do rely on the Safe Streets Act, but are trying to connect people with available services.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to the opportunity that Windsor Police has to address activity in the roadways as it pertains to the Safe Streets Act. Deputy Chief Crowley responds that panhandling is not illegal, but anyone standing in the streets is a danger to traffic, keeping people off of the roadways so that they can remain safe. Deputy Chief Crowley indicates that there hasn't been a need for the Safe Streets Act to be implemented really until 2018 when the problem with addiction and panhandling came to light in Windsor.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about the initiatives and partnerships with Windsor Police and community partners. Deputy Chief Crowley responds that working with Family Services in order to help get people off the streets, using the nurse police team to bring medical services to the streets, freeing up emergency room services and bringing social workers to the streets helps begin to address the issues on the streets.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether Family Services can address some of the gaps that exist in the community outreach programs. Ms. Zuk indicates that Family Services is pleased to be a recipient of funding from the City in order to be able to offer the outreach work. Ms. Zuk adds that panhandling is the result of poverty and lack of available housing, and they work to identify the challenges of these individuals, what they can do to help them get connected to services available in the municipality. Ms. Zuk indicates that ODSP and Ontario Works rates are much too low to sustain housing and basic necessities. Ms. Zuk suggests that funding for roads and infrastructure could be reallocated to help the people in our city that are struggling.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether by-law officers are doing any outreach currently. Craig Robertson, Deputy Licence Commissioner appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 - Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide" and indicates that when by-law officers are in the field and they come across encampments, panhandling, hoarding issues, they are not specifically trained to deal with this directly, but they rely on the partnerships with colleagues in social services and police in order to engage services.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires about how many people the City has been able to help with our initiatives. Kirk Whittal, Executive Director Housing and Children's Services appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 - Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide" and indicates that from a success perspective, we are making progress towards engaging this population, we need continuous improvement in the areas of securing funding from upper levels of government, more affordable housing, increased medical services and continuing our partnerships with community outreach groups to improve the services.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 965 ETPS 942**
THAT the committee report of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee dated March 9, 2023 entitled "Panhandling Statistics re Council Question CQ 11-2022 - City Wide" indicating:

1. THAT the attached additional information relating to panhandling regulation and statistics BE RECEIVED; and,
2. THAT by-law ***, being a by-law to regulate panhandling, BE CONSIDERED, and, if advisable, BE PASSED; and,
3. THAT administration BE DIRECTED to provide more information related to other options to issuing fines, including but not limited to outreach, to address the aggressive panhandling behaviour, for Councils consideration.

BE NOTED AND FILED; and,

THAT the report of the Manager of Homelessness and Housing Support and the Deputy Licence Commissioner, dated July 24, 2023 entitled "Response to Council Decision ETPS 942 – Options for Addressing Panhandling - City Wide" submitted in response to direction provided through Council Decision ETPS 942 **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT City Council and Administration **ADVOCATE** to the provincial and federal levels of government for increased investments in programs and benefits for Canadians that will reduce poverty and increase affordability; and,

THAT City Council continue to **SUPPORT** programs and services that advance the goals of the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Master Plan, and the creation and expansion of affordable and supportive housing; and,

THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence on behalf of Windsor City Council Requesting both the Windsor Police Services Board and Windsor Police Administration, that the Windsor Police Service take a more pro-active approach to addressing unsafe behaviours in the public roadways that impact or potentially impact traffic flows in a manner that is consistent with existing laws that fall within The enforcement scope of the Windsor Police Service; and,

THAT Administration **REPORT BACK** with infrastructure related strategies to discourage unsafe behaviours in the public roadway.
Carried.

Report Number: C 119/2023, SCM 111/2023, & S 31/2023
Clerk's File: ACL2023 & ACOQ2023

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

None presented.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Response to CQ 18-2023 – Reversing Recycling and Garbage Collection Days – City Wide

Councillor Gary Kaschak requests that administration explain the potential of eliminating Monday pickups and moving to a Tuesday through Friday operation. Anne Marie Albidone, Manager Environmental Services, appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to CQ 18-2023 – Reversing Recycling and Garbage Collection Days – City Wide" and indicates that currently trash pickups are completed on a 4 day schedule on a Monday to Thursday schedule and recycle is on a Tuesday through Friday schedule. Statutory holidays are on a Monday which offsets the collection schedule to the following day. Ms. Albidone adds that they are proposing with the new collection contract, to have all collections done Monday to Thursday. Ms. Albidone indicates that the residents would put out all garbage, recycling and organic waste on the same day which would minimize disruption and there would be no movement for the statutory holiday with minimal exceptions.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires about the Province potentially switching to a standard recycling pickup in terms of items collected. Ms. Albidone indicates that is correct and there will be a standardized collection across the province in terms of what items are going to be collected and that additional items will be placed in the blue and red box.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires about changing collection days. Ms. Albidone indicates that collection schedules work from west to east. The City could change to an east to west pick up, however the change would be made to the entire city and compliance to the new schedule could become an issue. Ms. Albidone indicates that administration's preference would be to keep working from west to east while moving to a 4 day schedule.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 966**
THAT the report of the Commissioner of Infrastructure Services dated October 5th, 2023, entitled "Response to CQ 18-2023 – Reversing Recycling and Garbage Collection Days" **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Report Number: S 125/2023
Clerk's File: SW2023

8.2. Response to CR57/2022 – Data Collected and Potential Strategies to Target Rodent Issues – City Wide

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether it is usually a neighbourhood issue that is causing the rodent problem. Ms. Albidone indicates that there are rats across the city and encourages residents to contact 311 to initiate an inspection.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there is any knowledge of residents openly feeding and watering rats. Ms. Albidone indicates that residents are feeding the wildlife in general. If they are feeding birds, squirrels, etc. they are also feeding the rats. Administration asks residents to be mindful of not leaving food and water out at all hours and to limit it to a certain time and then remove it.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 960**
THAT the report of the Commissioner of Infrastructure Services dated October 6, 2023, entitled "Response to CR57/2022 – Data Collected and Potential Strategies to Target Rodent Issues" **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Report Number: S 127/2023
Clerk's File: AB2023

8.3. Response to CQ 19-2022 – Review of the use of Artificial Turf on the Public Right-of-way - City Wide

Councillor Kieran McKenzie requests clarification related to the City using artificial turf sparingly on boulevards and public right of ways. Stacey McGuire, responds that is correct, the turf is used only in areas where cutting grass is a safety concern or in areas where growing grass would not take.
Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires who is in charge of maintaining this turf and how often is it maintained. Ms. McGuire indicates that residents are encouraged to call 311 if there is a concern in a specific area that needs to be addressed.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 961**

1. THAT the report of the Technologist III dated October 5, 2023 entitled, "Response to CQ 19-2022 – Review of the use of Artificial Turf on the Public Right-of-way - City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report Number: S 126/2023
Clerk's File: SW2023

8.6. Church Street (Tecumseh Road West to Cul-de-Sac) Traffic Calming – Ward 3

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires about snow removal on the roads with speed humps. Ms. Boakes indicates that snow plows will continue to clean the roads they always have. The speed humps are being installed in residential neighbourhoods and the snow plows run on the main arterial roads regularly and the plows run on residential neighbourhood streets only when there has been a snowfall of 4 inches or more. Ms. Boakes adds that the speed humps are designed and installed to be able to take the impact from the snow plows, and drivers are equipped with the GIS record of the location of the speed humps in the neighbourhoods.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 964**
THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to install speed humps on Church Street between Tecumseh Road West and Cul-de-Sac; and,

THAT Council **SUPPORT** the immediate use of $41,700 in 2026 Pay-As-You-Go funding previously approved as part of the 2023 10-year capital budget from the Traffic Calming Initiatives project, OPS-021-07, and **DIRECT** the City Treasurer to pre-commit those funds as part of the 2024 capital budget; and,

THAT a budget issue with regards to annual maintenance of $3,090 **BE PRESENTED** as part of the 2025 operating budget development process and be considered a priority item based upon approval for the installations.
Carried.

Report Number: S 128/2023
Clerk's File: ST/13863

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

9.1. Transit Windsor Pension Plan - Investment Plan and 2022 Actuarial Valuation and Audited Financial Statements - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 959**
THAT the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors:

I. **APPROVE** the Audited Financial Statements and Actuarial Valuation of the Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor as at December 31, 2022; and further,

II. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the forwarding of the Audited Financial Statements and Actuarial Valuation as at December 31, 2022 to the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions and to the Canada Revenue Agency by the Deputy Treasurer – Financial Accounting and Corporate Controls, as the Plan Administrator and as per legislation; and further,

III. **DIRECT** Administration to proceed with the termination of the Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor investment management agreement with OMERS which includes but not limited to the liquidation of plan investments with OMERS, development and implementation of a temporary investment strategy with regards to the liquidated plan funds, and subject to direction of the Transit Windsor Pension Review Committee the purchase annuities to satisfy pension plan member obligations and finally wrap-up the Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor.

Carried.

Report Number: C 153/2023
Clerk's File: AFB/14256 & MT2023

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None Presented.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about transit levels of service changes as a result of further implementation of the Public Transit Master Plan and requests clarification regarding comments regarding the enhancement of levels of service in parts of the city and reduction in others. Jason Scott, Manager Transit Planning appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and indicates that route 418X has been already implemented and nothing has been reduced in terms of service. Mr. Scott adds that the west end Crosstown 2 and 1C are staying the same and ending at Tecumseh Mall, with 3 new local routes replacing the east end of Windsor and The Dominion 5 is being split up. Mr. Scott indicates that Transit is greatly increasing their service coverage area by implementing the route changes. The service is becoming more efficient, specifically the 418X as an express service from the East end to the University that reduces the ride time by half.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 6:38 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held November 29, 2023.
Carried.

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie (Vice Chairperson)	Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services