

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Time: 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 2 - Councillor Costante

Ward 4 - Councillor Holt (Chairperson)

Ward 8 - Councillor Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor McKenzie

Member Regrets

Ward 1 - Councillor Francis

Also present are the following from Administration:

Mark Winterton, City Engineer

Dwayne Dawson, Executive Director of Operations and Deputy City Engineer

Pat Delmore, Executive Director of Transit Windsor

Jeff Hagan, Transportation Planning Engineer

Anna Ciacelli, Supervisor of Council Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to order at 4:32 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. Adoption of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held December 18, 2019

Moved by: Councillor Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

THAT the Minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting (excluding Transit matter items) held December 18, 2019 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Moved by: Councillor Costante
Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

THAT the Minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting (Transit matter items only) held December 18, 2019 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 479/2019

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

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6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

See Items 7.3, 8.1, and 8.2.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Transit Windsor Advisory Committee of its meeting held November 28, 2019

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 732**

THAT the minutes of the Transit Windsor Advisory Committee of its meeting held November 28, 2019 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 455/2019
Clerk's File: MT2019

7.2. Transit Windsor Advisory Committee - 2019 Annual Report

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 733**

THAT the 2019 Annual Report of the Transit Windsor Advisory Committee **BE FORWARDED** back to the Transit Windsor Advisory Committee for review and comment; and,

THAT Administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide information related to procedure and guidelines regarding Advisory Committee annual reporting.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 459/2019
Clerk's File: MT2019

7.3. Town & Gown Committee 2019 Annual Report

Alan Richardson, Member of the Town & Gown Committee

Alan Richardson, member of the Town & Gown Committee appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the Town & Gown Committee 2019 Annual Report and expresses concern with the process related to the Town & Gown Annual Report and concludes by suggesting that the Annual Report be provided to the Town and Gown Committee for review and comment prior to proceeding forward to Council.

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Councillor Costante inquires about the process related to submitting Annual Reports.

Anna Ciacelli, Supervisor of Council Services appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the Town & Gown Committee 2019 Annual and provides information related to the requirements within the Procedure By-law for Advisory Committees to provide an annual report to their respective Standing Committees. Ms. Ciacelli adds that this report usually contains a brief summary of the year's accomplishments. Ms. Ciacelli provides details related to the authors of the reports and the deadline timelines which is usually at the end of December to allow for the Standing Committees to review the annual reports early in the New Year.

Moved by: Councillor Costante

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 734**

THAT the 2019 Annual Report of the Town & Gown Committee **BE FORWARDED** back to the Town & Gown Committee for review and comment; and,

THAT Administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide information related to procedure and guidelines regarding Advisory Committee annual reporting.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 454/2019

Clerk's File: MB2019

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Vision Zero Policy Implementation

Lori Newton, representing Bike Windsor Essex

Lori Newton, representing Bike Windsor Essex appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Vision Zero Policy Implementation" and indicates she is in full support of administration's report related to vision zero. Ms. Newton indicates the City should be designing roads to prevent accidents. Ms. Newton adds that existing streets must be redesigned to reduce speed and ensure safety. Ms. Newton requests that the Committee approve the report to ensure streets are safer. Ms. Newton concludes by indicating the Vision Zero Action Plan and Policy encourages cooperation, commitment and action across the City.

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Diane Bradford RN MN, Manager for the regional trauma program and injury prevention at Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette Campus

Diane Bradford RN MN, Manager for the regional trauma program and injury prevention at Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette Campus appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Vision Zero Policy Implementation" and provides a brief overview of the trauma centre. Ms. Bradford indicates that there are a large number of traumatic injuries taking place. Ms. Bradford provides statistics related to impairment and how that impacts traumatic injuries. Ms. Bradford concludes by suggesting that 90% of injuries that are treated are preventable through a vision zero plan. Ms. Bradford encourages the committee to adopt the plan and adds that the fatal collision team encourages adoption of the plan as well.

Councillor McKenzie requests further clarification related to a fatal collision team. Ms. Bradford indicates that the fatal collision team is a working action group within the program consisting of key people including Police, EMS and Hospital Staff. This group looks at details of injuries to determine if any changes can be made immediately to prevent traumatic injuries in the future.

Councillor McKenzie inquires whether this is recognized as a best practice. Ms. Bradford indicates there is not enough research to confirm this as it has not been in use long enough. Currently Ottawa and Montreal have adopted this type of group.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about a fatal collision team within the City and the report. Dwayne Dawson, Executive Director Operations, Deputy City Engineer appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Vision Zero Policy Implementation" and indicates that this report in consultation with other departments provides a framework. Mr. Dawson adds they have met with police and the concept of a fatal collision team is worth further discussion as they would be on board.

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Costante

Decision Number: **ETPS 735**

THAT the attached Vision Zero Policy, Vision Zero Procedure, and Vision Zero Stakeholder Group Terms of Reference **BE ADOPTED**; and,

THAT Council **APPOINT** a member of Council to represent Council on the Vision Zero Stakeholder Group; and,

THAT Administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide information related to developing a fatal collision response team as the process moves forward.

Carried.

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Clerk's File: ST2020

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8.2. Electric Kick-Scooter Pilot - City-wide

Diane Bradford RN MN, Manager for the regional trauma program and injury prevention at Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette Campus

Diane Bradford RN MN, Manager for the regional trauma program and injury prevention at Windsor Regional Hospital Ouellette Campus appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Electric Kick-Scooter Pilot" and indicates that permitting this pilot project will increase injury to the community. Ms. Bradford makes reference to Calgary who have had an increase in injuries related to electric kick-scooter usage. Ms. Bradford indicates that helmets are not being used, and adds that the use of mandatory helmets are included in the pilot and that a clear plan should be provided related to helmets and enforcement rules. Ms. Bradford concludes by suggesting the Plan is comprehensive, although solid enforcement and data evaluation is encouraged.

Lori Newton, Chair, Share the Road Cycling Coalition

Lori Newton, Chair, Share the Road Cycling Coalition appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Electric Kick-Scooter Pilot" and indicates that there are inconsistent policies between bicycle riders and scooter riders, and the regulation related to helmet usage under 18 years of age should be reflected in scooter use as well.

Councillor Costante requests further information related to the statistics provided by Ms. Bradford regarding Calgary and causes of injury related to not wearing a helmet. Ms. Bradford indicates that there were 600-700 injuries in Calgary between July and the end of October, 2019 related to e-scooter accidents. Ms. Bradford adds that Calgary does have a ride share program and the causes of the accidents are varied and challenges with the weather can also be a factor.

Councillor Costante inquires about the percentage of brain injuries. Ms. Bradford indicates she doesn't have that information readily available although she does relate some statistics regarding Austin Texas and the percentage of head injuries.

Councillor Costante inquires about Ms. Newton's thoughts related to helmet usage. Ms. Newton requests that the current legislative requirements related to helmet use be utilized whether for bicycles or scooters. Ms. Newton adds that it is important to be consistent although it will be a challenge to enforce and ultimately the goal would be to create streets where the the safety of people walking or riding bikes is a priority.

Councillor Kaschak inquires about speed reducing mechanisms on the devices. Jeff Hagan, Transportation Planning Engineer appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Electric Kick-Scooter Pilot" and provides information related to the pilot program and that scooters have a maximum speed of 24km/hr which is built into the Legislation. Modifications would be required to change that speed and that wouldn't be permitted under the current legislation.

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Information related to e-bikes and e-scooters related to helmet requirements are provided. E-scooters and bicycles both should be used on roadways only.

Councillor Costante inquires whether there is data from other municipalities related to whether wearing a helmet would prevent injuries. Mr. Hagan doesn't have that information available although he provides information related to American scooter share programs.

Councillor McKenzie requests information related to a helmet by-law and whether not wearing a helmet on an electric scooter is riskier than not wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle. Administration indicates if there are more riders there may be more incidents.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about other municipalities and their information campaigns related to helmet usage. Administration indicates there is educational information and with share programs there is an education component right away.

Councillor Costante inquires whether there is any information related to the 16-24 year old age range being the most vulnerable. Administration indicates there is no specific evidence but it would be similar to other activities.

Councillor Kaschak inquires as to the cost to purchase a brand new e-scooter. Administration indicates it would be approximately \$500.00 as a starting point.

Councillor Holt inquires about the scooter usage along multi-use paths but not in parks. Administration indicates the riverfront is a heavy pedestrian usage area and in consultation with Parks it is not recommended to allow e-scooters along the riverfront at this time. They add that it would be expensive in terms of signage as well and there are too many pedestrians.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about the legal aspect. Administration indicates that they have consulted with legal in terms of the risk to the City.

Moved by: Councillor Costante

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 736**

1. THAT Traffic By law 9148 **BE AMENDED** as listed and attached in Appendix 1 of this report; and that Item 17, referring to helmets, **BE DELETED**.
2. THAT the City Solicitor **BE DIRECTED** to prepare the necessary documents to amend the by law.
3. THAT Windsor Police Services **BE ADVISED** of these by law amendments for enforcement as resources allow.

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4. THAT, in addition to the upcoming report on scooter/bikeshare programs and licensing, Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to Council within 12 months with a follow-up report on e-scooter experience to date, along with recommended changes to e-scooter rules and policies.

5. THAT Administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide information related to the risks of driving and head injuries when this committee report proceeds to Council.

Carried.

Councillor Kaschak voting nay.

Report Number: S 236/2019

Clerk's File: SR2020

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

None presented.

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None presented.

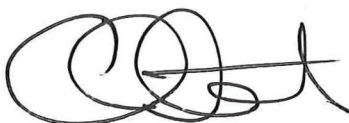
11. QUESTION PERIOD

None presented.

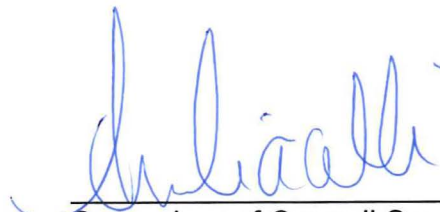
12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:32 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held February 19, 2020.

Carried.



Ward 4 – Councillor Holt
(Chairperson)



Supervisor of Council Services