

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019

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

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 1 - Councillor Francis

Ward 2 - Councillor Costante (Vice Chairperson)

Ward 8 - Councillor Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor McKenzie

Member Regrets

Ward 4 - Councillor Holt

Also present are the following from Administration:

John Revell, Chief Building Official

Dwayne Dawson, Executive Director of Operations

Shawna Boakes, Senior Manager Traffic Operations, Parking, Transportation Planning

Anne Marie Albidone, Manager of Environmental Services

Karina Richters, Supervisor of Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change

Averil Parent, Environment & Sustainability Coordinator

Jeff Hagan, Transportation Planning Engineer

Anna Ciacelli, Supervisor of Council Services

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.

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3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE

3.1. Adoption of the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Cmte meeting held September 18, 2019

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

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

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

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

Decision Number:

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 374/2019

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

8.5. CQ24-2019 - Designating all BIA's as "Tourist Destinations" - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Francis

Decision Number: **ETPS 719**

THAT the report of the Manager of Traffic Operations dated October 2, 2019 entitled, "CQ24-2019 - Designating all BIA's as "Tourist Destinations" – City Wide" **BE REFERRED** to the Windsor Business Improvement (BIA) Advisory Committee for comment.

Carried.

Report Number: S 179/2019

Clerk's File: MI2019

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. EWSWA Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 10 2019

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

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Decision Number: **ETPS 711**

That the minutes of the EWSWA Regular Board Meeting held July 10, 2019 **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 331/2019

Clerk's File: MB2019

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

See Items 7.4., 8.4., and 8.6.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Transit Windsor Advisory Committee of its meeting held August 27, 2019

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 712**

That the minutes of the Transit Windsor Advisory Committee of its meeting held August 27, 2019

BE RECEIVED.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 347/2019

Clerk's File: MT2019

7.2. Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission of its meeting held September 25, 2019

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 713**

That the minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission of its meeting held September 25, 2019 **BE**

RECEIVED.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 368/2019

Clerk's File: MB2019

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7.3. Minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held September 19, 2019

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 714**

That the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee of its meeting held September 19, 2019 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 367/2019

Clerk's File: MB2019

7.4. Report No. 105 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee - Climate Change Emergency Declaration

Adrian Halpert, Sharath Voleti, and Ali Tejani, University of Windsor students

Adrian Halpert, Sharath Voleti, and Ali Tejani, University of Windsor students appear before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee in support of Report No. 105 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee report – Climate Change Emergency Declaration and indicate that this resolution shows residents of neighbouring municipalities that Windsor is doing something about climate change. The students suggest a proactive stance be taken and suggest that different levels of government need to contribute. The students conclude by suggesting that adopting this resolution is a step towards mitigating the effects of climate change.

Councillor Francis inquires about the resolution of the committee not being as specific as Toronto's resolution. He inquires whether it would be more beneficial to pass a motion which includes specifics/targets/timeframes. Administration indicates that it would be more preferable to draft an open ended motion to allow for research and examination of what the City would require moving forward. Administration adds that each community is different and as such each community would have different needs to be taken into consideration. Administration would examine what is needed and what would be considered achievable and reasonable.

Councillor McKenzie inquires whether 90 days is sufficient time for administration to prepare the necessary reports. Administration indicates they would be able to provide the report within the time constraints. Moving forward all future reports may include a paragraph as to their impact according to whatever decisions Council decides to pass related to Climate Change.

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

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Decision Number: **ETPS 715**

THAT report no. 105 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee – Climate Change Emergency Declaration indicating:

That the following Climate Change Emergency Declaration prepared by the Air Subcommittee of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee BE APPROVED:

WHEREAS the most recent report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change (IPCC) has indicated that within less than 12 years, in order to keep the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius and maintain a climate compatible with human civilization, there must be a reduction in carbon emissions of about 45% from 2010 levels, reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS based on current projections of the future impacts of human caused climate change, climate change will adversely impact Windsor-Essex's local economy, damage local infrastructure and property, put a strain on municipal budgets and result in significant economic and health burdens for the constituents of Windsor-Essex, particularly our vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS climate change will jeopardize the health and survival of many local plant and animal species as well as their natural environments and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS Windsor-Essex is already experiencing large and increase climate change impacts including but not limited to overland flooding, heavy rain event flooding, emergence of invasive species, an increased number of high heat days, the rise of vector borne diseases, the re-emergence of blue-green algae and harmful algal blooms in our lakes and rivers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are understood to produce and/or have regulatory jurisdiction over approximately 50% of carbon emissions in Canada; and

WHEREAS the City of Windsor join the Government of Canada and 444 Canadian municipalities (including Vancouver, Ottawa, Montreal, and 18 other Ontario municipalities, among them Chatham-Kent, Sudbury, Sarnia, Guelph, and Kingston) that have declared climate emergencies, some of which are also implementing strategic plans in order to help reduce global carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS the City of Windsor, the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) are committed to and currently undertaking city and regional climate change planning, encompassing both mitigation and adaptation, in partnership with others; and

WHEREAS this emergency is an opportunity to bring together County, City and Town governments as well as regional stakeholders to work together on climate change planning and implementation with the aim of protecting our region and contributing to greater national and global climate change response; and

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WHEREAS implementing climate action and making a transition to a low-carbon economy also represents a significant opportunity to stimulate economic growth, increase job opportunities and develop new technologies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Windsor declare a Climate Emergency in the knowledge that this is an emergency with no foreseeable conclusion which will require robust and permanent changes in how the City and County conduct their business; and further,

That in response to this emergency, the need to reduce overall emissions from the City of Windsor and the County of Essex as well as continue to prepare for Windsor-Essex County's climate future are deemed to be high priorities when considering budget direction and in all decisions of council; and further,

That the City of Windsor administration BE DIRECTED to prepare reports for consideration by their respective Councils within 90 days containing recommendations for priority actions items, implementation measures and cost requirements to accelerate and urgently work towards the reduction of emissions and preparing for our climate future.

BE APPROVED; and further,

THAT the County of Essex **BE REQUESTED** to consider adopting the resolution as outlined above.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 362/2019
Clerk's File: MB2019

7.5. Report No. 106 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee - Revised WECEC Terms of Reference & Mandate

Councillor Francis requests clarification as to the change in the mandate that has been requested. Administration indicates that the report will have to be deferred as the department that would provide that information is not currently in attendance.

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

THAT report no. 106 of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee – Revised WECEC Terms of Reference & Mandate **BE DEFERRED** to the November 20, 2019 Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee meeting; and further,

THAT administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide details related to the requested change to the mandate.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 363/2019
Clerk's File: MB2019

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8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. CQ26-2016 Riverside Drive Road Diet - WARDS 3 & 4

AND

8.2. CQ26-2016 Riverside Drive Road Diet - Follow-up - Wards 3 & 4

Councillor McKenzie requests clarification on the process to proceed with the requested closures. Administration indicates that if Council would like to proceed a traffic study could be undertaken and then the Riverside Drive Environmental Assessment would have to be amended, and financial implications would be determined. Administration indicates that the traffic study would give the indication of feasibility, if it is warranted, then a change to the EA could be considered.

Councillor Francis requests that future administrative reports include administration's recommendation to proceed or not, or options, so that Council/Committee members can be better informed.

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 716**

That the report of the Transportation Planning Engineer dated January 6, 2017 entitled "CQ26-2016 Riverside Drive Road Diet" and the report of the Transportation Planning Engineer dated October 4, 2019 entitled "CQ26-2016 Riverside Drive Road Diet- Follow up" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

THAT administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide specific information related to the traffic analysis study portion of the report and that this information **BE REFERRED** to the 2020 budget deliberations meeting.

Carried.

Report Number: S 211/2016 & S 144/2019

Clerk's File: SW2019

8.3. Addressing Illegal Dumping - City Wide

Caroline Taylor, resident Ward 2

Caroline Taylor, resident Ward 2 appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting regarding the administrative report Addressing Illegal Dumping and provides comment related to the effectiveness of the current bulk item pickup program and the amount of illegal dumping still happening around the City and concludes by urging the Committee to implement a regular bulk item pick up day free of charge.

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Councillor Francis inquires as to the popularity of the current bulk item program. Anne Marie Albidone, Manager, Environmental Services appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting regarding the administrative report Addressing Illegal Dumping and indicates that the popularity of the bulk item pick up has increased and provides a brief outline of the current program, including a drop in the fee to \$10.00 per item and an increase in the number of collections per zone per month and that the program is a year long program instead of the initial 8 month program.

Councillor Francis inquires as to an estimation should the fee to users be eliminated and the amount of pick ups remain the same. Ms. Albidone estimates that it may cost approximately \$100,000.00 to run that type of program. Although Ms. Albidone adds that that volumes would probably go up and therefore the cost to taxpayers would also increase.

Councillor Kaschak requests information related to the roving camera. Ms. Albidone provides details of the process related to the camera use and the information it provides.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about illegal dumping and whether it is specific to certain areas in the City. Ms. Albidone indicates illegal dumping occurs in every sector of the City.

Councillor Costante inquires about dumping in alleys. Ms. Albidone indicates that alleys are not considered municipal property, the abutting homeowner is responsible for their portion of the alley. Information related to a bulk item pickup in conjunction with regular garbage pickup and impacts related to vehicle/manpower is provided.

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 717**

THAT the report of the City Engineer dated September 5th, 2019 regarding Addressing Illegal Dumping **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

THAT administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide a report related to options of providing free bulk item pickup service and that this information **BE REFERRED** to the 2020 budget deliberation meeting.

Carried.

Report Number: S 167/2019

Clerk's File: SW2019

8.4. Consent for Breakwall Encroachment - 11770 Riverside Drive E - Ward 7

Ryan Solcz, Legal Representative at Willis Business Law

Ryan Solcz, Legal Representative at Willis Business Law appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report Consent

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for Breakwall Encroachment – 11770 Riverside Drive E – Ward 7 and indicates that he is in agreement with the administrative recommendation.

Councillor McKenzie inquires as to the process. Mr. Solcz indicates that they have been in contact with administration and will be contacting ERCA and the Windsor Port Authority once the City approvals are in place to determine the next steps.

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 718**

THAT the request by Mr. Michael Solcz, of 11770 Riverside Drive East, for the consent of the Corporation of the City of Windsor to cross the municipal break wall in order to install a seasonal boat lift, **BE APPROVED**; and,

THAT the CAO and Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign a consent:

- in form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and City Engineer,
- subject to the applicant indemnifying the Corporation of the City of Windsor against all claims which may arise by reason of occupation and use of the City's lands,
- subject to providing proof of General Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence, naming The Corporation of the City of Windsor as an additional insured, including a cross-liability clause and a 30 day notice of material change or cancellation provision, in form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Carried.

Report Number: S 176/2019

Clerk's File: SE2019

8.6. CQ5-2019 Implementing Red Light Cameras and Photo Radar - City Wide

Michael George, Resident of Ward 4

Michael George, Resident of Ward 4 appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report CQ5-2019 Implementing Red Light Cameras and Photo Radar – City Wide and is in favour of the equipment being implemented across the City and concludes by suggesting that the cost related to implementation would be recovered within the 1st year of the program being in place.

Councillor Kaschak commends Mr. George for his comments and indicates that there are a number of regulations that would have to be approved prior to adopting this type of program and that it may be more difficult than first anticipated.

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

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Decision Number: **ETPS 720**

THAT the report of the Senior Manger of Traffic Operations & Parking dated August 28, 2019, entitled "CQ5-2019 Implementing Red Light Cameras and Photo Radar – City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

THAT administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide a report with cost options specifically related to the red light camera portion and that this information **BE REFERRED** to the 2020 budget deliberation meeting.

Carried.

Report Number: S 165/2019

Clerk's File: ST2019

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

None presented.

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

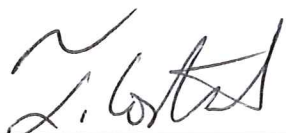
None presented.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

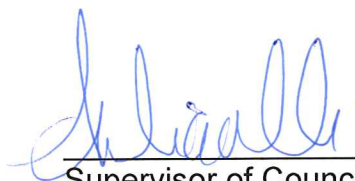
None presented.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:58 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held November 20, 2019.



Ward 2 – Councillor Costante
(Vice Chairperson)



Supervisor of Council Services