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Windsor, Ontario, June 27, 2012

A meeting of the **Environment and Transportation Standing Committee** is held this day commencing at 4:30 o'clock p.m. in Council Chambers there being present the following members:

Present: Councillor Hatfield (Chair)
Councillor Sleiman
Councillor Halberstadt
Councillor Payne

Regrets: Councillor Valentinis

Also present are the following from Administration:

Mario Sonego, City Engineer
Helga Reidel, Chief Administrative Officer
Wes Hicks, Senior Manager, Infrastructure and Transportation Planning/Deputy
City Engineer
Mike Clement, Manager, Parks Development
Heidi Baillargeon, Landscape Architect
Josette Eugenie, Manager of Transportation Planning
Agatha Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Councillor Hatfield discloses an interest and abstains from voting on Item 1 being the report of the City Engineer dated June 13, 2012 entitled "Residential Permit Parking Petition for Dougall Avenue and Church Street" as his spouse is an elected trustee and Chair of the Greater Essex County District School Board.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Payne,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Transportation
Standing Committee held April 25, 2012 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. **REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS**

None.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Item 1 Residential Permit Parking Petition for Dougall Avenue and Church Street
Penny Allen, Greater Essex County District School Board

Penny Allen, Greater Essex County District School Board, appears before the committee, to request that the committee reject the administrative recommendation to approve residential permit parking on Dougall Avenue and Church Street, stating the petition in 1998 received only 13% support and one in 2006 received only 37% support and the petition circulated in 2011 was close to 95% support, the results of petition seem extraordinary, and concludes by suggesting that an alternative arrangement, residential parking permit Monday to Friday 6:00pm to 6:00am and all day Saturday and Sunday. (*attached as Appendix A*)

Roy Baker, 481 Church Street and Frank Gasperous, 563 Dougall Avenue

Roy Baker, of 481 Church Street and Frank Gasperous 563 Dougall Avenue appear before the committee to speak in support of the Administrative recommendation to amend By-law 9023 to allow permit parking on Dougall Avenue from Park Street West to Wyandotte Street West and for Church Street from Park Street West to Wyandotte Street West, suggesting that as a resident in the area it is very difficult to find parking on the street once you move your vehicle.

The salient points of discussion relating to residential permit parking are as follows:

- Permit parking in the area was available when the interim casino was in existence
- School board staff members and students park on the street making it very difficult for residents to find parking once they move vehicle.
- School Board does not have the funding to increase size of parking lot to ensure spots for staff members
- School Board suggested that residential permit parking be offer from 6:00p.m to 6:00a.m. Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday

- A petition was prepared by Administration and recently circulated by a resident to amend the current by-law to include “Residential Permit Parking” on Dougall Avenue and Church Street from Park Street West to Wyandotte Street
- Permits are \$50.00 for the 1st permit and \$30.00 for the second permit in the first year
- Residential Permit Parking is optional for residents
- The report was brought to Committee as a portion of the permit parking area was outside the limits identified in CR1377/95
- New areas to be considered for permit parking will be required to demonstrate a 95% community approval rating for permit parking

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,
THAT CR1377/95 BE WAIVED and that the Parking By-law 9023 **BE AMENDED** as listed and attached in Appendix “A” of this report to reflect that residential permit parking will be in effect for Dougall Avenue from Park Street West to Wyandotte Street West and for Church Street from Park Street West to Wyandotte Street West and further, that the City Solicitor prepare the necessary documents to amend the by-law, and further
Carried.

Item 2 By-law Regulations RE: Power Assisted Bicycles (“e-bikes”)

John Holland, Resident of Ward 2

John Holland, resident of ward 2 appears before the committee to express concern regarding the administrative recommended amended changes to By-law 9148, suggesting that Administration is moving toward banning the use of e-bikes.

Kim Elliott, Environment Coordinator for the OPIRG Board of Directors, University of Windsor

Kim Elliot, Environment Coordinator for the OPIRG Board of Directors, University of Windsor appears before the committee to speak in support of the administrative recommendations to amend By-9148 to include power assisted bicycles (e-bikes) from an environmental perspective, stating that e-bikes have become a mode of transportation for students travelling from the University to the downtown campus, and concludes by requesting that the committee reject the recommendation to ban e-bikes from the multi use trails.

**Dave Nickerson, E-Ride Windsor, Charles Pope, Scooter Pro, and
Kimberly Tucker, Scoot-A-Long Windsor**

Dave Nickerson, Charles Pope, and Kimberly Tucker appear before the committee to speak in support of the Administrative recommendation to ban the use of e-bikes upon the sidewalk, stating that banning the e-bikes upon the sidewalks requires more bike lanes to ensure the safety of the rider, and conclude by stating the need for more enforcement to ensure compliance of the by-laws that are in place.

The salient points of discussion relating to power assisted bicycles (“e-bikes”) are as follows:

- Bike lanes on University Avenue from the University campus to downtown need to be improved
- Installing e-bike stations to park e-bike
- More bike lanes required
- E-bike riders must be 16 years of age, and no licence is required
- Volume has increase on trails due to e-bikes
- Maximum speed an e-bike can travel is 32kms/hour
- E-bikes are allowed to travel where bicycles are allowed unless your jurisdiction amends by-law

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
THAT Traffic Bylaw 9148 **BE AMENDED** as follows:

“Power Assisted Bicycle (e-bike)” shall mean a power assisted bicycle as defined by the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H-8, as amended.

“Shared Pathway (multi-use trail, trail)” shall mean a separate trail or path from which motor vehicles are prohibited and which is for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians (including skaters). Where such a trail or path forms a part of a highway, it is separated from the roadways for motor vehicle traffic by an open space, rumble strip, or barrier.

Part VII, REGULATIONS RE: BICYCLES

25 (1) No person shall ride a bicycle, with a wheel or wheels more than sixty centimetres (60 cm.) in diameter, or a Power Assisted Bicycle (e-bike) upon a sidewalk.

25 (2) No person shall operate a bicycle or a Power Assisted Bicycle (e-bike) on the E.C. Row Expressway or Dougall Parkway (between Roseland Drive East and Sixth Concession Road.)

25(2)Bi Subject to Section 25C., no person shall operate a vehicle other than a bicycle or a Power Assisted Bicycle (e-bike) in any lane or portion of a lane designated under Schedule "R" except:

25 (3) No person shall operate a Power Assisted Bicycle (e-bike) on a shared pathway (multi-use trail, trail).

THAT, the Use, Regulation, and Protection of Parks By Law 200-2002 **BE AMENDED** as follows:

DEFINITIONS 2.1(t) Vehicle includes a motor vehicle as defined in the *Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H-8*, as may be amended from time to time, and any bicycle, power assisted bicycle, carriage, wagon, sleigh or other vehicle or conveyance of every description, whatever the mode of power and includes in-line roller skates and skateboards, but excludes a wheelchair or similar device (powered or otherwise) used by an individual due to a disability, baby carriage or cart, child's wagon, child's stroller, child's sleigh, or other conveyance of like nature

AND

THAT Windsor Police Services **BE ADVISED** of these by law amendments for enforcement as resources allow.

Carried.

Item 3 M122-2011-Bellagio Street Closure Petition

Audrey Caffarena, resident of Bellagio Street

Audrey Caffarena, resident of Bellagio Street appears before the committee to request that the committee reconsider traffic calming measures for Bellagio Street, suggesting that the street is very narrow and was not built to accommodate such traffic volumes, and concludes by requesting that a cul-de-sac be added on the south side of Bellagio Drive as a traffic calming measure.

Andrew Brookes, resident of Bellagio Street

Andrew Brookes, resident of Bellagio Street appears before the committee to request that the committee reject the petition from the residents of Bellagio Street requesting the installation of a cul-de-sac, stating that a cul-de-sac hinders fire trucks, garbage removal and snow removal, and concludes by suggesting a temporary 4 way stop be installed.

The salient points of discussion relating to the Bellagio Street Closure Petition are as follows:

- 69% of residents would like cul-de-sac
- Average speed on the street is not an issue
- Street does not meet the criteria for traffic calming initiatives
- Traffic counts do not warrant speed cushions

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,

THAT the report of the City Engineer dated June 14, 2012 entitled "M122-2011 – Bellagio Street Closure Petition" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further

THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to proceed with the purchase and installation of speed cushions on Bellagio Street, and that Administration provide details as to the cost and where the speed cushions will be installed on the street.

Carried.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

Minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee meeting held May 9, 2012

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,

THAT the minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee meeting held May 9, 2012 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee meeting held March 29, 2012

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Payne,

THAT the minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee meeting held March 29, 2012 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority meeting held March 6, 2012

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,

THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority meeting held March 6, 2012 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Item 4 Jubilee Park Improvements

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Payne,

THAT Council **APPROVE** the attached concept plan designed by Parks and Facilities for Walkerville Jubilee Park. (See Appendix A) and;

THAT Council **DIRECT** Parks and Facilities to prepare plans and specifications based on the design in Appendix A, to the satisfaction of the Executive Director of Parks and Facilities and;

THAT Council **DIRECT** Parks and Facilities to construct the improvements as outlined in Appendix A subject to funding being received from Walkerville BIA in the amount of \$15,000 and Ward funds identified in Capital Budget in 2010 Capital Project 7031109-Neighbourhood Park Redevelopment in the amount of \$6,000 and;

THAT Council **ACCEPT** funds for improvements to Walkerville Jubilee Park from the Walkerville BIA in the amount of \$15,000 (see Appendix B) and;

THAT additional funding for park improvements **BE APPROVED** under the 2012 Capital budget line item PFO-014-12 "Partnerships" in the amount of \$21,000. This capital budget item has been created for community initiatives looking for matching dollars.

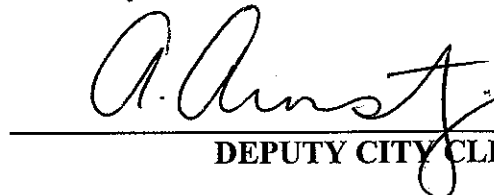
Carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:50 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment and Transportation Standing Committee will be held July 25, 2012.



CHAIRPERSON



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