



## CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 07/21/2021

### Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

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

#### **Members Present:**

##### **Councillors**

Ward 1 - Councillor Francis

Ward 2 - Councillor Costante

Ward 4 - Councillor Holt (Chairperson)

Ward 8 - Councillor Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor McKenzie

Clerk's Note: Members participated via video conference, in accordance with Procedure By-law 98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic participation during a declared emergency.

#### **ALSO PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:**

Mark Winterton, Commissioner of Infrastructure Services

Dwayne Dawson, Executive Director of Operations / Deputy City Engineer

Tyson Cragg, Executive Director of Transit Windsor

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to order at 4:31 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 June 23, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Costante

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held June 23, 2021 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 216/2021

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

None requested.

### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

### 6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

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### 7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

#### 7.1. Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Regular Board Meeting Minutes - May 4, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor Costante

Decision Number: **ETPS 837**

THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) of its Regular Board meeting held May 4, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 194/2021

Clerk's File: MB2021

#### 7.2. Minutes of the Vision Zero Stakeholder Group of its meeting held May 25, 2021

Councillor Kaschak inquires about the inaugural meeting of the Vision Zero Stakeholder Group. Councillor Holt provides a brief outline, including that it was an introductory meeting that provided information related to the difference between the working group and the advisory group and laying out the guidelines. Councillor Holt indicates that the next meeting has been scheduled and the committee is moving forward.

Councillor Kaschak commends the ambitious timeline and the group involved.

Councillor McKenzie also commends the group and timelines and indicates that it may be useful to quantify maintaining the status quo. Councillor McKenzie indicates that there is excellent data included related to collisions, specifically types, numbers, and modalities involved.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about the accidents outlined in the stakeholder minutes and whether costs related to Emergency Services and insurance costs are available. Councillor McKenzie also inquires as to the cost to the community to address them and requests that Mr. Hagan brings forward this request to be addressed at a future Vision Zero Stakeholder Group meeting.

Administration will provide this request to Mr. Hagan to address at the next stakeholder meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 838**

THAT the minutes of the Vision Zero Stakeholder Group of its meeting held May 25, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

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Report Number: SCM 195/2021

Clerk's File: MB2021

### 7.3. Minutes of the Transit Windsor Advisory Committee of its meeting held February 16, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak  
Seconded by: Councillor Francis

Decision Number: **ETPS 839**

THAT the minutes of the Transit Windsor Advisory Committee of its meeting held February 16, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 196/2021

Clerk's File: MB2021

### 7.4. Minutes of the Town & Gown Committee of its meeting held April 1, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Costante  
Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 840**

THAT the minutes of the Town & Gown Committee of its meeting held April 1, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 198/2021

Clerk's File: MB2021

## 8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

### 8.1. Alley Standards Development – City Wide

Councillor Kaschak inquires whether cement alleys would be included as part of the approach. Dwayne Dawson, Executive Director of Operations, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Alley Standards Development – City Wide" and indicates that the main focus of this report is on gravel and grass alleyways and to enhance a standard for those alleys.

Councillor Kaschak inquires about the number of kilometers of paved alleys in the City. Mr. Dawson indicates that there are approximately 80 km of paved alleys in the city.

Councillor Francis is in favour of the status quo and asks for confirmation related to the City's current approach related to alleys, i.e. to divest or encourage purchase to abutting land owners.

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Mr. Dawson indicates that the Councillor is correct and that abutting homeowners are asked to care for those types of alleys.

Councillor Francis inquires about the financial implications of enhanced standards and whether increasing standards for alleys would require more capital resources, or an increase to the future capital budget. Mr. Dawson indicates that some request will come forward for capital funding and an enforcement strategy as well.

Councillor Francis inquires whether taking on this enhanced service standards for alleys will take away capital costs from front facing infrastructure. Mark Winterton, Commissioner of Infrastructure Services, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report “Alley Standards Development – City Wide” and indicates there are costs associated with any service and that the level of service is determined by Council based on administrative recommendations. If Council chooses to increase the level of service, funding would be required.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about quantifying this service with a potential climate change impact benefit. Mr. Dawson indicates that enhancement to alleys would potentially encourage different modes of active transportation and have an impact on climate change.

Councillor McKenzie inquires as to how impactful the increased alley standards would have on climate change goals for the community. Mr. Winterton indicates that if standards were developed to implement green infrastructure, quantifying may not be possible now although this infrastructure can potentially mitigate climate change in the future, although it is difficult to measure the possible full impact.

Councillor Costante inquires whether tracking of data includes how many resources, and how much the city dedicates to alley complaints of unpaved alleys, including insurance liabilities, and whether this can be part of the committee. Mr. Dawson indicates that 311 does compile that information related to complaints, and administration can work with legal for claims and quantify that as well.

Moved by: Councillor Costante

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 841**

THAT the report of the Engineer I dated June 4, 2021 entitled “Alley Standards Development – City Wide” **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to develop an Alley Standards and Development Committee as outlined in the report; and,

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THAT the Alley and Standards Development Committee **REPORT BACK** to City Council on the capital and annual costs associated with developing, maintaining and enforcing a set of standards for all of the City's alleys.

Carried.

Councillor Francis voting nay.

Report Number: S 69/2021

Clerk's File: SAA2021

### 8.2. Response to CQ 1-2021 – Benefits and Drawbacks of Developing a Preferred Contractor List for the Basement Subsidy Programs – City Wide

Councillor McKenzie provides some background related to his Council Question and appreciates the information in the report. Councillor McKenzie inquires as to the other measures to strengthen the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program (BFPSP) as stated in the report and whether administration can come back with a more fulsome report to address each point or can they just be implemented at the administrative level or is Council direction required. Mr. Winterton indicates that the preferred contractor list is not what administration would recommend. Mr. Winterton adds that logistics related to that would be difficult; some measures can be implemented at low cost, including the marketing and education items. Administration can provide more detailed verbal information when this report proceeds to Council, including financial impacts.

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 842**

THAT the report of the Executive Initiatives Coordinator dated May 18, 2021 entitled "Response to CQ 1-2021 – Benefits and Drawbacks of Developing a Preferred Contractor List for the Basement Subsidy Programs – City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT Administration **PROVIDE** additional information including recommendations related to other measures to strengthen and enhance the Basement Flooding Subsidy program for residents, and that this information **BE PROVIDED** to Council when the report moves forward for Council's consideration.

Carried.

Report Number: S 54/2021

Clerk's File: SW2021

## 9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

### 9.1. The Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor - Actuarial Valuation as at December 31, 2020 - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

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Decision Number: **ETPS 843**

THAT the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors and City Council:

- I. **APPROVE** the Actuarial Valuation of the Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor as at December 31, 2020; and,
- II. **DIRECT** the Deputy Treasurer – Financial Accounting and Corporate Controls, as the Plan Administrator, to forward the Actuarial Valuation as at December 31, 2020, to the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions and to the Canada Revenue Agency.

Carried.

Report Number: S 90/2021

Clerk's File: AS2021

### 9.2. The Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor – Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 - City Wide

Councillor Francis inquires about the financials. Tyson Cragg, Executive Director of Transit Windsor, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report “The Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor—Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 – City Wide” and indicates that no issues were identified and that the information is simply provided for information and direction.

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 844**

THAT the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors and City Council:

- I. **APPROVE** the Audited Financial Statements as at December 31, 2020, of the Contributory Pension Plan Fund for Employees of Transit Windsor; and,
- II. **DIRECT** the Deputy Treasurer - Financial Accounting and Corporate Controls, as the Plan Administrator, to file the financial statements with the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada (OSFI).

Carried.

Report Number: S 91/2021

Clerk's File: AS2021

### 10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None presented.

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### 11. QUESTION PERIOD

None registered.

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:21 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held September 22, 2021.

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Ward 4 – Councillor Holt  
(Chairperson)

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Supervisor of Council Services