



CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 10/27/2021

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 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:

Chris Nepszy, Commissioner of Infrastructure Services

Shawna Boakes, Executive Director of Operations / Deputy City Engineer

Jake Renaud, Senior Manager of Pollution Control / Deputy City Engineer

Rob Vani, Manager of Inspections / Deputy Chief Building Official

Karina Richters, Supervisor of Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change

Jeff Hagan, Transportation Planning Senior Engineer

Rania Toufeili, Policy Analyst

Edward Novak, Staff Sergeant, Windsor Police Services

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk / 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 4:31 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 September 22, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Francis
Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting (excluding Transit Matter items) held September 22, 2021 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Moved by: Councillor Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting (Transit Matter items only) held September 22, 2021 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 323/2021

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

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6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.3. Drouillard Road (Wyandotte Street to Seminole Street) - Traffic Calming - Ward 5

Shane Potvin, Chair of Ford City BIA

Shane Potvin, Chair of Ford City BIA, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Drouillard Road (Wyandotte Street to Seminole Street) - Traffic Calming - Ward 5" in support of the plan and indicates that traffic calming has been a big issue in Ford City for some time. Mr. Potvin adds that the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) has been a massive success and has ignited interest in the area, including rejuvenating buildings. Mr. Potvin indicates that since 2020 there has been big growth in the area with a number of new retail establishments coming in; as a result, it is necessary to attempt to slow the traffic down in the area as more people come into the area. Mr. Potvin indicates that he has spoken with the Transportation Planning department related to a few concerns with the plan and will hopefully be working with the City to address them. Mr. Potvin concludes by suggesting that slowing down speeding where it starts is key and that allowing parking on both sides of the street is warranted and that the BIA supports the proposed plan.

Melissa Kozak, Area Resident

Melissa Kozak, area resident, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Drouillard Road (Wyandotte Street to Seminole Street) - Traffic Calming - Ward 5" and expresses concerns with the proposed bump-outs in her area as there are several businesses which utilize car carriers unloading; this may reduce lanes and cause increased traffic and may negate her ability to leave her driveway in a timely manner; and concludes by suggesting that this traffic may also hinder the access of emergency vehicles to the area.

Richard St. Denis, President of Unifor Windsor Regional Environment Council

Richard St. Denis, President of Unifor Windsor Regional Environment Council, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Drouillard Road (Wyandotte Street to Seminole Street) - Traffic Calming - Ward 5" and indicates that the traffic calming in the area will alter driver behaviour when the police are not there, improve conditions for safety for pedestrians, plan to effectively reduce speeds, and move trucks off of Drouillard Road. Mr. St. Denis adds that curb extensions will improve sightlines and parking on both sides of the street will help with speeding concerns. Mr. St. Denis urges the members to approve the project to get it moving as people in the area deserve action and that Council support the project funding during budget deliberations.

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Lance Stoyshin, Manager of Essex Linen Supply

Lance Stoyshin, Manager of Essex Linen Supply, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Drouillard Road (Wyandotte Street to Seminole Street) - Traffic Calming - Ward 5" and expresses some concern with the proposed project. Mr. Stoyshin indicates that he is glad to see improvement to the area with new development, although parking in his area is a concern and the proposed bump-outs near his business is where he receives deliveries and big trucks cannot access the alleys, so he is very concerned as to how he will get his deliveries if this plan is put into effect.

Councillor McKenzie inquires as to the parking, access to alley, and unloading concerns that were expressed by Mr. Stoyshin. Jeff Hagan, Transportation Planning Senior Engineer, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, "Drouillard Road (Wyandotte Street to Seminole Street) - Traffic Calming - Ward 5" and indicates that in his previous conversations these concerns were not identified and that administration will look at it again and review the plan to address their issues.

Councillor McKenzie inquires whether this pause will delay the project and compromise the timelines. Mr. Hagan indicates that it will not.

Councillor Kaschak requests that the delegate expand on the car carrier unloading situation. Ms. Kozak provides details related to the exact location of loading/unloading.

Councillor Kaschak inquires as to the zoning in the area and whether accommodations to the plan for these issues can be made. Mr. Hagan indicates that he will speak to the owners.

Councillor Francis inquires about the financial implications and that these issues occur in all wards. Administration provides the process related to budget review and deliberation.

Councillor Francis indicates that based on the severity of the issue, administration should provide a recommendation during budget related to prioritization. Mr. Hagan indicates that there is language in the traffic calming policy related to how projects should be prioritized based on a scoring system. Mr. Hagan adds that it is a bit different with this Drouillard project as there is streetscaping involved also and this would have to be balanced against other priorities that Council decides upon.

Councillor Holt inquires as to how many traffic calming plans are at this level. Mr. Hagan indicates this is the only one being brought forward at this point, other projects will be coming up. Mr. Nepszy provides the financial implications of this project.

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

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Decision Number: **ETPS 866**

1. THAT the report of the Policy Analyst, dated August 13, 2021, entitled “Drouillard Road (Wyandotte Street to Seminole Street) – Traffic Calming – Ward 5” **BE RECEIVED** for information.
2. THAT the Traffic Calming and Streetscaping Plans for Drouillard Road described in report S 109/2021 **BE ENDORSED** by Council.
3. THAT funding of \$2,272,610.99 for the Traffic Calming & Streetscaping components of this project **BE REFERRED** to the 2022 capital budget.
4. THAT, in consideration of the approval rate from residents who responded to the survey, substantial previous consultation for both the Drouillard Road traffic calming project and the Ford City Community Improvement Plan, and challenges in carrying out public consultation during the pandemic, the Traffic Calming Policy **BE WAIVED** to allow the Drouillard Road traffic calming project to proceed despite the approval poll not having achieved the minimum response rate.

Carried.

Report Number: S 109/2021

Clerk's File: ST/13863

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority Regular Board Meeting Minutes - July 6, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 862**

THAT the minutes of the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) of its Regular Board Meeting held July 6, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 326/2021

Clerk's File: MB2021

7.2. Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority Regular Board Meeting Minutes - September 15, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Costante

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Decision Number: **ETPS 863**

THAT the minutes of the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) of its Regular Board Meeting held September 15, 2021 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 335/2021

Clerk's File: MB2021

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Response to Council directive regarding applying a climate lens to the City's purchasing practices - City Wide

Councillor McKenzie indicates that there are already measures that are embedded in the procurement policy, regarding environmentally sustainable choices, and whether this is currently a priority in the procurement process. Karina Richters, Supervisor of Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to council directive regarding applying a climate lens to the City's purchasing practices – City Wide" and indicates that the environmentally sustainable choices option will be strengthened as part of this perspective. Ms. Richters indicates that this is currently part of the purchasing by-law indicating more sustainable environmentally friendly purchases are suggested. Ms. Richters adds that this policy will rationalize this so that everyone can be reminded to include this in their review process.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about best practices in the sector. Ms. Richters indicates that administration is highlighting what other municipalities are doing and could easily learn from others experiences.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about adding these layers in the process and whether administration can quantify the level of onerousness. Ms. Richters indicates that administration will identify actions that would not add a huge burden and would reduce stress on administration. The administrative guide would be updated, and they would use lessons learned from other municipalities, including comparing products, opening up opportunities to share information with other municipalities.

Councillor Francis inquires about the financial component and the economic perspective, and would like reassurance that this implementation is not going to increase procurement costs because the City is looking for environmentally friendly products, which can be more costly. Councillor Francis adds that options should come back to council, then council would decide, and the procurement process should remain at the most cost efficient way of doing business. Jason Reynar, Chief Administrative Officer, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to council directive regarding applying a climate lens to the City's purchasing practices – City Wide" and indicates that financial sustainability is one of the City's top priorities and that administration would provide information on full life cycle costs of procurement including a business case to Council. Chris Nepszy, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services, appears via video

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conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to council directive regarding applying a climate lens to the City's purchasing practices – City Wide" and indicates the costs will still be investigated and it still has to make sense in terms of amounts spent. Mr. Nepszy adds that administration is looking at the over-arching sustainability and over the next 20 years whether it will save money.

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Francis

Decision Number: **ETPS 864**

- 1) THAT City Council **RECEIVE** the report of the Supervisor, Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change dated October 7, 2021, entitled "Response to Council directive regarding applying a climate lens to the City's purchasing practices – City Wide"; and,
- 2) THAT City Council **APPROVE** Administration proceeding with identified strategies for 2021/2022 including:
 - Form an internal Sustainable Purchasing Team;
 - Update current purchasing procedures/documents to ensure environmental sustainability and climate change is being considered;
 - Update the City's Sustainable Purchasing Guide (2015) to reflect updates for climate change considerations; and
 - Join the Canadian Collaboration for Sustainable Procurement for 2021/2022; and,
- 3) THAT Administration **REPORT BACK** to City Council by the third quarter (Q3) 2022 with a report on achievements and possible next steps; and further,
- 4) THAT Administration **REPORT BACK** to City Council related to potential fiscal impacts and how they may be mitigated through the development of a sustainable procurement process as outlined in the administrative report.

Carried.

Report Number: C 154/2021
Clerk's File: EI2021

8.2. Vision Zero Action Plan Development - Progress Report #1 - City-wide

Councillor Kaschak inquires about the red light cameras and their status. Shawna Boakes, Executive Director of Operations (Acting), appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Vision Zero Action Plan Development-Progress Report # 1 - City-wide" and indicates that a number of cameras are ready for installation and then programming, and it is anticipated that they will be up and running in November sometime.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about the funding in the current ongoing initiative fund, including which projects have been undertaken using those funds, and whether it is fully allocated for this

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year. Chris Nepszy, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services, will obtain the details and provide them to the Councillor. Mr. Hagan adds that the fund is currently used for sidewalk funding and that there is \$100,000.00 proposed in the fund for next year.

Councillor Costante inquires about the timelines of the next progress report and the final report. Mr. Hagan indicates that the final report is anticipated for the end of March of next year. Mr. Hagan adds that the next progress report is being worked on now and potentially will come to the Standing Committee in December or January.

Moved by: Councillor Francis
Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 865**

THAT the report of the Transportation Planning Senior Engineer dated September 1, 2021 entitled "Vision Zero Action Plan Development – Progress Report #1 – City-Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report Number: S 92/2021
Clerk's File: ST/13714

8.4. 2019 Road Safety Report - City-wide

Councillor Costante inquires about the rise in numbers in collisions by year in 2006 to 2010 and then there was a decline for 3 to 4 years and now the trend seems to be increasing again, and whether there is a correlation with anything with the numbers. Jeff Hagan, Transportation Planning Senior Engineer, indicates that during the increases it was in relation to the population. Mr. Hagan adds that there was a decrease when the population was lower also when the GM plant closed, potentially it could be related to less commuting.

Councillor Kaschak commends administration for the good information in the report.

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Costante

Decision Number: **ETPS 867**

THAT the report of Transportation Planning Senior Engineer, dated September 27, 2021, entitled "2019 Road Safety Report – City-Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report Number: S 136/2021
Clerk's File: MT2021

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9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

None presented.

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None presented.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

None registered.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:27 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held November 24, 2021.

Ward 4 – Councillor Holt
(Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk /
Supervisor of Council Services