

Minutes
Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee
City of Windsor

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
4:30 o'clock p.m.

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 8 – Councillor Marra (Chairperson)
Ward 10 - Councillor Borrelli
Ward 4 - Councillor Holt
Ward 9 – Councillor Payne

Members Absent

Ward 1 - Councillor Francis (City Business)

Also present are the following from Administration:

Helga Reidel, Chief Administrative Officer
Carolyn Brown, CLT Transportation Services
Mark Winterton, City Engineer
Dwayne Dawson, Executive Director of Operations
Wes Hicks, Senior Manager of Infrastructure and Geomatics, Deputy City Engineer
Josette Eugenie, Manager of Transportation Planning
Karina Richters, Supervisor of Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change
Dustin Carey, Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator
Anna Ciacelli, Supervisor of Council Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to order at 4:35 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

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3.1. Minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held January 20, 2016

Moved by: Councillor Payne
Seconded by: Councillor Holt

That the Minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting (excluding Transit matter items) held January 20, 2016 **BE APPROVED** as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Holt
Seconded by: Councillor Payne

That the Minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting (Transit matter items only) held January 20, 2016 **BE APPROVED** as presented.
Carried.

Agenda Item: SCM 8/2016

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

See Administrative Items 8.1 and 8.4 below.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

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7.1. Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission meeting held January 27, 2016

Moved by: Councillor Payne
Seconded by: Councillor Holt

Decision Number: **ETPS 351**

That the Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission meeting held January 27, 2016 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Agenda Item: SCM 10/2016

7.2. Report No. 93 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (Marathon Petroleum)

Moved by: Councillor Borrelli
Seconded by: Councillor Payne

Decision Number: **ETPS 352**

That Report No. 93 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (Marathon Petroleum) **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Agenda Item: SCM 9/2016

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Response to CQ54-2015 and CQ62-2015 - Wards 1 and 10

Lori Newton, Executive Director, Bike Friendly Windsor Essex

Lori Newton, Executive Director, Bike Friendly Windsor Essex, appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the report entitled—Response to CQ54-2015 and CQ62-2015, and provides some details regarding her concerns with the Dougall Avenue area with respect to cyclists. She reiterates the need for cyclists to get from one end of the City to the other safely. She states that this corridor cuts off North/South transportation for cyclists. She also states that cyclists are unable to access employment opportunities because they can't access this route. Ms. Newton would like the committee to consider enhancing markings with arrows and reducing the speed limit to 50km/hr. She also suggests narrowing the motorist lane to provide a small cycle lane.

Amy Farkas, representing the Windsor Bicycling Committee

Amy Farkas, representing the Windsor Bicycling Committee, appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the report entitled—Response to

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CQ54-2015 and CQ62-2015 and expresses concern with not enacting some of the interim measures in a timely fashion. She encourages that the committee consider reducing posted speed limits and concludes by suggesting that the lack of compliance by motorists should be enforced by Windsor Police and the focus of Council should be on the interim measures.

Councillor Payne comments that he is in favour of alternative transportation although narrowing the traffic lanes is a concern. He suggests that there isn't room to accommodate this request. Ms. Newton suggests the road would have to be widened, and reducing the speed limit would make a big difference.

Councillor Payne inquires as to whether bike lanes beginning on Dougall and all the way to Ouellette would be possible. Josette Eugenie, Manager of Transportation Planning appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and indicates there may not be enough space to accommodate this request on the overpass. Ms. Newton comments that this should be investigated with the Planning Department and that bike lanes downtown would encourage people to stop at shops, etc. Perhaps paint and signage can be accommodated.

Councillor Borrelli states that alternative transportation is the future. He inquires as to whether Ms. Newton thinks that the 50km/hr reduction in speed limit will help. Ms. Newton is confident that lowering the posted speed limit to 50km/hr would make a great difference in the area.

Councillor Borrelli inquires whether Ms. Newton would feel more comfortable cycling on the road due to the reduction. Ms. Newton responds that she would feel more comfortable with the reduced speed limit.

Dwayne Dawson, Executive Director of Operations, appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and indicates the route in question is a truck route and certain requirements regarding width are required. He suggests that shrinking the lane width would not be the safest passage way. Administration is not against reducing the speed limit option that was put forward.

Ms. Eugenie provides the difference between the two signs in question, the share the road sign and the single file. Using these types of signs acknowledge that bikes travel the road but there is not sufficient width, and it encourages travelling in single lanes.

Councillor Holt agrees that an interim solution is necessary until some permanent solution is provided. Administration indicates lane widths are substandard for sharrows they are meant for sufficient width roads as a result administration is not recommending them for this usage from a safety point of view. Administration indicates there is no easy solution in this case and certainly speed reduction can be a possible solution for the interim. Sharrows would be recommended for wider lane applications.

Councillor Payne questions the use of painted arrows. Councillor Payne suggests a report back on the feasibility of the arrows distinct from the diamond symbol. Administration indicates the diamond symbol is for reserved lane marking. It is intended for use in a particular lane as a designation. Administration indicates that the arrow is usually used in areas of confusion. They

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indicate across Ontario the painted diamond and the bicycle in the lane is a constant. Councillor Payne suggests that the arrow is more direct and descriptive. Administration indicates that adding the arrows with the diamond and the bicycle may be an option which also carries minimal additional costs.

Moved by: Councillor Holt

Seconded by: Councillor Payne

Decision Number: **ETPS 353**

- I. That the report of the City Engineer in response to CQ54-2015 and CQ62-2015 dated February 3, 2016, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,
- II. That the speed limit in the area of the Central Box **BE REDUCED** to 50km/hr from the current limit of 60km/hr; and further,
- III. That WC-24 signage and sharrows **BE INSTALLED** in the Central Box area.
Carried.

And,

Moved by: Councillor Payne

Seconded by: Councillor Holt

- IV. That Administration **REPORT BACK** with a funding source to be used to implement the use of painted directional arrows in addition to the standard diamond and bicycle painted symbols on Dougall Avenue in both directions.
Carried.

Agenda Item: S 32/2015

Clerk's File: ST2016

8.2. Update of Provincial Climate Change Initiatives - City Wide

Councillor Holt inquires as to how the initiatives come into play with existing by-laws, also how Green house gas mitigation is reflected in the report as well how it relates to the City. Dustin Carey, Environment and Sustainability Coordinator, appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and provides a brief outline about the administrative report and the current status of the plan, as well as options that are outlined for decision making purposes. He indicates it's an ongoing process that will probably take two years.

Mr. Winterton indicates he is working with the Supervisor of Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change to complete a master plan which would include best practices to be used in reducing emissions on a daily basis and other means of operating more efficiently.

Ms. Reidel indicates this type of plan would be built into all the work that the City does. She reminds the committee members that this initiative was not one of the high priorities in terms of the

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20 year visioning exercise. This item can be amended in that report if Council wishes to do so. Other alternatives include directing administration to modify existing report templates to highlight a section directly related to impact on environment, etc. Ms. Reidel indicates there will be a more detailed session in April which includes session with the consultant to educate Council regarding the process and legislation, etc. She adds education is key in determining limits/levels. This will not prevent Council in directing administration to perform daily road maintenance or in making expansion decisions on high carbon projects it will simply ensure that Council has the necessary information moving forward.

Moved by: Councillor Holt

Seconded by: Councillor Payne

Decision Number: **ETPS 354**

That the report of the City Engineer dated December 11, 2015, to provide an update on Provincial Climate Change Initiatives and the possible role of municipalities **BE RECEIVED** for information. Carried.

Agenda Item: S 67/2015

Clerk's File: EI/10822

8.3. **CQ70-2015 - Dougall Avenue Two-Way Conversion - Ward 3**

Andrew McIntosh, Resident

Andrew McIntosh, resident, appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report entitled—CQ70-2015 – Dougall avenue Two-Way Conversion, and provides a brief background citing concerns regarding traffic and requesting a stop sign on Pine and Dougall. He is encouraged by the plan to convert the road to 2-way traffic as it may help to slow traffic. He is also concerned with the speed limit being too high. He concludes by suggesting converting this road to 2-way traffic and adding traffic calming measures would be beneficial.

Councillor Bortolin, Ward 3 Councillor

Councillor Bortolin, Ward 3 Councillor, appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report entitled—CQ70-2015 – Dougall avenue Two-Way Conversion, indicating that the traffic concerns and safety concerns in the area had been mentioned to him during his campaigning on several occasions. He indicates that there is a noticeable drop in traffic on two-way parts of specific streets including Dougall, and Pelissier. Councillor Bortolin indicates that one-way streets are not always necessary and the City should revisit the purpose of one-way streets. He clarifies that the purpose of asking the Council question was to get the process to convert the one-way street to two-way traffic started.

Councillor Payne inquires as to why the street was made to be a one-way to begin with. Dwayne Dawson, Executive Director of Operations, indicates the reason is unknown. Although when the

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downtown was designed, there was an emphasis on movement of traffic to the downtown through one way streets. This also included timing of lights. Administration indicates possible solutions are traffic calming in that area. A lane of parking may have to be removed in certain areas as it is a transit route.

Councillor Holt inquires as to how many parking spots may be lost. Administration indicates the evaluation is not complete but there may be a number of spots impacted.

Councillor Borrelli states that this project is not be included in the 5 year capital budget. He cites budgetary implication concerns. Administration indicates changing signs and pavement markings are simple and would not require an Environmental Assessment. An engineering analysis would be required. Widening the road requires a more detailed analysis and Environmental Assessment.

Councillor Payne inquires whether the conversion is considered in isolation. Administration indicates that the engineering analysis includes effects of the conversion on parallel streets.

Moved by: Councillor Holt

Seconded by: Councillor Payne

Decision Number: **ETPS 355**

That administration **BE DIRECTED** to implement the following:

- **CARRY OUT** traffic and engineering studies to determine other changes needed to facilitate the two-way conversion (e.g. turning lanes at intersections, view obstructions to be removed at intersections), taking into consideration the Downtown Transportation Strategy as appropriate;
- Based on the results of the traffic and engineering study, **IDENTIFY** the appropriate project schedule under the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* ("the Class EA");
- **REPORT BACK** to Council on what is required to Carry out an environmental assessment or review as required by the selected Class EA;
- **CONSULT** with affected members of the public, stakeholders, and other agencies as required by the Class EA, guided by normal practice for the components of the design (e.g. if on-street parking removal is required, consult with affected property owners as would normally be done for an on-street parking removal);
- **PREPARE A REPORT** to Council for approval, detailing the recommended plan and providing a summary of feedback received during consultation.

Carried.

Agenda Item: S 76/2015
Clerk's File: ST 2016

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8.4. M461-2015 Improvements to Cycling and Pedestrian Pavement Markings

Lori Newton, Executive Director, Bike Friendly Windsor Essex

Lori Newton, Executive Director, Bike Friendly Windsor Essex, appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report entitled—M461-2015 Improvements to Cycling and Pedestrian Pavement Markings, and indicates that the diamond is used in the BUMP master plan. She indicates arrows are used at the river front. She concludes by suggesting that more consistency should be utilized across the City as safety is a primary concern.

Amy Farkas, representing the Windsor Bicycling Committee

Amy Farkas, representing the Windsor Bicycling Committee appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report entitled—M461-2015 Improvements to Cycling and Pedestrian Pavement Markings speaking in favour of the administrative recommendations.

Moved by: Councillor Payne
Seconded by: Councillor Holt

Decision Number: **ETPS 356**

That report M461-2015 Improvements to Cycling and Pedestrian Pavement Markings **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT the 2016 Education and Awareness Campaign specifically target information supporting the correct direction of travel in bike lanes.

Carried.

Councillor Borrelli was absent at the time the vote was taken on this matter.

Agenda Item: S 5/2016

Clerk's File: MB2016

8.5. Response to CQ's 67 & 68-2015 - Local Improvement of Rural Cross-section Roads

Councillor Payne inquires as to where reconstruction/rehabbing of these rural cross section roads fit into this report and whether all 73 km need rehabilitation. Mark Winterton, City Engineer, indicates a vast majority of these roads are in the now deficient category. Most of these roads require reconstruction or mill and pave. A great deal of funding would be required to bring them up to standard. This would be the first step in a long process.

Councillor Payne reiterates that the amount of work to be completed is substantial with little/no funding available and that he believes it's extremely unlikely that these roads will ever be

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addressed. Most residents in the area are not in favour of a Local Improvement Petition. Mr. Winterton indicates active lobbying to the Province for long term sustainable funding is key, as well as the Federal Government for infrastructure funding. He indicates petitions are in place for the area currently. Councillor Payne reiterates road rehabilitation or reconstruction in this area is a monumental task unless funding becomes available.

Moved by: Councillor Payne
Seconded by: Councillor Holt

Decision Number: **ETPS 357**

That the report of CQ's 67 and 68-2015 **BE RECEIVED** by Committee for information; and further, that this issue **BE REFERED** to the 2017 Capital Budget.
Carried.

Agenda Item: S 22/2016
Clerk's File: SW2016

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

None presented.

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None presented.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Holt inquires about a Ministry Infrastructure grant funding that he has heard will be available soon, and whether administration was aware of this funding. Administration indicates they will inquire about the program and the parameters of the program and will report back to Council regarding it.

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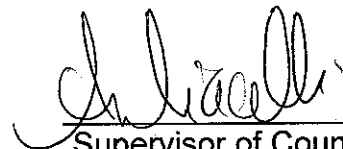
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12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 6:08 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held March 23, 2016.



Ward 8—Councillor Marra
(Chairperson)



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