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Windsor, Ontario, February 19, 2014

A meeting of the **Environment Transportation & Public Safety 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 Valentinis (Chair)
Councillor Gignac
Councillor Jones
Councillor Halberstadt
Councillor Payne

Also present are the following from Administration:

Helga Reidel, Chief Administrative Officer
Lee Anne Doyle, Chief Building Official
Rob Vani, Manager of Inspections
Ann Kalinowski, Manager of Bylaw Enforcement
Mark Winterton, Manager of Contracts and Field Services
John Miceli, Executive Director of Parks & Facilities
Michael Cooke, Manager of Planning Policy
Josette Eugeni, Manger of Transportation Planning
Michael Chanter, Supervisor of Licensing & Deputy Licence Commissioner
Robert Barlozzari, Council Assistant

Delegations:

Alyssa Bird (Item 3, by teleconference)
Ross Aiuto (Item 4)
Anthony Curtone (Item 4)
Paul Handsor (Item 2)
Walter Bezzina (Item 1)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 4:31 o'clock p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Gignac seconded by Councillor Jones,
THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee held December 18, 2013 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

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

None.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Item 3 Participation in "Opening Our Streets for Sport and Recreation" Program

Alyssa Bird, Project Manager, 8-80 Cities

Alyssa Bird, Project Manager, 8-80 Cities joins the Standing Committee meeting via Teleconference Call to speak in support of the administrative recommendations contained in the Administrative Report of the City Planner. Ms. Bird explains that other municipalities in Ontario have embraced the concept of closing public streets for recreational purposes, with Kingston and Thunder Bay being the most recent municipalities to do so.

The salient points of the discussion involving Participation in "Opening Our Streets for Sport and Recreation" Program are as follows:

- The event is in the early consultation stages
- 8-80 Cities will act as the project lead provided their experience with "open street" project across North America
- Recommendations, required approvals or increased costs will be forthcoming in future Council Reports after the consultation phase
- Collector roads with a large right of way may be preferred
- The event would be a community based effort to promote healthy living and strong vibrant communities
- Councillor Gignac suggests the possibility of these types of events occurring in residential neighborhood venues to offset the numerous large scale events that already occupy collector streets.

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Payne,

I **THAT** the offer from the Ontario Ministry of Sport and Recreation selecting the City of Windsor as one of four Ontario municipalities to participate in the 'Opening Our Streets for Sport and Recreation in Ontario' program **BE ACCEPTED**; and

II **THAT** Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to work with the 'Open Street' program coordinators to plan, develop, and implement temporary street opening events in 2014 and 2015 for the purpose of improving access to recreational opportunities;

III **THAT** the Planning Department's capital account 7131008 (Community Energy and Sustainability Model) **BE UTILIZED** to fund the Corporation's contribution of \$2,500 as a participant in the Opening Our Streets for Sport and Recreation in Ontario program; and

IV **THAT** future Council reports **IDENTIFY** specific project location (street openings) and planned events for the respective demonstration projects.

Carried.

Item 4 On-Street Parking Restrictions for Parent Avenue

Ross Aiuto, Mediterranean Seafood

Ross Aiuto appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee on behalf of his father, Frank Aiuto, owner of Mediterranean Seafood to request boulevard and on-street parking for clients attending the business located at 980 Parent Avenue. The construction of the round-about at Parent Avenue and Erie Street East in 2012 eliminated several on-street parking spots in front of, or near the building. A prior encroachment agreement from 1978 to 1994 had allowed two vehicles to park on the city right of way. A private parking space is utilized by a commercial truck, which encroaches the city property during loading and unloading.

At this time, Mr. Aiuto is requesting the reinstatement of two parking spots on the city right of way and one on-street parking spot in front of the property.

Anthony Curtone, Resident

Mr. Anthony Curtone appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee to express resident concerns with thirty minute on-street parking restrictions where residential properties are located north of the alleyway. Residents do not have concerns with on-street parking or requests for on-street parking in front of 980 Parent Avenue.

The salient points regarding On-Street Parking Restrictions for Parent Avenue are as follows:

- Commercial truck utilizes private property to the south of 980 Parent Avenue for parking. Encroaches city property during loading and unloading
- Property owner participated in pre-construction consultation phases of the Erie Street “La Bella Strada” project and was advised that on-street parking south of Erie Street East would not be affected. Construction of the round-about has since removed two on-street parking spots as a result of safety concerns
- Encroachment agreement for two parking spaces on the right of way, as currently being requested by property owners, was granted from 1978 to 1994. An updated agreement established in 1994 did not include parking on the city right of way, however the property owner advised that they may request reinstating the parking spaces at a future date
- Administration recommendations include:
 - one parking space on the city right of way directly in front of the building with an appropriate encroachment agreement
 - Commercial vehicle parking in the private parking space south of 980 Parent Avenue. An encroachment agreement is not required for loading or unloading
- Administration does not recommend:
 - parking space number three as identified in Appendix B of the Administrative Report as it may require vehicles to manoeuvre close to and near the city sidewalk
 - On-street parking as requested by the applicant in front of 980 Parent Avenue between the existing curb cuts due to the size of the space, which at 4.8 metres is shorter than standard parking space.

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Jones,

THAT the parking spaces 1, 2 and 3 as identified in Appendix B of the report submitted by the City Engineer entitled “On-Street Parking Restrictions for Parent Avenue” **BE APPROVED**, and further;

THAT an Encroachment Agreement **BE PREPARED** for parking space #2 for loading and unloading purposes, and further;

THAT one on-street parking space **BE PROVIDED** between the existing curb located in front of 980 Parent Avenue as requested by the applicant.

Carried.

Councillor R. Jones departs the meeting at 5:30 o’clock p.m.

Item 2 CQ24-2013 Bruce Avenue and Caroline Street All-Way Stop Request

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt

THAT rule 13.9 of the Procedure By-law 98-2011 **BE WAIVED** in terms of notice provisions to allow Mr. Paul Handsor to come before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to speak on Item #2, CQ24-2013 Bruce Avenue and Caroline Street All-Way Stop Request.”

Carried.

Paul Handsor, Resident

Paul Handsor, resident, appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee to raise his concerns with the administrative recommendations to deny an all way stop at the intersection of Bruce Avenue and Caroline Street as a result of the number and severity of traffic accidents that have occurred at that intersection.

The salient points of the discussion regarding CQ24-2013 Bruce Avenue and Caroline Street All-Way Stop Request are as follows:

- Administrative Report provides 5 year collision history at the intersection of Bruce Avenue and Caroline Street
- 3 year collision history is examined when reviewing an all way stop requests
- Parameters as per the corporate All-Way Stop Policy have not been successfully fulfilled to allow for an all way stop at this intersection

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Gignac,

THAT the report authored by the City Engineer dated February 5, 2014 entitled “CQ24-2013 Bruce Avenue and Caroline Street, All-Way Stop Request” **BE RECEIVED** for information.

The motion is **put** and is **lost**, due to an equality of votes.

Aye votes: Councillor Payne, Councillor Gignac

Nay votes: Councillor Halberstadt, Councillor Valentinis

Abstain: none

Absent: Councillor Jones

Item 1 Amendments to Schedule 5 of the Public Vehicles Licensing Bylaw 137-2007 as a result of Taxi Course and Taxicab Vehicle Standards Inspection Lane no longer delivered by the Corporation of the City of Windsor

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Payne,
THAT rule 13.9 of the Procedure By-law 98-2011 **BE WAIVED** in terms of notice provisions to allow Mr. Walter Bezzina, General Manager, Veterans Cab Company to come before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to speak on Item #1, Amendments to Schedule 5 of the Public Vehicles Licensing Bylaw 137-2007 as a result of Taxi Course and Taxicab Vehicle Standards Inspection Lane no longer delivered by the Corporation of the City of Windsor
Carried.

Mr. Walter Bezzina, General Manager, Veterans Cab Company

Walter Bezzina, General Manager, Veterans Cab Company appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to address his concerns regarding trip fare meters, specifically noting that there is no avenue to test their accuracy and calibration as a result of administrative changes regarding taxicab inspections. Mr. Bezzina requests the matter be studied and discussed in greater detail.

The salient points of the discussion regarding Amendments to Schedule 5 of the Public Vehicles Licensing Bylaw 137-2007 as a result of Taxi Course and Taxicab Vehicle Standards Inspection Lane no longer delivered by the Corporation of the City of Windsor are as follows:

- Potential for clients to be unsuspectingly overcharged or undercharged
- Bylaw & Enforcement Office test and reseal trip fare meters upon receiving complaints from the public
- Bylaw & Enforcement had tested meters for accuracy twice annually during Safety Lane Inspections which are no longer being conducted by the corporation at this time

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,
THAT City Council **ADOPT** By-law ____ attached hereto as Appendix A, approving amendments to Public Vehicles Licensing By-law 137-2007 which are necessary as a result of By-law Enforcement no longer providing the taxicab driver training course and no longer conducting semi-annual vehicle standards inspections on taxi vehicles in the City of Windsor, and further

THAT Administration **MEET** with the taxi-cab industry and **BRING FORWARD** a recommendation to address fare meter accuracy and calibration.
Carried.

Councillor Jones was absent at the time the vote was taken.

7. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Minutes of the Town and Gown Committee meeting held October 15, 2013

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Gignac,
THAT the minutes of the Town and Gown Committee meeting held October 15, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Councillor Jones was absent at the time the vote was taken

Report No. 3 of the Rail Issues Committee (VACIS System)

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,
THAT Report No. 3 of the Rail Issues Committee (Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System) **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Councillor Jones was absent at the time the vote was taken.

Report No. 4 of the Rail Issues Committee (audit of CN Rail Crossing at Concession 7 – recent safety issues)

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,
THAT Report No. 4 of the Rail Issues Committee (audit of CN Rail Crossing at Concession 7 – recent safety issues) **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Councillor Jones was absent at the time the vote was taken.

Minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee meeting held December 5, 2013

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Payne,
THAT the minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee meeting held December 5, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Councillor Jones was absent at the time the vote was taken.

Minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee meeting held November 27, 2013

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Payne,
THAT the minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee meeting held November 27, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Councillor Jones was absent at the time the vote was taken.

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Item 5 Concrete Barriers (aka Jersey Barriers) on Vacant Properties

The salient points of the discussion regarding Concrete Barriers (aka Jersey Barriers) on Vacant Properties are as follows:

- Ontario Municipalities do not use alternate methods or means other than Jersey Barriers to deny, block or restrict access to private property for security purposes
- Potential of enhancing the aesthetics of the concrete barriers by painting or utilizing other methods such as using large planters may be hampered by increased graffiti or non-compliance with bylaw regulations
- Building Department will continue to monitor other measures that can secure property in the same manner

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Payne,

THAT City Council **RECEIVE** the following report in response to Councillor Valentinis' question; and further, that Administration **does not recommend** that any new by-laws, or changes to existing by-laws be implemented prohibiting the use of concrete barriers to restrict access to vacant commercial/industrial properties or parking areas, and that no time restrictions be implemented to restrict the amount of time temporary concrete barriers can be utilized to restrict access to private property.

Carried.

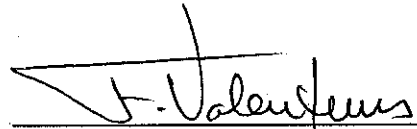
Councillor Jones was absent at the time the vote was taken.

9. **QUESTION PERIOD**

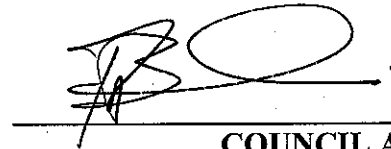
None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6.14 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee will be held March 19, 2014.



CHAIRPERSON



COUNCIL ASSISTANT