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Windsor, Ontario, December 18, 2013

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 Jones
Councillor Halberstadt
Councillor Payne

Absent: Councillor Gignac

Also present are the following from Administration:

Mario Sonogo, City Engineer
Mike Palanacki, Executive Director of Operations
Wes Hicks, Senior Manager, Infrastructure and Transportation Planning
/Deputy City Engineer
Josette Eugeni, Manger of Transportation Planning
Robert Barlozzari, Council Assistant

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**

None.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Payne
THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee held November 20, 2013 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

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

None.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None.

7. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

**Report No. 76 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee
(Ojibway Massasauga Recovery Project)**

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Payne
THAT Report No. 76 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee
concerning the Ojibway Massasauga Recovery Project **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

**Minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee meeting held
November 7, 2013**

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt
THAT the minutes of the Windsor Essex County Environment Committee
meeting held November 7, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Item 1 Downtown Windsor Transportation Strategy – Overall Objectives

Salient points of the discussion respecting the Downtown Windsor Transportation Strategy are as follows:

- The Transportation Strategy is not aimed at preventing vehicle access to the downtown
- The Transportation Strategy should identify where opportunities exist to increase pedestrian space and greening initiatives to make the downtown more inviting
- Aim of the strategy is to create an inviting environment
- Concept of a “Road Diet”; reallocating space in the right of way to incorporate increased green space, patio space for establishments
- Current and recent examples of a Road Diet approach include Erie Street, Ottawa Street and Wyandotte Street West

- Transportation Strategy should create a balancing act in the downtown between vehicle traffic and increased pedestrian facilities such as business and retail shops
- Winter months may not see a lack of pedestrian traffic in the downtown due to winter based events such as the Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Area (DWBIA) Winterfest events
- Public consultation will be included with this project
- Current identified boundaries include Riverside Drive to the North, Marentette to the East, Caron/Crawford Avenue to the West and Erie Street to the South, save except for Ouellette which extends to Gilles Boulevard
- Administration will not provide guidance about matters such as on-street parking. Successful consultant expected to listen and consider all information received
- Successful consultant to provide a specific strategy and define a plan that will enable the city to move forward and implement
- Environmental Assessment process has tools to address redundancy
- Consultant to review best practices/benchmarking with other Southern Ontario cities or examples of Transportation Strategies in other North American cities. Windsor's situation and findings may differ from other communities
- Successful consultant is expected to include Engineers, Planners and Landscape Architects in their submission.

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Jones

THAT the report "Downtown Windsor Transportation Strategy – overall Objectives" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign a contract not to exceed \$100,000 inclusive of taxes with the successful proponent of the RFP process, satisfactory in technical content to the City Engineer, in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in form to the City Solicitor.

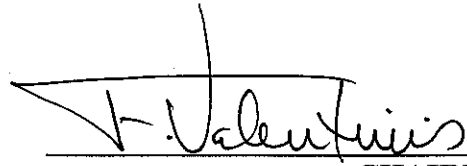
Carried.

9. **QUESTION PERIOD**

None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 5:08 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee will be held January 22, 2014.

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CHAIRPERSON

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several large, overlapping loops and a trailing flourish.

COUNCIL ASSISTANT