

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
Councillor Gignac

Also present are the following from Administration:

Shelby Askin Hager, Deputy City Solicitor/Manager Purchasing/Risk Management
Mike Palanacki, Executive Director of Operations
Wes Hicks, Senior Manager, Infrastructure & Transportation Planning/Deputy City Engineer
Josette Eugeni, Manger of Transportation Planning
Averil Parent, Environmental Coordinator (A)
Anna Ciacelli, Corporate Policy Coordinator (A)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 4:32 o'clock p.m.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None.

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

None.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

5. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None.

6. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Town & Gown Committee Bi-Annual Report 2013

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Gignac,
THAT the Town & Gown Committee Bi-Annual Report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission meeting held September 26, 2013

Councillor Halberstadt inquires about the issues regarding Mr. Ubavin, and the subject business property at 3527 Sandwich regarding their licence being revoked. He is concerned as to whether there are any property standards initiatives in relation to the property being undertaken or if some demolition is forecast for the property in the near future.

Shelby Askin Hager, Deputy City Solicitor/Manager Purchasing/Risk Management, responds that she is unaware of the property standards issues but will inquire and report back to the Councillor regarding it.

Councillor Jones indicates there is a meeting scheduled with the property owner and himself regarding the site and the contamination affecting the property.

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Payne,
THAT the minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission meeting held September 26, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission meeting held October 24, 2013

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Payne,
THAT the minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission meeting held October 24, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report No. 74 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (Western Lake Erie Watersheds Priority Natural Area Registry of Lands)

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Jones,
THAT Report No. 74 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (Western Lake Erie Watersheds Priority Natural Area Registry of Lands) **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report No. 75 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (DGR of low and intermediate level nuclear waste at the Bruce Nuclear Power Station site)

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Jones,
THAT Report No. 75 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee (DGR of low and intermediate level nuclear waste at the Bruce Nuclear Power Station site) **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

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

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

Minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee meeting held October 3, 2013

Councillor Gignac has some concerns regarding the committee establishing a sub-committee to move forward the issue of protecting trees on private property as referred to on page 3 of 6 of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee meeting minutes. A sub-committee was established and met with City administration to review existing private tree by-laws from various municipalities. Councillor Gignac indicates that Council should be directing administration to undertake studies regarding these types of issues. Mandates of Committees of Council may need to be reviewed or perhaps it should come to Council in the form of a Council question.

Councillor Halberstadt indicates they had a person from the community with a concern come forward to the committee and the committee wanted to review the issue.

Councillor Valentinis reiterates the concern is in terms of process, should City resources be used without Council approval. There is a process in terms of Council questions that could be useful to request Council's support in these types of cases.

Councillor Payne inquires as to whether an advisory committee has the authority to form a sub-committee utilizing City administrative resources.

Councillor Halberstadt indicates that recommendations coming forward to the committee are being researched more thoroughly prior to being recommended to Council. This was the case in forming the sub-committee.

Councillor Gignac would like to see the rules of how issues are brought to council by committees follow the council question process where the committee member would bring

up their request by registering a formal question. If Council would like to support the request they would vote in favour of the question.

Ms. Askin Hager, indicates that the process to form an ad-hoc subcommittee would usually be brought forward in the form of a committee report.

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Gignac,

THAT the minutes of the Windsor-Essex County Environment Committee meeting held October 3, 2013 **BE RECEIVED**, save and except the following motion contained in the minutes, which is to **BE REFERRED** to Council for consideration in terms of protocol for allocating staff resources to sit on any ad-hoc subcommittees:

"That the Private Tree By-law Subcommittee consisting of Councillor Halberstadt, J. Miller, M. Nelson and B. Wansbrough BE ESTABLISHED".

Carried.

Report No. 1 of the Rail Issues Committee (Terms of Reference Approval)

Councillor Payne inquires about the Original Transportation Study from 2008 and whether it will be investigated by the Committee.

Councillor Gignac indicates that the members will have an opportunity to review that Study and it will be considered at the next meeting.

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Jones,

THAT Report No. 1 of the Rail Issues Committee (Terms of Reference Approval) **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Rail Issues Committee meeting held August 27, 2013

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,

THAT the minutes of the Rail Issues Committee held August 27, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting held October 1, 2013

Councillor Gignac inquires about the IGRC-International Gas Recovery Cancellation specifically the section regarding reimbursement. Since the information cannot be provided at this time, Councillor Gignac will inquire when the item is presented at Council.

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Jones,
THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting held October 1, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Item 1 Report on the State of our Environment 2013

Councillor Payne inquires whether it is possible to get some further comments from administration regarding the “red x’s” such as energy consumption in a future report.

Averil Parent, Environmental Coordinator provides a brief summary of the report. Salient points of interest include:

- First report of the state of the City’s environment which includes trends over time.
- Shows how the environment has been improved or stayed the same.
- Highlights all of the good work the various City departments have been doing including investments, storm water infrastructure and education and their contributions which relates to the trends.
- Updating rainfall intensity, duration and frequency curves.
- Water quality improvements.
- Planning incentives will also contribute over time.
- Increased education in waste and composting will contribute over time.
- Next report will be produced in the next 5 years.

Councillor Gignac inquires as to meeting benchmarks with unknown circumstances, such as weather patterns. Ms. Parent indicates the curves will be updated regarding weather events, and updates to the storm retention basin also assists, although the data will still be impacted.

Councillor Gignac also comments on the data to improve our air/water quality. Our geographical location and proximity to the Detroit area which impacts our air quality result is little control outside of current national policies that are in place. This will impact whether our benchmarks are reached.

Ms. Parent indicates that air quality will be impacted. The US has done a great deal to improve industry standards which contributes to a decrease in the number of smog days.

Councillor Halberstadt inquires about several items in the report including:

- Air quality
- Ground Level Ozone
- Spike in Rainfall
- Detroit river quality basis of change to status
- Idling Issues/Transit Windsor
- Updating rainfall intensity, duration and frequency curves

- Downspout Disconnection
- Green Fleet Plan
- Population Density

Ms. Parent provides some general comments including:

- Air quality measurements are a 5 year measurement.
- The Ministry of the Environment Air Quality Ontario provides the monitoring equipment and the data.
- The monitoring of the Detroit River by the Detroit River Cleanup Committee has increased as well as the health of the river has improved over time.
- The report refers in general terms how exhaust and idling have an impact on the environment.
- Predicting trends based on the intensity, duration and frequency curves for future infrastructure projects.
- The boundary of the City of Windsor has remained the same; the area is the same although the population has decreased.

Mike Palanacki, Executive Director of Operations indicates the fleet manager is working on the greening of the current City of Windsor fleet with new vehicles having automatic shut offs. Retrofitting of older vehicles may be cost prohibitive.

Ms. Askin Hager, reiterates that the City of Windsor does not have written or unwritten policies that restricts bidders based on the origin of their products.

Councillor Valentinis inquires about the section regarding pools and facilities, and that it should be taken into consideration the size of pools.

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,

THAT the report authored by the Environmental Coordinator dated October 29, 2013 entitled "Report on the State of our Environment 2013" **BE RECEIVED** for information, and further

THAT an additional report **BE PROVIDED** with possible general next steps that could be taken to reverse negative environmental results as listed in the 2013 Report on the State of Our Environment, including identifying costs and investment to date.

Carried.

Item 2 Intersection Control Reviews—West of Mount Royal drive, Villa Maria Boulevard north to Mitchell Crescent

Councillor Payne inquires as to whether anyone is aware of the amount of fuel use and emissions that would result in this area when the implementation of the stop signs comes into effect.

Josette Eugeni, Manger of Transportation Planning, provides information from a report "*Impact of stops on vehicle consumption and emissions*" it provides the impact as minor in particular at low speeds.

Councillor Gignac inquires as to why this report is going forward prior to the completion of the traffic calming report for the area.

Ms. Eugeni indicates that this request is not part of the traffic calming policy review. It was a concern regarding the stop controls that existed in the area. This area was evaluated with the guidelines currently in place and it was determined that the area was lacking in stop signs and they are determined to be warranted in the area. All way stops requests are dealt with differently than stop control requests.

Councillor Jones indicates that there are no indicators of right of way in the area and this could be potentially dangerous, and it is unique to the City.

Moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Gignac,
THAT the Traffic By-law 9148 **BE AMENDED** as listed and attached in Appendix B of this report, and
THAT the City Solicitor **PREPARE** the necessary documents to amend the By-law.

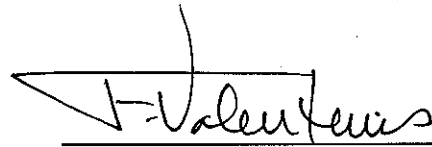
Carried.

8. **QUESTION PERIOD**

None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 5:51 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee will be held December 18, 2013.



CHAIRPERSON



COUNCIL ASSISTANT