

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Time: 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Members Present:

Chairperson

Chairperson Marra

Councillors

Ward 1 - Councillor Francis

Ward 4 - Councillor Holt

Ward 8 – Councillor Marra (Chairperson)

Ward 9 - Councillor Payne

Ward 10 - Councillor Borrelli

Also present are the following from Administration:

Mark Winterton, Community Leader, City Engineer

Dwayne Dawson, Executive Director Operations

Ray Mensour, Executive Director Recreation & Culture

Pat Delmore, Executive Director Transit Windsor

John Wolf, Senior Manager Traffic Operations

Cathy Masterson, Manager Cultural Affairs

Barry Horrobin, Director of Planning & Physical Resources

Sandra Gebauer, Council Secretariat

Delegations

Item 8.1 Steve Taylor, President, BT Engineering

Item 8.3 Sheila Wisdom, Executive Director, Windsor Symphony Orchestra

Item 8.3 Walter Cassidy, Walkerville Collegiate Institute, Arts Department Head

Item 8.3 David Lenz, President, Windsor-Essex Pride Fest

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to order at 4:30 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 of its meeting held June 20, 2018

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Borrelli

THAT the Minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held June 20, 2018 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 259/2018

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

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6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

See Item 8.1 and 8.3.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

None.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Tecumseh Road West Environmental Assessment - Final Draft ESR - Ward 3 and Ward 10

Steve Taylor, P. Eng. M. Eng. CVS-Life, P.E, President, BT Engineering

Steve Taylor, President, BT Engineering, appears before the Environment Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the report Tecumseh Road West Environmental Assessment – Final Draft ESR, and provides an overview of the site recommendations and explains to the Committee members that he is asking for direction to file the final study documentation. Mr. Taylor explains that the study area is along Tecumseh Rd. West from Crawford Avenue to Janette Avenue and was built on the Tecumseh Road West Corridor Master Plan (1994) and the Master Plan Addendum (2001) and adds that reconstruction has taken place on either side of this area. He explains that the vision for this section is to identify transportation improvements most importantly improve mobility and safety within the corridor. Two public consultations have taken place.

S. Taylor indicates that the recommendation is to continue with the at-grade improvement plan that was tabled in 2001 with a number of variations, adding that Tecumseh Road West will be widened to 5 lanes with a centre turn lane, new sidewalks and multi-use paths and a flatter horizontal curve west of the ETR crossing. Once the endorsement from Council is received they will commence the 30 day review period, notifying anyone that has been involved in any part of the study to make them aware of the review.

In response to Councillor Borrelli's request for clarification on the bike path/trails, S. Taylor explains that one side of the road will have a dedicated sidewalk and the other will have a multi-use path for pedestrians and cyclists that will include a boulevard between the travelway and the path.

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Moved by: Councillor Borrelli

Seconded by: Councillor Payne

Decision Number: **ETPS 619**

THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to issue the Notice of Study Completion of the Tecumseh Road West Environmental Assessment as per the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Planning Process to commence the 30-day review period immediately following finalizing the Environmental Assessment.

Carried.

Report Number: S 104/2018

Clerk's File: APM2018

8.2. Food and Organic Waste Study

Councillor Payne indicates that when he was a Board member of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority it was decided that they would not proceed with organic waste collection and that such a program is very expensive. He asks whether the expenditure requested to engage a consultant is justified.

D. Dawson, Executive Director, Operations confirms that organic waste collection is a program on its own, with its own collection vehicles and requirements but adds that there is a cost savings to regular refuse collections as it can go from weekly to every other week offsetting the cost of organic waste collection. He indicates that it is not known at this time if there will be a change to the legislation in the coming years as a result of the change in Government but adds that 2025 is an aggressive timeline to meet and therefore the City must proceed while keeping a close watch for any changes.

Councillor Francis asks whether a communication should be sent by Administration to the Provincial Government or the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority to ask whether there are any changes to the legislation due to the change in the Provincial Government, especially before any funds are committed to engage a consultant. D. Dawson indicates that a teleconference is already scheduled at which time the matter will be brought up.

Councillor Holt asks whether food and organic waste is a big enough ratio of our landfill that it would actually be possible to change to every other week refuse collection. D. Dawson indicates that kitchen waste is what causes the smell factor and the need to pick refuse up weekly therefore getting that collected weekly along with a stronger emphasis on recycling could allow for bi-weekly refuse collection.

Councillor Payne asks why the City of Windsor is the only Municipality in Windsor Essex that is required to do this. D. Dawson explains that its a Provincial requirement and that it is because of

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the population and the density of Windsor that we are forced to do so. Other municipalities don't meet the factors put out in the legislation.

Moved by: Councillor Francis
Seconded by: Councillor Holt

Decision Number: **ETPS 620**

THAT the report of the City Engineer dated June 21, 2018 regarding Food and Organic Waste Study **BE ACCEPTED**; and,

THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to engage a Consultant for the purpose of reviewing and analyzing the various methods of food and organic waste collection and treatment specific to the City of Windsor, at a maximum cost of \$85,000, to be funded from unallocated/available PYG dollars in 2021 (\$65,000) and 2022 (\$20,000); and,

THAT Administration **BE REQUESTED** to communicate with the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority as well as the Provincial Government requesting more information regarding this matter and direction moving forward.

Carried.

Report Number: S 105/2018
Clerk's File: E12018

8.3. Community Requests for Painted Crosswalks within Neighbourhoods - City Wide

Sheila Wisdom, Executive Director, Windsor Symphony Orchestra

Sheila Wisdom, Executive Director, Windsor Symphony Orchestra, appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the report Community Requests for Painted Crosswalks within Neighbourhoods and begins by thanking the administration for all of the research that was done and for preparing the report in response to public requests and suggestions. S. Wisdom explains that she is here to specifically address the request by Music Director Robert Franz for a painted crosswalk near the Capital Theatre. She indicates that a painted crosswalk can address such things as transportation and safety and can be a vehicle for community engagement and community pride. Additionally painted crosswalks visually enhance an area, become a design feature, encourage people to explore different areas or zones and provide opportunity for branding of a specific district.

S. Wisdom indicates that the timing is perfect in downtown Windsor, especially in light of the considerable public investment by the University of Windsor and St. Clair College, as well as the investments made by hotels and private investors. She adds that with the development of the School of Creative Arts and the old Armouries there is a cultural hub emerging. S. Wisdom refers

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to other community groups that are excited about this design element and look forward to being involved and seeing it implemented.

S. Wisdom speaks to the importance of a design motif and consistency adding that these painted crosswalks should link the cultural hub to other areas in the City, should be esthetically interesting and fun and should reflect who we are. She suggests that the Manager of Cultural Affairs be the entry point for these requests. S. Wisdom hopes that steps are taken soon to seek Council's approval, ensuring that implementation of design and installation can occur in the summer of 2019.

Walter Cassidy, Walkerville Collegiate Institute, Arts Department Head and David Lenz, President Windsor-Essex Pride Fest

Walter Cassidy, Walkerville Collegiate Institute, Arts Department Head, and David Lenz, President, Windsor-Essex Pride Fest, appear before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the report Community Requests for Painted Crosswalks within Neighbourhoods and speak to the benefits of a rainbow crosswalk as symbol for those in the community who don't feel connected or are discouraged. D. Lenz indicates that it would send a positive message that the City of Windsor is a great place to live and a place where it is okay to be who you are. It is their hope that the Committee members and ultimately City Council will approve this initiative that can serve as a reminder for those with power to look out for the vulnerable people, to respect the right of way and to let them pass unharmed.

Councillor Payne comments that the administrative report indicates that those making applications are to be responsible for completing the painting as per guidelines and standards to be set by the City and that funding would need to be provided by the applicant.

S. Wisdom responds that there are opportunities to engage other community groups and special interest groups. In terms of the city centre specifically, S. Wisdom indicates that the City has been talking about revitalization for many years but now there is momentum building. She adds that different areas and different interest groups can come together to make things happen. S. Wisdom suggests that Tourism funds could be considered for this project.

Councillor Francis explains that a policy is needed as well as a funding source. He refers to Tourism Funds and Ward Funds, which because of a recent change to the policy does allow for these types of community initiatives, he also suggests a cost recovery model. Councillor Francis indicates that a comprehensive report must come before City Council and should then be referred to the 2019 Budget deliberations. He is confident that a timeline of summer 2019 could be met.

Councillor Holt asks Administration whether they see an issue with putting a policy together outlining what interested groups can and cannot do and asks for some confirmation of what may be acceptable because groups are ready to begin fundraising.

C. Masterson, Manager, Cultural Affairs indicates that it is best to have a process in place but indicates that in terms of what has been presented this far nothing really stands out as being unacceptable. She adds that some modifications may be necessary.

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Councillor Payne asks about restrictions on the location of painted crosswalks, any safety implications, and the cost of materials. J. Wolf, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning indicates that arterial intersections may be discouraged and that districts and residential areas are best. He explains that the painted crosswalks are safe however materials used could have safety implications, for example, slip and falls. Finally J. Wolf explains that thermoplastic road marking paint is more costly while typical road paint is significantly less expensive.

J. Wolf adds that in many municipalities, private citizens or neighbourhood groups often work on painting these crosswalks turning it into a block party or community event.

Moved by: Councillor Francis
Seconded by: Councillor Holt

Decision Number: **ETPS 621**

THAT the report regarding Community Requests for Painted Crosswalks within Neighbourhoods **BE RECEIVED** by council for direction; and,

That Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to begin working on a Painted Crosswalks Policy that takes into consideration all possible funding sources, design criteria and safety matters; and,

That the matter **BE REFERRED** to the 2019 Operating Budget process.
Carried.

Report Number: S 109/2018
Clerk's File: ST2018 AFB/13207

8.4. Management of Municipal Drains - Drainage Superintendent

Moved by: Councillor Francis
Seconded by: Councillor Holt

Decision Number: **ETPS 622**

- I. That By-law 138/2008, appointing Anna Godo and Charles Armstrong as Drainage Superintendents **BE RESCINDED**; and further,
- II. That Fahd Mikhael **BE APPOINTED**, by By-law -----, as Drainage Superintendent, under the Drainage Act.

Carried.

Report Number: S 93/2018
Clerk's File: SW2018

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9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

9.1. The Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor - Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2017

Moved by: Councillor Francis
Seconded by: Councillor Borrelli

Decision Number: **ETPS 623**

THAT the Environmental, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors:

APPROVE the Audited Financial Statements as at December 31, 2017 of the Contributory Pension Plan Fund for Employees of Transit Windsor; and,

DIRECT the Executive Director of Transit Windsor, as the Plan Administrator, to file the financial statements with the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada (OSFI).

Carried.

Report Number: S 107/2018
Clerk's File: AF/11247

9.2. The Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor - Actuarial Valuation as at December 31, 2017

Moved by: Councillor Francis
Seconded by: Councillor Borrelli

Decision Number: **ETPS 624**

That the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors:

- I. **APPROVE** the Actuarial Valuation of the Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor as at December 31, 2017; and,
- II. **DIRECT** the Executive Director of Transit Windsor, as the Plan Administrator, to forward the Actuarial Valuation as at December 31, 2017 to the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions and to the Canada Revenue Agency

Carried.

Report Number: S 110/2018
Clerk's File: AF/11247

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10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None presented.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

None presented.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:38 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held August 29, 2018.



Ward 8 – Councillor Marra
(Chairperson)



Supervisor of Council Services