Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Time: 4:30 PM

Members Present:

Councillors
Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante (Chairperson)
Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie
Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak
Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie

PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Jelena Payne, Commissioner, Economic Development
David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer
Phong Nguy, Executive Director of Public Works Operations
Stacey McGuire, ED, Engineer/Deputy City Engineer
Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development
Mark Spizzirri, Manager, Performance Measurement & Business Case Development.
Tyson Cragg, Executive Director, Transit Windsor
Chris Gerardi, Policy Analyst
Ray Sayyadi, Transportation Planning Senior Engineer
Clare Amicarelli, Transportation Planning Coordinator
Michelle Moxley-Peltier, Energy Plan Administrator
Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to order at 4:31 o'clock p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Mark Mckenzie discloses an interest and abstains from voting on Item 8.1 being "Response to CR227/2024 DHSC 609 Regarding 6 story building with 54 Multiple Dwelling units, located at 835 Tecumseh Rd. E, 2148 Marentette – Ward 4 (S 149/2024)," as he is a member of the Giovanni Caboto Club.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino discloses an interest and abstains from voting on Item 8.1 being "Response to CR227/2024 DHSC 609 Regarding 6 story building with 54 Multiple Dwelling units, located at 835 Tecumseh Rd. E, 2148 Marentette – Ward 4 (S 149/2024)," as he is a member of the Giovanni Caboto Club.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE

3.1. Adoption of the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held October 30, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by:Councillor Mark McKenzie

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held October 30, 2024 **BE ADOPTED** as presented

Report Number: SCM 327/2024

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None presented.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None presented.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held July 10, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie
Seconded by:Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Decision Number: ETPS 1034
That the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) meeting held July 10, 2024 **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 330/2024

7.2. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held September 11, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: ETPS 1035
That the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) meeting held September 11, 2024 **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 331/2024

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Response to CR227/2024 DHSC 609 Regarding 6 story building with 54 Multiple Dwelling units, located at 835 Tecumseh Rd. E, 2148 Marentette – Ward 4

Councillor Kieran inquires if the City were to undertake the Traffic Calming Review regarding the development in that area, what municipal resources would be allocated to it, if any. David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 24, 2024, entitled “Response to CR227/2024 DHSC 609 Regarding 6 story building with 54 Multiple Dwelling units, located at 835 Tecumseh Rd. E, 2148 Marentette – Ward 4” and indicates that these types of traffic impact analyses are being funded by levy. They are, as part of the 2025 budget process, seeking cost appropriate cost recovery for staff hours spent on this type of review that are development triggered. The developer is not funding the analysis at this time.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether the proposal was for ingress/egress to be from Tecumseh Road and the committee asked if there was an opportunity to add this component.

Chris Gerardi, Policy Analyst appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 24, 2024, entitled "Response to CR227/2024 DHSC 609 Regarding 6 story building with 54 Multiple Dwelling units, located at 835 Tecumseh Rd. E, 2148 Marentette – Ward 4" and indicates that the original proposal was to have ingress/egress off Marentette. He adds, that through public input, this prompted the decision to offer ingress/egress from Tecumseh Road and the Caboto Club parking lot.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether the developer was required to undertake a traffic impact study as part of the proposal. Mr. Gerardi responds that they were required to submit a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) as a term of the re-zoning. When they go to site plan control, they will need a TIS.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires if the recommendation before the committee today is to receive, and the TIS will be received once the developer comes before the planning committee for rezoning. Mr. Gerardi indicates that as part of the Site Plan Control process they will receive the TIS.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires if they are able to ask the developer to do that heightened level of analysis within their TIS. Mr. Gerardi responds that the heightened level of analysis would be the responsibility of existing resources.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about the timeline and person hours required. Mr. Gerardi responds that the person hours depends on the scope of work.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires if the report is received today, it will proceed to planning. Mr. Gerardi adds that the residents have submitted traffic calming requests, so that process would play out either way.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires that if it turns out that there is a requirement to undertake additional analysis, the planning committee could direct the developer to undertake that. Mr. Gerardi indicates that the SPC does not come through the planning committee. Mr. Gerardi explains that the application has already been through rezoning, and as a condition of rezoning, we have applied the TIS to be received to ensure that there would not be a disruption to the neighbourhood.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether the TIS would come back to any committee of council, and whether they could direct administration to report back. Administration indicates that they could provide a summary of the report and present it to the committee.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires about option 1 in the report and whether it is redundant as residents have already submitted traffic calming requests. Mr. Gerardi responds that option 1 was to require a full neighbourhood review to offer a network-wide solution.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires if the conclusion section of the report indicates that there is evidence that a significant problem does not exist, would they expect to see anything different from this elevated study, from when this was approved at Council. Mr. Gerardi responds that it is possible that traffic conditions have changed, but also possible that they haven't. Administration indicates that a TIS does not include traffic calming or safety evaluation, it only

focuses on traffic generated by the development. It would have to be done in house or outsourced. Mr. Simpson adds that the half-day field work component would be required to analyze the data generated from the study. The whole neighbourhood review is a multi-week undertaking with the appropriate staff. The last TIS was completed in 2021 and there is a possibility that traffic conditions have changed.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether they are being premature in this study with respect to traffic calming before the development is approved. Mr. Simpson responds that they can do both and those recommendations could be presented to Council for consideration. The key would be ongoing monitoring once the development is up and running.

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: ETPS 1036
That the report of the policy analyst dated October 24, 2024, entitled "Response to CR227/2024 DHSC 609 regarding 6 story building with 54 Multiple Dwelling units, located at 835 Tecumseh Rd. E, 2148 Marentette" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to undertake Option 1 - Traffic Calming Review and Design (internal staff) – no additional cost, as outlined in the administrative report.
Carried.

Councillors Renaldo Agostino and Mark McKenzie disclose an interest and abstain from voting on this matter.

Report Number: S 149/2024
Clerk's File: Z/14755 & Z/14754

8.2. Response to CQ 7-2024 - Converting Downtown One-Way Streets to Two-Way Streets – Ward 3

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether they could focus on a few of the key streets to start as opposed to all nine to limit the scope. Mr. Simpson responds that minimizing the scope would decrease the budget required to undertake two of the nine streets.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires whether the first phase would include all nine streets. Clare Amicarelli, Transportation Planning Coordinator appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated September 9, 2024, entitled "Response to CQ 7-2024 - Converting Downtown One-Way Streets to Two-Way Streets – Ward 3" and responds that it would include all nine one-way streets.

Councillor Fabio Costante asks administration if there would still need to be a study for the two streets proposed by Councillor Gary Kaschak. Ms. Amicarelli responds that is correct.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino recommends that there be community consultation with all affected residents before undertaking the study.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether this type of decision and process would be incorporated into the vision zero process or is it separate. Mr. Simpson responds that there is a related component to a degree.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks if there is a study that goes forward, the vision zero implications would be factored into the analysis. Mr. Simpson responds that is correct.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires as to how the conversion of Pitt Street from a one-way to two-way came about. Ms. Amicarelli responds that in the 1960s congestion was observed on some of those streets and it was moving traffic away from the downtown area. The conversion was to encourage traffic to go back into the downtown area.

Councillor Mark McKenzie asks administration if there are any concerns about phasing it in instead of all at once. Ms. Amicarelli responds that there is the possibility of duplicate costs. The reports, public outreach components will need to be done multiple times as each phase is completed.

Councillor Mark McKenzie asks administration if there are any concerns of changing traffic patterns causing overload on other streets. Ms. Amicarelli responds that the study would review that and it would analyse the existing traffic patterns and traffic patterns after the conversion using simulation models. Mr. Simpson adds that there would be an ongoing monitoring phase to validate what would be predicted from the study.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires about the implications of adding other wards to this study. Mr. Simpson responds that there are economies to bundling.

Councillor Fabio Costante asks administration if there is a cost implication. Mr. Simpson responds that the cost is about $20,000 per street.

Councillor Fabio Costante asks administration to clarify the proper order of process. Mr. Simpson responds that the study would come first, and the public outreach would conclude the process.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: ETPS 1037
That the report of the Transportation Planning Coordinator dated September 9, 2024 entitled "Response to CQ 7-2024 – Converting Downtown One-Way Streets to Two-Way Streets – Ward 3" **BE RECEIVED**; and,

That administration **BE DIRECTED** to implement Phase 1 of One-Way to Two-Way Street Conversions and that the study include 11 streets including Lincoln and Gladstone in Ward 4 as opposed to the 9 indicated in the administrative report; and,

That administration **BE DIRECTED** to identify a funding source for the implementation of Phase 1 for Councils consideration.
Carried.

Report Number: S 116/2024
Clerk's File: ST2024

8.3. Update on Effectiveness of Wintertime Signage for Pedestrian Walkways

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks administration if the signs prohibit people from using the walkways in the winter. Phong Nguy, (Acting) Executive Director of Operations appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 29, 2024, entitled "Update on Effectiveness of Wintertime Signage for Pedestrian Walkways", and responds that the signs do not prohibit use of the walkways, they are there for liability purposes.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks administration if the cost for walkway maintenance has been evaluated. Mr. Nguy responds that they have not properly priced it out, but a rough estimate of $5,000 to $8,000 is per walkway.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to how many walkways we have in the city. Mr. Nguy responds that there are thirty-one walkways.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by:Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: ETPS 1038
That the report of the Coordinator Manitenance dated October 29, 2024 entitled "In response to CQ 5-2021 Update on Effectiveness of Wintertime Signage for Pedestrian Walkways" **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Report Number: S 150/2024
Clerk's File: SW2024

8.4. Tabling of the Draft Sandwich South: Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan - City Wide

Councillor Kieran asks administration if the standing committee would need to provide direction to ensure that all of the work that is informing the recommendations before the standing committee today be included in the reference to the advisory committee to help them go through the process the committee will undertake. Jelena Payne Commissioner, Economic Development appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated November 7, 2024, entitled "Tabling of the Draft Sandwich South: Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan - City Wide" and responds that most, if not all of the referred to documents are available on our website for public access.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether it is possible to consolidate those available reports into one package for the committee's agenda package. Ms. Payne responds yes, that is possible.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to what the expected timeline for the advisory committee to come back with a recommendation and would it come back to Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee or straight to Council.

Councillor Fabio Costante responds that it would come back to Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie indicates that there is an advisory committee meeting next week and is requesting that someone from administration be present to help lead the discussion at the advisory committee level and at the next meeting of Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee that a recommendation would come forward at that point. Ms. Payne responds that that would not be possible. Ms. Payne provides information related to the City's grant, this report and a Council Resolution pertaining to it needs to be provided to our funder by December 31st. We have requested an extension beyond December 31st which has been denied.

Councillor Fabio Costante asks administration if the implementation plan requires direction from this committee and Council direction. Ms. Payne responds that they would need direction from the committee and the whole of Council. The purpose of this report was to come up with best practices and to educate. This was intended to be a working document for City administration, City departments, stakeholders, land acquisition, growth for our community, which would then be used as a tool as those opportunities presented. If there is a desire of Council for us to proactively create an implementation plan, we would need direction to do that.

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: ETPS 1033

I. That the Sandwich South: Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan Summary Report (Appendix A), **BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**; and,

II. THAT the Sandwich South: Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan Summary Report (Appendix A) **BE PROVIDED** to the Environment and Climate Change Advisory Committee; and,

III. That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to Council with an implementation plan that considers the action items and the variety of factors that can affect the timeline of the implementation.

Carried.

Report Number: CM 12/2024
Clerk's File #: EI/10822

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

None presented.

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 5:15 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held January 29th, 2025.
Carried.

Ward 2 – Councillor Fabio Costante (Chairperson)	Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services