

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak Participates Via Zoom

Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie (Vice Chairperson)

Councillors Regrets

Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante (Chairperson)

**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

Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Human & Health Services

Janice Guthrie, Commissioner, Finance & City Treasurer

Dana Paladino, Acting Senior Executive Director Corporate Services

Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development

Phong Nguy, Acting Executive Director Operations/Deputy City Engineer

Stephan Habrun, Acting Executive Director Transit Windsor

Monika Grant, Director, Fleet & Facility Development

Natasha Gabbana, Senior Manager of Asset Planning

Ian Day, Senior Manager Traffic Operations/Parking

Craig Robertson, Manager of Licensing and Enforcement & Deputy Licence Commissioner

Mark Spizzirri, Manager, Performance Measurement & Business Case Development

Colleen Middaugh, Manager, Corporate Projects

Fahd Mikhael, Manager, Design

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Sandra Bradt, Executive Initiatives Coordinator.
Michelle Moxleypeltier, Community Energy Plan Project Administrator
Tracey Beadow, Project Administrator
Bill Kralovensky, Coordinator, Parking Services
Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice 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, and Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held January 29, 2025

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

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held January 29, 2025, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 34/2025

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

8.1. Options for Licensing Hotels and Motels - City Wide

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

THAT the report of the Manager of Licensing and Enforcement & Deputy License Commissioner dated February 13, 2025, entitled "Options for Licensing Hotels and Motels - City Wide" **BE REFERRED** to the Community Safety & Wellbeing Committee to allow for review and comment surrounding the issue of illicit activity happening in some facilities across the community.
Carried.

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Report Number: S 21/2025

Clerk's File: ACL2025

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presentd.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None presentd.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission of its meeting held December 5, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: ETPS 1046

THAT the minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission meeting held December 5, 2024, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 28/2025

7.2. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held January 7, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: ETPS 1047

THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board meeting held January 7, 2025, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 69/2025

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7.3. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held February 4, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: ETPS 1048

THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board meeting held February 4, 2025, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 71/2025

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.2. Proactive By-law Enforcement Strategies in Paved Alleys in Response to CQ 22-2023 - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: ETPS 1049

THAT the report of the Manager of Licensing and Enforcement & Deputy Licence Commissioner dated February 21, 2025, entitled "Proactive By-law Enforcement Strategies in Paved Alleys in Response to CQ 22-2023" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT City Council **SUPPORT** the proactive initiatives and deployment plan of By-law Enforcement resources to address issues in paved alleys and other areas in the City that may require a similar targeted approach.

Carried.

Report Number: S 23/2025

Clerk's File: SW2025

8.3. Pedestrian Generator Sidewalk on Garden Court Drive (East Side) from Sumach Crescent (North) to Edgar Street - Ward 6

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

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- I. THAT Council **APPROVE** the construction of a Pedestrian Generator Sidewalk on the east side of Garden Court Drive from Sumach Crescent (North) to Edgar Street as proposed in this report and outlined in Council Drawing C-3846 attached as Appendix B; and further,
- II. THAT costs related to the construction (estimated at \$56,400, excluding taxes) **BE CHARGED** to the Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project (Project No. 7045034); and further,
- III. THAT Council **PRE-APPROVE** and **AWARD** any procurement(s) necessary related to this project, provided that the procurement(s) are within the approved budget, pursuant to the Purchasing By-Law 93-2012 and amendments thereto satisfactory in legal content to the City Solicitor, in financial content to the City Treasurer and in technical content to the City Engineer; and further,
- IV. THAT Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to take any other steps as may be required to bring effect to these resolutions, and that the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required documentation/agreement(s) for that purpose, satisfactory in legal content to the City Solicitor, in financial content to the City Treasurer and technical content to the City Engineer.
Carried.

Report Number: S 24/2025

Clerk's File: SW2025

8.4. Response to CQ 35-2024 – Removal of Underused Street Parking Meters

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: ETPS 1051

THAT the report of the Coordinator, Parking Services dated March 5, 2025, entitled "CQ 35-2024 – Removal of Underused Street Parking Meters" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report Number: S 29/2025

Clerk's File: SW2025

8.5. Windsor Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program - City Wide

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires about the cost to the City. Janice Guthrie, Commissioner, Finance & City Treasurer appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the Administrative report dated February 24, 2025, entitled "Windsor Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program - City Wide" and indicates that it would be \$200M over a 10-year period that would be recuperated over time with a large portion of the funding being loans provided to homeowners to complete the renovations. The payback period could be 10-20 years after the loan is repaid. Ms. Guthrie adds that they can charge a low rate of interest, but that would be a significant draw on the existing working capital and would likely require a partnership with a financial institution.

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Under the accounting standards, that would be considered debt, which would put a strain on other capital projects moving forward.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether a partnership with a financial institution would mitigate any cash flow issues. Ms. Guthrie indicates It would be difficult to find such a partnership, due to the nature of the repayment structure.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to how many staff are currently available to take on this work. Jelena Payne, Commissioner, Economic Development appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the Administrative report dated February 24, 2025, entitled "Windsor Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program - City Wide" and indicates that there is currently one full-time employee in Environment & Climate Change that could kick-start the work. They would need to add nine additional full-time staff to bring this program to full fruition.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether there has been an analysis of the benefits of implementing this program from an economic standpoint. Ms. Guthrie responds that the program has merits, however there are certain targets presented by upper levels of government without any ongoing supportive funding. The expectation is that the municipality would continue to fund this program with municipal dollars. Many grant programs through upper levels of government have been oversubscribed and cancelled. Homeowners do not need to use municipal funding to implement these upgrades to their homes. They can seek private funding.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about the estimated percentage of residents that would leverage the program. Administration indicates that 25% could potentially take part in the program. The remaining portion would be self-funded as part of the proposed plan.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires should the financing option be removed, if we would we still hit our climate change targets. Ms. Payne responds that objective third-party input determined that even if all tools were implemented, we would still not meet the targets.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires if there are any guarantees that there will not be any changes to the program. Ms. Payne responds that there is no guarantee. Targets can be changed, new programs could be introduced and other programs cancelled. There is no funding or extension of the program beyond 2026.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether they are premature with this decision due to the upcoming election. Ms. Payne responds that with support from this committee and of Council at this time, that does not prevent Administration from actively exploring other opportunities from upper levels of government. There are three issues with this program: cost, staffing, and reputational risk to the City.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether it would be prudent to delay this report to a future meeting. Ms. Payne responds that the deadline to apply for funding through FCM is May. Administration adds that the May 15th deadline is for meeting the current grant requirements for FCM which funded the

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portion of this. There is a requirement to receive for information so we can submit back in order to receive the funding.

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: ETPS 1052

THAT City Council **RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION** the Residential Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program Design Study, and the Residential Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit Market Validation Study; and further,

THAT City Council **AUTHORIZE** Administration to **SUBMIT** the Residential Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit (R-DEER) Design Study to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund in accordance with the grant criteria and to meet the deadline of May 15, 2025; and further,

THAT City Council **SUPPORT** the recommendation that the City of Windsor does not apply for the Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) "Capital Program: Loan or Credit Enhancement for Local Home-energy Upgrade Financing Program" for funding for the R-DEER program due to the requirements for municipal cost-sharing and ongoing expectation of municipal funding; and further,

THAT City Council **APPROVE** the transfer of any remaining monies in Deep Energy Efficiency Retrofit ("DEER") Business Plan Project ID # 7224001, once all expenses are paid, to the Climate Change Reserve Fund (#223); and further,

THAT the Mayor and City Council issue a letter to the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change to **ADVOCATE** for long-term federal funding to support municipal actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency, without the requirement for municipal cost-sharing, and;

THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to continue to explore grant funding opportunities and to report back to Council when appropriate.

Carried.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie voting nay.

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Clerk's File: EI/10822

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

None presented.

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10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None presented.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether the City has an opportunity to implement security measures in hotels and Airbnb rentals to discourage people from negative behaviour. Dana Paladino, Senior Executive Director, Corporate Services appears before the Environment Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and indicates that regulating behaviour that is criminal in nature under the criminal code is beyond municipal jurisdiction.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:01 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held April 30, 2025.

Carried.

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie
(Vice Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council
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