

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025

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

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie (Vice Chairperson)

Councillors Regrets

Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante (Chairperson)

Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie

**PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM
ADMINISTRATION:**

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

**ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM
ADMINISTRATION:**

David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer

Stacey McGuire, Executive Director, Engineer/Deputy City Engineer

Brian Lima, Executive Director of Operations / Deputy City Engineer

Phong Nguy, Senior Manager, Contracts, Field Services & Maintenance

Ian Day, Senior Manager Traffic Operations/Parking

Mark Spizzirri, Manager, Performance Measurement & Business Case Development

Patrick Winters, Manager of Development

Tom Graziano, Engineer III

Daniel Lopez, Engineer II

Ray Sayyadi, Transportation Planning Senior Engineer

Kathleen Quenneville, Active Transportation Coordinator

Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services

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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 April 30, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held April 30, 2025, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 162/2025

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.3. Dawson Drain Provisional By-Law for Repair and Improvement - Ward 9

Eshan Kumar, WSP Canada Limited

Eshan Kumar, WSP Canada Limited, appears before the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated May 6, 2025 entitled "Dawson Drain Provisional By-Law for Repair and Improvement – Ward 9" to provide an overview of the issues requiring repair and improvement for the Dawson Drain, and WSP's recommendations for such improvements.

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Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether the recommended improvements would cause any issue with the decommissioned drain outlet at Calderwood Park. Mr. Kumar replies that the suggested changes would widen and lower the Dawson Drain, increasing its capacity, and that a lateral pipe near the decommissioned outlet would allow drainage to flow away from the surrounding neighbourhood without impact.

Councillor McKenzie inquires whether the 90-degree turn of this lateral drain would impact the rate of drainage flow through this corridor. Mr. Kumar replies that the wider pipes and lowering of the drain will mitigate any issue from the 90-degree bend.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether a Court of Revision sitting is required before Council approves the by-law if there are no objections or appeals to the project. Stacey McGuire, Executive Director of Engineering/Deputy City Engineer appears before the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated May 6, 2025 entitled "Dawson Drain Provisional By-Law for Repair and Improvement – Ward 9" and indicates that a Court of Revision meeting date will have to be held, but it will end right away if there are no attendees.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires as to why Court of Revision dates are now mandatory, as they were not previously. Tom Graziano, Engineer, appears before the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated May 6, 2025 entitled "Dawson Drain Provisional By-Law for Repair and Improvement – Ward 9" and indicates that Legal has determined, based on the wording of the Act, that the Court date must be held regardless of objection.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie requests clarification about the recommendation to fully implement the proposals in the report. David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services and City Engineer appears before the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated May 6, 2025 entitled "Dawson Drain Provisional By-Law for Repair and Improvement – Ward 9" and confirms the recommendation and indicates that there is existing funding to implement the works as identified.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to the timeline for commencement of the project. Mr. Simpson replies that construction would begin later this year.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 1064**

- I. That City Council **ADOPT** the Engineer's Drainage Report completed by WSP Canada Limited, dated May 14, 2025 (attached), for the Repair and Improvement to the Dawson Drain, by giving first and second readings to Provisional By-law ____-2025 in accordance with Section 45 of the Drainage Act; and,
- II. That Council **DIRECT** the Clerk to set a date for the first sitting of the Court of Revision and distribute the Provisional By-law and the Notice of the Court of Revision, in accordance with Sections 46(2) and 46(3) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Carried.

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Clerk's File: SW/14224

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Active Transportation Expert Panel of its meeting held April 10, 2025

Councillor Gary Kaschak requests clarification regarding Windsor's designation as a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community, and what the city would need to do to rank with a Silver or Gold designation. Kathleen Quenneville, Schools and Sustainable Mobility Coordinator appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the minutes of the Active Transportation Expert Panel of its meeting held April 10, 2025, and replies that several aspects would be required, such as increased safety and increased biking facilities.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there is a list of cities that have received the Gold and Silver designations, and how many cities reach that level of designation. Ms. Quenneville does not know off-hand, but says the list of cities is available on the "Share the Road" website.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 1060**

THAT the minutes of the Active Transportation Expert Panel of its meeting held April 10, 2025 **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 127/2025

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

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 1061**

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

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 130/2025

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Ford Test Track Neighborhood Road Safety Study - Ward 5

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Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether the improvements to and redesign of the Ford Test Track parking areas currently underway are close to completion. Ray Sayyadi, Transportation Engineer appears before the Environment Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated May 5, 2025, entitled "Ford Test Track Neighborhood Road Safety Study – Ward 5" and indicates that there is no information on the date of completion at this time.

Councillor Gary Kaschak remarks that communicating to event organizers and executives of sporting events that attendees park in the Seminole Street or Milloy Street parking lots, as opposed to on-street, is preferred, and hopes that will be done in the future to help alleviate traffic issues in the surrounding neighbourhood.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie appreciates the informed, data-driven response in the study. He asks what tools are available to help with stop sign compliance in the area. Ian Day, Senior Manager, Transportation, appears before the Environment Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated May 5, 2025, entitled "Ford Test Track Neighborhood Road Safety Study – Ward 5" and replies that the approach to this issue would be progressive. The noted problem areas would first have 'stop sign ahead' signs posted. The next step would be increasing the size of the stop sign to the maximum allowable for the speed limit. Flashing LEDs on stop signs could also be used if compliance was still an issue. No Committee or Council direction would not be required to implement these tools.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1062**

- I. THAT the Administration **BE DIRECTED** to implement low-cost traffic calming and safety countermeasures along Milloy Street (from Drouillard Road to George Avenue), Central Avenue (from Seminole Street to Tecumseh Road) and Westcott Road (from Seminole Street to Tecumseh Road), at a cost of \$7,445 and to be funded from Project 7069022 Traffic Calming Initiatives, and;
- II. THAT the Administration **BE DIRECTED** to enhance parking enforcement at the Ford Test Track area particularly at the time of events.

Carried.

Report Number: S 65/2025

Clerk's File: ST2025

8.2. Impact of Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* on the City of Windsor - City Wide

Councillor Kieran McKenzie comments that there are many problems with the changes being brought forward. The Conservation Authority's analysis identified potential risks with the elimination of some Environmental Assessment Processes, including certain projects not being properly evaluated. He asks Administration to comment on this. Mr. Simpson replies that the potential risks are appreciated, but there has been minimal impact to date because of the strong environmental policy at the administrative level, regardless of this legislation change.

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Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to what the process would be should there be an increased risk that required Council's level of attention. Mr. Simpson replies that in the event of any concerning degree of impact, administration would bring their recommendations to Committee through a council report.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1063**

THAT the report of the Engineer II dated May 6, 2025 entitled "Impact of Proposed Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* on the City of Windsor-City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report Number: S 66/2025

Clerk's File: GP2025

8.4. Active Transportation Master Plan Biennial Progress Report (2024) - City Wide

Councillor Gary Kaschak asks Administration for an update for 2025 to date and what may be upcoming for the rest of the year. Ms. Quenneville replies with a list of current on-going and In-design projects, including Malden Park trail upgrades, Detroit Windsor Bridge Authority funding of the trail on Broadway to connect the Gordie Howe Bridge trail to the Matchette trail, the Wyandotte East bikeway, and the Cabana Road, Lauzon Parkway and Banwell Road improvements, which will include bikeways as well.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there has been any movement on implementing bike parks in the city. Mr. Simpson replies that the pilot for bike parking at the Pelissier Street garage is still planned, and the viability of this will continue to be explored.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie brings up the report's use of the term "where feasible" and asks if bicycle facilities in new developments and project designs are going to comply with the current Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP). Mr. Simpson indicates that the Active Transportation Master Plan will provide clear direction for the prioritization of the east/west, north/south cycling network. The city is working to provide the best value for the money received to complete these projects. Potential bike routes in the ATMP will continue to be targeted through future road improvements.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to why there was no update to the Alley Revitalization Project in the report. Mr. Simpson replies that an in-depth review of the Alley Revitalization Project is currently underway and will hopefully be brought to Council by the end of Q2. The report will include options with how to proceed with the project, including financial considerations.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks if there will be more information presented to Council regarding changes or enhancements to the bike parking policy. Mr. Day indicates that the bike parking policy is still going forward, and that some of the more recent planning development

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reviews that have been done have consideration for bike parking noted in the parking requirements.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1065**

- I. THAT the report of the Coordinator, Schools and Sustainability Mobility dated May 8, 2025 entitled "Active Transportation Master Plan Biennial Progress Report (2024)-City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information.
- II. THAT City Council **DIRECT** Administration to prioritize the completion of the primary regional cycling network presented in this report, as well as to address existing network gaps and needed improvements, and that these **BE FUNDED** from the Bikeways Development project, 7111031, where there is no ability to leverage through other Capital Projects.

Carried.

Report Number: S 71/2025

Clerk's File: MB/5331

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:10 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held June 25, 2025.

Carried.

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie
(Vice Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council
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