

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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

Location: Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Windsor City Hall

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 2 – Councillor Frazier Fathers

Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino (Vice Chairperson)

Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie (Chairperson) (arrives at 4:34 o'clock a.m.)

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, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Economic Development

David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer

Stacey McGuire, Executive Director of Operations & Deputy City Engineer (Acting)

Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development

James Chacko, Acting Executive Director, Transit Windsor

Natasha Gabanna, Senior Manager of Asset Planning

Ian Day, Senior Manager, Transportation

Jim Leather, Senior Manager, Environmental Services

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

Branislava Cesljarov, Supervisor of Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change

Sokol Aliko, Manager Energy Initiatives

Clare Amicarelli, Acting Schools and Sustainable Mobility Coordinator

Cole Nadalin, Project Administrator, Corporate Energy Initiatives

Rob Slater, Executive Initiatives Coordinator

Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Page 2 of 7

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice 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

None disclosed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE

Moved by: Councillor Frazier Fathers
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held January 28, 2026, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie was absent from the meeting when the vote was taken on this matter.

Report Number: SCM 34/2026

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.2. Response to CR7/2025 - Converting One-Way Streets to Two-Way Streets – Wards 3 and 4

Sonja Macdonald, Principal, Civicplan and Paul Shaker, Principal, Civicplan

Sonja Macdonald, Principal and Paul Shaker, Principal Civicplan appear before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated March 6, 2026, entitled "Response to CR7/2025 - Converting One-Way Streets to Two-Way Streets – Wards 3 and 4" and are available for questions.

Minutes

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Page 3 of 7

Councillor Kieran McKenzie assumes the chair at 4:34 o'clock p.m. and Councillor Renaldo Agostino returns to his seat at the Council Table.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks the consultants to provide a brief overview of the discussions that were undertaken. Mr. Shaker, provides a high-level overview of the two avenues for residents to participate either via in-person Public Information Centre or a virtual PIC which presented the same information that analyzed the pros and cons of conversion, level of support and top issues with conversion overall along with a street-by-street analysis. 740 residents submitted comments, the majority, 589 of 740, were ward 3 or 4 residents. There was a clear response in terms of support. A 5-point scale was used to determine support or opposition to the conversion. There was a clear majority against the conversion. In the street-by-street analysis the majority were also against conversion. The top-ranking impacts were pedestrian safety and friendliness and vehicular speed and safety. Other notable impacts were the removal of on-street parking, livability and crime reduction. Analysis of the collected demographic data was indicative of widespread opposition, despite demographic factors.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there was any focus on areas where one-way traffic turns to two-way traffic such as Park at Ouellette by the tunnel, Ferry and Chatham, University and Victoria. Mr. Shaker responds that the responses indicated that the consideration of conversion of commercial areas around downtown made the most sense for ease of navigation and coherence to the system. Ms. Macdonald adds that the named intersections were not specifically investigated, but that there were stretches of certain streets that had lesser opposition. There was not a universal statement about any particular intersection. David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated March 6, 2026, entitled "Response to CR7/2025 - Converting One-Way Streets to Two-Way Streets – Wards 3 and 4" and adds that the scope of the assignment of Civicplan was to engage in public engagement and outreach. We have not yet reached the stage of the study for refined detailed analysis of areas of congestion or navigation challenges. Those next steps are anticipated if Council's direction is to proceed.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks if there can be an additional information memo to accompany the report to Council. Mr. Simpson responds that they are in phase one of the exercise and that there is funding available to start moving into the technical realm to complete a more detailed review and assess specific areas if directed.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether administration can request data from Windsor Police regarding accidents in areas of confusion such as Ferry, Chatham and Victoria to see if we can verify if there is an issue. Mr. Simpson replies that they have access to all annual collision data city-wide so they can review the metrics by specified areas internally by the April 30th Council meeting.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether there are sufficient resources internally to be able to look at the feasibility and overall benefit of completing this conversion. Mr. Simpson responds that the exercise is very gray. There are pros and cons for every corridor. There may not be an overwhelming conclusion in one way over the other.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks if we are able to obtain an analysis. Mr. Simpson responds that a technical analysis applying various criteria that would be qualitative parameters in absence of any

Minutes

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Page 4 of 7

quantitative data other than collision history or speed data for various corridors which would expend more budget and resources.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Frazier Fathers

Decision Number: **ETPS 1107**

THAT the report of the Schools and Sustainable Mobility Coordinator (A) dated March 6, 2026, entitled "Response to CR7/2025 - Converting One-Way Streets to Two-Way Streets – Wards 3 and 4" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to provide additional information regarding accident data and traffic calming for the three key areas of concern: Park at Ouellette, Ferry at Chatham, and University at Victoria when this report proceeds to Council.

Carried.

Report Number: S 24/2026
Clerk's File: ST2026

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board of its meeting held December 2, 2025

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

Decision Number: **ETPS 1105**

THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) Regular Board meeting held December 2, 2025, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 56/2026

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Waste Collection Service Level Enhancements to Strengthen the Core

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

Decision Number: **ETPS 1106**

- I. THAT the report of the Senior Manager, Environmental Services Operation dated February 5, 2026, entitled, "Waste Collection Service Level Enhancements to Strengthen the Core" **BE RECEIVED**; and,

Minutes

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Page 5 of 7

- II. THAT Council **AUTHORIZE** the addition of one (1) Full Time Equivalent CUPE Local 82 Waste Collection Operator position within the Environmental Services Division of Public Works Operations to provide enhanced street waste collection service coverage within the downtown core; and further,
- III. THAT the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute an agreement with the Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Area (DWBIA) for enhanced street waste collection service in the downtown core, satisfactory in legal form to the City Solicitor, in technical content to the City Engineer and in financial content to the City Treasurer, or their designates, under the following conditions:
 - a. DWBIA to contribute \$80,000 annually to the City plus any negotiated annual percentage increase per the terms and conditions of the applicable collective agreement for the new City Waste Collection Operator position;
 - b. That the City extend street waste collection coverage in the downtown core to include a Sunday shift, in addition to dedicated staffing to address concerns throughout the regular work week; and
 - c. The term of the agreement to be for a period of three (3) years, with options to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Carried.

Report Number: S 16/2026
Clerk's File: SW/15100

8.3. Municipal Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Policy

Councillor Renaldo Agostino requests that administration clarify whether the third-party suppliers who will be profiting from the charging stations will be responsible for repairs to infrastructure. Mr. Simpson responds that that is the full intent of the third-party ownership and operation model.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks Administration if the current stations that the City operates will go back to Chargepoint or if there will be an open bid. Mr. Simpson responds that there will be an open RFP process for future vendors to be able to take over that infrastructure and manage it.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks if the free public use of charging stations would continue. Mr. Simpson responds that it will rely on the pricing structure from the potential vendor for a given site. We currently subsidize certain areas on city owned facilities for public use, but the intent is to move to a third-party.

Councillor Mark McKenzie asks how soon an RFP could go out and how many vendors there are in the area. Mr. Simpson responds that Telus is a key player currently, but we do want to go to open market to obtain a full spectrum of options. The RFP could go to market within 4-5 months.

Councillor Frazier Fathers asks how the RFP could impact future growth plans at municipal facilities in terms of installation of EV charging stations. Mr. Simpson responds that we see it as a partnership. We would want to work with the third-party vendor with them taking on the complete

Minutes

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Page 6 of 7

ownership and operation while identifying potential future sites for network expansion. At the municipal level, they may be able to leverage provincial or federal funding.

Councillor Frazier Fathers asks if the municipality has any concern with equity and access city-wide. Mr. Simpson responds that we can explore content in the RFP that would request vendors to identify solutions to equitable access. Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated March 6, 2026, entitled "Municipal Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Policy" and adds that technology in charging infrastructure is rapidly evolving. As part of the RFP, we can ask that successful vendors are able to provide a solution to on-street charging.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires, that if a vendor has complete ownership, whether that would mean that the city would not be able to independently deploy any city-owned EV charging resources within the municipality. Mr. Simpson indicates that that is the proposal before the committee. He adds that leaving the market to the experts in the field is the best course of action.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks if there are concerns with giving up that level of control to a third-party. Mr. Simpson responds that the experts in the field would be able to deliver a much better service model than we have been able to deliver to date.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks if there is an opportunity to build provisions into the RFP to address the issue of equity of access throughout the city. Mr. Simpson responds that they can frame the expectations within the RFP and see what the experts in the field bring back.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks if the installation of charging infrastructure would be handled by the third-party on municipal property. Mr. Simpson responds that the municipality would ensure that the architecture and power conduit is installed and ready to go live for a third-party installation.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether third-party control is the standard agreement across the market in other municipalities. Mr. Simpson responds that they have reviewed other municipalities that have adopted this same model and that there is a strong belief that the burden of the cost should not be supported by the tax-payer.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1108**

- I. That Council **ENDORSE** Administration's strategic approach to electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure as outlined in this report; and further,
- II. That Council **APPROVE** the *City of Windsor Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Policy (WEVIP)* (Appendix A); and further,
- III. That Council **APPROVE** the amended *Fleet Use Policy* (Appendix B); and further,

Minutes

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Page 7 of 7

-
- IV. That Council **DIRECT** Administration to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a qualified third-party operator to assume operation, maintenance, and where feasible, ownership of the City's existing public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations, and the supply of additional EV charging stations on city-owned property, as appropriate; and further,
- V. That the Request for Proposal (RFP) **INCLUDE** evaluation criteria that scores the inclusion of Level 3 (DC Fast Charging) infrastructure and that the RFP **INCLUDE REFERENCE** to equity of access to the charging stations, and that both **BE INCLUDED** as scored components of the RFP; and,
- VI. That Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to take any other steps as may be required to bring effect to the resolution related to the results from the Request For Proposal (RFP); and,
- VII. That 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 Commissioner, Finance and City Treasurer and technical content to the Commissioner, Infrastructure Services and City Engineer.

Carried.

Report Number: S 18/2026
Clerk's File: SW/15101

11. QUESTION PERIOD

None registered.

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 April 29, 2026.

Carried.

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie
(Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council
Services