

CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 04/27/2022

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2022

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

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 1 - Councillor Francis

Ward 2 - Councillor Cost ante (Vice Chairperson)

Ward 8 - Councillor Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor McKenzie

Member Regrets

Ward 4 - Councillor Holt

Clerk's Note: Councillor McKenzie and some members of Administration participated via video conference (Zoom), in accordance with Procedure By-law 98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic participation.

ALSO PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

France Isabelle Tunks, Deputy City Engineer / Executive Director of Engineering

Tyson Cragg, Executive Director of Transit Windsor

Natasha Gabbana, Senior Manager of Asset Planning

Karina Richters, Supervisor of Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change

Joe Bressan, Engineer I

Tracy Beadow, Project Administrator

Michelle Moxleypeltier, Community Energy Plan Administrator

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Chris Nepszy, Commissioner of Infrastructure Services

Shawna Boakes, Deputy City Engineer / Executive Director of Operations

Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Following the reading of the Land Acknowledgement, 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

3.1. Adoption of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held March 30, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held March 30, 2022 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 103/2022

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

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7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Town and Gown 2021 Annual Report

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 889**

THAT the Town and Gown Committee 2021 Annual Report **BE APPROVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 78/2022

Clerk's File: MB2021

7.2. Transit Windsor Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 890**

THAT the Transit Windsor Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report **BE APPROVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 87/2022

Clerk's File: MB2021

7.3. Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority Regular Board Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Francis

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 891**

THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) of its meeting held March 1, 2022 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 94/2022

Clerk's File: MB2022

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Ward 9 Ditch Survey and Inspection of Private Culverts and Private Catch Basins - Ward 9

Councillor Francis inquires about the inspection of private culverts related to local improvements and the Capital budget and whether it is the same process as existed previously. Chris Nepszy,

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Commissioner of Infrastructure Services, appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report “Ward 9 Ditch Service and Inspection of Private Culverts and Private Catch Basins” and indicates that this would be the same process as a reverse local improvement that is currently in use. Joe Bressan, Engineer I, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report “Ward 9 Ditch Service and Inspection of Private Culverts and Private Catch Basins” and reiterates it is not a new process, and future local improvement projects would proceed when funding becomes available following the same policy that is currently in place.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about timelines for the drainage study for the O’Neil and Dawson drains. Mr. Bressan indicates that he would speak to the Drainage Superintendent to obtain that information and provide that information when he has it. France Isabelle Tunks, Senior Manager of Engineering/Deputy City Engineer, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report “Ward 9 Ditch Service and Inspection of Private Culverts and Private Catch Basins” and indicates that the Drainage Study should begin later this year.

Councillor McKenzie expresses concern that people in the area are still flooding and he cannot provide straight forward reasons for the cause and hopes that the Drainage Study will provide some information. Mr. Nepszy indicates that he hopes the study will lead to more definitive answers, although more funding is required to approach the issue holistically, and the home flood protection program may allow the residents to look more in depth into the issues and provide them an opportunity to better protect their home.

Councillor McKenzie indicates that the culverts are a part of the problem, although it is a systemic problem as storm water is not flowing at a rate required to alleviate the over land flooding. Mr. Bressan indicates that it is not just the culverts; it has to do with the ditches and other issues including potential design issues. Mr. Nepszy provides details related to function of the sump pump and other drainage methods.

Councillor McKenzie inquires whether there is a short term improvement that can be implemented. Administration indicates that if all of the local Improvement plans are to be implemented they are not funded in the 10 year Capital plan, funding would need to be allocated as part of the Budget process. Ms. Tunks indicates that drains are one component of potential flooding and there are many components that can cause flooding. Ms. Tunks indicates that available City flooding mitigation programs in place should be encouraged and may assist with flooding concerns.

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Francis

Decision Number: **ETPS 892**

THAT Local Improvement works for storm sewers, curb and gutter for those street segments not yet constructed to the municipal standard within the area bounded by E.C. Row Avenue to the

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north, Woodward Boulevard to the west, Division Road to the south, and Riberdy Road to the east, as shown on drawing 4M-206 **BE RECOMMENDED** to future Capital Budgets and prioritized relative to their technical scoring, subject to cost-sharing for such works as established by CR554/2019; and,

THAT WSP Canada Inc. firm **BE APPOINTED** as the Drainage Engineer to make an examination of, and prepare a Drainage Report for the repair and improvement to, the Dawson Drain between Division Road and the O'Neil Drain and to the O'Neil Drain from south of Hallee Crescent to Division Road under section 78 of the *Drainage Act*.

Carried.

Report Number: S 14/2022

Clerk's File: SW2022

8.2. Science Based Targets for GHG Reduction – City Wide

Councillor Francis requests clarification of the thresholds being provided. Karina Richters indicates that the City's thresholds align with current Provincial and Federal Government Science Based Targets, and it also aligns nationally and globally.

Councillor Francis inquires related to recent investment announcements with the EV Battery plant, that the City's targets wouldn't hinder that in any way. Ms. Richters indicates that announcement is a win for Windsor and that would be accounted for in the plan moving forward.

Councillor Francis inquires as to whether surrounding municipalities are doing the same thing and following similar targets so that the entire region is aligned. Ms. Richters provides details related to the County of Essex's Plan.

Councillor Francis inquires about requesting support from neighboring municipalities related to the City's Science Based Targets. Ms. Richters indicates that would be for Council to decide and adds that it would make our plan stronger if all regions striving for the same things.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about the residential rehabilitation program, which could have a potential significant impact as well as greening the fleet. Ms. Richters provides details related to successful grant applications as well as benefits from enacting the active transportation master plan and transit master plan which all contribute to the reduction of emissions.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about the organics program and the potential to reduce emissions when that plan is enacted. Mr. Richters agrees and indicates that removing organics from the landfill will reduce methane gas and provides details related to other methods of reducing emissions.

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor Francis

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Decision Number: **ETPS 893**

THAT the report of the Community Energy Plan Administrator dated April 8, 2022 entitled “Science Based Targets for GHG Reduction – City Wide” **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT City Council **APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE** Windsor’s Science Based Targets of a 68% reduction in city-wide emissions (scope 1 and 2) and a 55% reduction in corporate-wide emissions (scope 1 and 2) below 2005 baseline by 2030; and,

THAT City Council **APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE** a NET ZERO Target for 2050; and,

THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back with an updated strategy to reach these targets by November 2023 that considers implementation timelines, resourcing and financial impacts of meeting science-based targets; and,

THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the County of Essex and City of Detroit requesting their support of Windsor’s Science Based Targets for GHG Reduction.

Carried.

Report Number: S 42/2022

Clerk’s File: EI/10822

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

9.1. Transit Windsor Master Plan - Implementation Plan Project Update - City Wide

Councillor McKenzie inquires about the feasibility study for the garage and what the status of that project is and how to proceed with implementation. Tyson Cragg, Executive Director of Transit Windsor, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting regarding the administrative report “Transit Windsor Master Plan – Implementation Project Update, City Wide” and indicates that the feasibility study at the time did not pay enough attention to the suitability and possibility for expansion. Mr. Cragg indicates that the plan has been re-evaluated over time and the need to look at a Greenfield development for a brand new building is becoming more apparent. Mr. Cragg indicates that they will try to extend the current life and keep in mind the future in terms of staying on the same site. Tracy Beadow, Project Administrator, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting regarding the administrative report “Transit Windsor Master Plan – Implementation Project Update, City Wide” and indicates the feasibility study provided information on other capital improvement projects not just the garage. Ms. Beadow adds that when the plan is further developed and the need for capacity, timeline, and funding is outlined that will be communicated to Council.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about the approved plan in the short/medium term and how the Master Plan will be implemented as it is now. Mr. Cragg indicates that the implementation plan will include shorter term options and improvements made over the next few years will keep that in

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mind. Mr. Cragg adds that greening the fleet/electrification will also be part of the implementation plan options moving forward.

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Francis

Decision Number: **ETPS 894**

THAT the report of the Project Administrator dated April 8, 2022 entitled "Transit Windsor Master Plan – Implementation Plan Project Update, City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report Number: C 64/2022

Clerk's File: MT/13708

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None presented.

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 May 25, 2022.

Ward 2 – Councillor Costante
(Vice Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk /
Supervisor of Council Services