CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 07/27/2022

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2022
Time: 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Members Present:

Councillors
Ward 2 - Councillor Costante
Ward 4 - Councillor Holt (Chairperson)
Ward 8 - Councillor Kaschak
Ward 9 - Councillor McKenzie

Member Regrets
Ward 1 - Councillor Francis

Clerk's Note: A member of Administration and members of the public 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:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Chris Nepszy, Commissioner of Infrastructure Services
Jelena Payne, Commissioner of Economic Development & Innovation
John Revell, Chief Building Official
Shawna Boakes, Deputy City Engineer / Executive Director of Operations
Tyson Cragg, Executive Director of Transit Windsor
Jeff Hagan, Transportation Planning Senior Engineer
Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Following the reading of the Land Acknowledgement, the 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 & Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held June 22, 2022

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting (excluding Transit Matter items) held June 22, 2022 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Moved by: Councillor Costante
Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting (Transit Matter items only) held June 22, 2022 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 174/2022

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1. John Hartig, Ph.D. Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research regarding the Great Lakes Way Progress and Connecting Green Ways

John Hartig, Ph.D., Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research

John Hartig, Ph.D., Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to make a presentation regarding the Great Lakes Way Progress and Connecting Green Ways and provides a Presentation entitled "Toward a Canada-U.S. Greenways Network" with details as follows:

- When the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority started a consultation process for the new Gordie Howe International Bridge, they had focus groups on both sides of the river and those groups quickly came together and decided that they wanted to speak in one voice.
- The City of Windsor was involved with Essex County, Bike Windsor Essex, ERCA with similar ones on the U.S. side.
- They developed a vision map that called for three things – A dedicated bicycle and pedestrian lane on the new Gordie Howe Bridge; Improvements to the Tunnel Bus system to allow bicycles to be put on a Tunnel Bus; and A cross border ferry
- Completed two of the three things noted on the vision map – have made improvements to the tunnel bus system and the Gordie Howe Bridge will have a dedicated pedestrian and bicycle lane.
- In many respects, the City of Windsor's waterfront greenways were an inspiration for the Detroit River Walk that is a greenway that circumnavigates the City of Detroit.
- There has been some discussion on how to connect the City of Detroit's greenways out further via a Great Lakes Way.
- Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan's GreenWays Initiative – established in 2001 and raised $35 million raised that has leveraged $150 million to build more than 100 miles of greenways.
- Vision – All residents and visitors of southeast Michigan are connected to and benefit from world-class freshwater, wildlife, recreation, and heritage right in our backyard through a Great Lakes Way.
- A Great Lakes Way will be an interconnected set of 156 miles of blueways and a 160 miles of greenways stretching from southern Lake Huron through western Lake Erie.
- Next Steps – engage communities, build support, raise funding and seek State and National trail designations.

Councillor McKenzie inquires about infrastructure related challenges on the Detroit side and what it is like now in terms of the cycling infrastructure in Delray, Detroit. Dr. Hartig responds that it is insufficient in Delray, and that they have reached out to the Detroit Bridge Authority and are working with those in southeast Detroit.

Councillor McKenzie asks if there is a comparable organization on the Canadian side that is comprehensively looking at a group of trails to connect to the active transportation corridor that exists in Southwestern Ontario. Dr. Hartig responds that on the Canadian side, they have worked with the Waterfront Regeneration Trust Organization that oversees the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, Windsor and Essex County, and representatives from the TransCanada Trail.

Councillor McKenzie invites Dr. Hartig to present to the Windsor Bicycling Committee at a future date.

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Costante

Decision Number: **ETPS 905**
THAT the presentation by John Hartig, Ph.D., Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research regarding the Great Lakes Way Progress and Connecting Green Ways **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Clerk's File: EI2022

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Local Road Speed Humps Program - Initial Set of Locations - Wards 2, 6, 8, & 10

Keith Simison, Ward 10 Resident

Keith Simison, Ward 10 resident, appears via video conference before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee and expresses concern regarding the recommnedation in the administrative report, "Local Road Speed Humps Program – Initial Set of Locations – Wards 2, 6, 8, & 10" and indicates that no other choices or options other than the questions regarding speed humps was noted on the survey; and concludes by indicating that he doesn't want speed humps installed and suggests that there is a need for traffic lights or a traffic circle installed at Dominion and Ojibway which would ultimately reduce the volume of work related traffic in the mornings and evenings; High volume of vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic on Dandurand which only has a sidewalk from Piazza to the end of the 2200 block of Dandurand; there are no sidewalks on the 2300 block of Dandurand which increases the risk of a vehicle, pedestrian incidents; speed humps will negatively impact school buses along with fire and ambulance as they will slow down their response time; asks whether the speed humps will be removed in the fall to allow for slow ploughing and if so, they will not prevent speeding year around; suggests police radar presence on Balsamo or on Dandurand Court in mornings and late afternoon one or twice a week for a month or so and ticket those who speed; install three-way stop signs at Balsamo and Dandurand; install a sidewalk in the 2300 block of Dandurand.

Councillor Kaschak asks Mr. Simison if he has contacted his Councillor regarding sidewalks on the 2300 block of Dandurand. Mr. Simison indicates that he has contacted the Councillor in the past regarding the sidewalk.

Councillor Kaschak inquires whether he would be in support of assisting the Councillor to initiate a petition for sidewalks and then go through the neighbourhood to determine if sidewalk support over speed hump support is endorsed. Mr. Simison indicates that he would support this.

Councillor Kaschak inquires whether Mr. Simison would be amendable to adding speed humps and reducing the speed limit to 40km per hour. Mr. Simison responds that reducing the speed limit to 40km/h would be helpful.

Councillor Costante comments on the administrative report and the recommendation of speed humps on Dandurand. Jeff Hagan, Transportation Planning Senior Engineer, appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, “Local Road Speed Humps Program – Initial Set of Locations – Wards 2, 6, 8, & 10” and provides details of the survey and timelines and indicates that the petition was given clear support by the majority of the residents on the street. Administrator did not feel that it would be appropriate to go back to the residents with another survey.

Councillor Costante inquires about when the survey closed. Mr. Hagan indicates that the survey closed on June 26, 2022, and adds that reminder notices were sent out as well.

Councillor Costante indicates that if he took the same petition used for Dandurand to the three houses that were not in the list of houses that replied, (whether for or against speed humps), that will trigger the first threshold which would get Partington Avenue to an approval; If he were to do this within the next week and submit it to Administration before the next Council meeting, could that additional petition be included in the Council Report. John Revell, Chief Building Official appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report, “Local Road Speed Humps Program – Initial Set of Locations – Wards 2, 6, 8, & 10” and indicates that would be doable. It would be up to Council to approve the committee’s recommendation.

Councillor McKenzie asks Administration if they see an increase or a decrease in pedestrian/vehicle collisions in neighbourhoods with speed humps. Mr. Hagan responds that speed humps are typically installed on low volume local streets where there are already a low number of collisions.

Councillor McKenzie advises that Administration in the past has stated that an alternative to consider are stop signs, however stop signs are not a speed control device. Mr. Hagan responds that in the Traffic Calming Policy, it states that using stop signs as a speed control measure creates a number of issues, i.e. driver disrespect and noncompliance with the stop signs which can create pedestrian collisions.

Moved by: Councillor Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 907**
THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to install speed humps and associated signs and pavement markings on Dandurand Avenue between Piazza Street and Northwood Street; and further,

THAT Council **APPROVE** a one-time exemption to the Speed Hump Policy/Program to allow for a petition to move forward for the Partington Ave. area.
Carried.

Report Number: S 76/2022
Clerk's File: ST/13863

8.4. Pillette Road (Tecumseh to Plymouth) Traffic Calming - Wards 5 & 8

Councillor Kaschak advises that in speaking with Administration that discussion included a potential pedestrian crossing and a bike lane feature on Pillette Road which may induce some traffic calming. Mr. Hagan responds that in terms of the pedestrian crossing, it is a project that can move forward based on the prioritization of other candidate locations in the city and bike lanes on Pillette Road itself would likely have to wait until Pillette Road is reconstructed. Mr. Hagan reports that another upcoming project is the traffic calming plan for Grand Marais from Pillette Road to Plymouth which will be subject to a resident survey.

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Costante

Decision Number: **ETPS 910**
THAT the report of the Transportation Planning Senior Engineer dated May 30, 2022 entitled "Pillette Road (Tecumseh to Plymouth) Traffic Calming – Wards 5 & 8" **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Report Number: S 13/2022
Clerk's File: ST/13863

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting Minutes June 7, 2022

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 906**
THAT the minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) of its meeting held June 7, 2022 **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 188/2022
Clerk's File: MB2022

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.2. Matchett Road (Chappus Street to Sprucewood Avenue) Traffic Calming - Ward 1

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Costante

Decision Number: **ETPS 908**
THAT Administration **BE DIRECTED** to implement traffic calming on Matchett Road between Chappus Street and Sprucewood Street as shown in Appendix B to report S 81/2022.
Carried.

Report Number: S 81/2022
Clerk's File: ST/13863

8.3. Vision Zero Action Plan Development - Progress Report #2 - City-Wide

Councillor Costante refers to the report and asks administration to expand on the highlighted priorities. Mr. Hagan responds that the highlighted priorities were identified by the members of the Vision Zero Stakeholder Group as especially important. He adds that the starting point for developing recommended initiatives was the strategic priorities that were presented in Progress Report #1, and within each of those priorities they looked at measures that can be implemented. Mr. Hagan indicates that a draft list of those were presented to the Task Force made up of city departments as well as emergency services who provided a revised list to the Stakeholder Group for review. Mr. Hagan adds that the next stage will be developing interim goals and a phase-in plan which will be looked at to see how quickly the initiatives can be implemented.

Councillor Kaschak refers to the report and the current capital projects for high injury corridors on Tecumseh Road East from Jefferson to Forest Glade and asks Administration to elaborate on the plans. Mr. Hagan indicates that there is an approved Environmental Assessment for Tecumseh Road East from Jefferson to the east city boundary which includes six lanes, a median, turns only at signalized intersections with left turn lanes. Mr. Hagan adds that In that area they are seeing many rear end collisions with vehicles waiting to turn left and that the proposed design in the Environmental Assessment will address those issues.

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 909**
THAT the report of the Transportation Planning Senior Engineer dated July 7, 2022 entitled "Vision Zero Action Plan Development – Progress Report #2 – City-Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Report Number: S 87/2022
Clerk's File: ST/13714

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

9.1. The Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor - Actuarial Valuation as at December 31, 2021 - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Costante

Decision Number: **ETPS 911**
THAT the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee, sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors, and City Council:

I. **APPROVE** the Actuarial Valuation of the Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor as at December 31, 2021; and,

II. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the forwarding of the Actuarial Valuation as at December 31, 2021 to the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions and to the Canada Revenue Agency by the Deputy Treasurer – Financial Accounting and Corporate Controls, as the Plan Administrator and as per legislation.

Carried.

Report Number: C 121/2022
Clerk's File: MT2022

9.2. The Contributory Pension Plan for Employees of Transit Windsor - Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Costante

Decision Number: **ETPS 912**
THAT the Environmental, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee, sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors, and City Council:

I. **APPROVE** the Audited Financial Statements as at December 31, 2021, of the Contributory Pension Plan Fund for Employees of Transit Windsor; and,

II. **ACKNOWLEDGE** that the audited financial statements have been filed with the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada (OSFI) by the Deputy Treasurer - Financial Accounting and Corporate Controls, as the Plan Administrator and as required by legislation.

Carried.

Report Number: C 122/2022
Clerk's File: MT2022

9.3. Change to the Transit Windsor War Veteran's Transit Pass Program - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Costante

Decision Number: **ETPS 913**
THAT the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee, sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors, and City Council **APPROVE** the change to the War Veteran's Transit Pass Program to state the following eligibility criteria:

- Canadian or Allied Veterans who actively served in a deployed combat or peacekeeping role (i.e. Korean War, Afghanistan, Cyprus, etc.), and must provide proof of service (spouses are not eligible); and,

- Must be a permanent resident of the City of Windsor.

Carried.

Report Number: S 84/2022
Clerk's File: MT2022

9.4. Request for Proposal - Transit Windsor Bus Tires - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 914**
THAT the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee, sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors, and City Council **APPROVE** and **AWARD** RFP # 58-21, Transit Windsor Bus Tires; and,

THAT the Purchasing Manager **BE AUTHORIZED** to issue a Contract Purchase Order for an annual upset limit of $175,000 plus applicable taxes, to Goodyear Canada Inc., to supply and deliver Transit Windsor Bus Tires for a five (5) year term, with an option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties; and,

THAT the annual funding for the purchase of tires **BE APPROVED** as a charge to the fleet operating account 027-2250-5301-02942-0400310.
Carried.

Report Number: S 85/2022
Clerk's File: MT2022

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None requested.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

None registered.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:39 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held September 28, 2022.

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Ward 4 – Councillor Holt	Deputy City Clerk /
(Chairperson)	Supervisor of Council Services