
Members absent: None

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

R. Deutschmann declared a pecuniary interest with respect to report CR-RS-12-015 Authorization to Expropriate Lands (1st Report) King/Victoria Multi-Modal Transit Hub Project and the King Street Grade Separation Project (Part of Phase 1 of the Rapid Transit Project), in the City Of Kitchener, lands known Municipally as 490-520 King Street West, Kitchener, Ontario, due to a pecuniary interest since he and his spouse are shareholders of corporations that have an interest in a property at 10 Duke Street West, Kitchener.

D. Craig declared a pecuniary interest with respect to report CR-RS-12-015 Authorization to Expropriate Lands (1st Report) King/Victoria Multi-Modal Transit Hub Project and the King Street Grade Separation Project (Part of Phase 1 of the Rapid Transit Project), in the City Of Kitchener, lands known Municipally as 490-520 King Street West, Kitchener, Ontario, due to his son owning property within the area of a proposed station on the rapid transit system.

K. Seiling declared a pecuniary interest with respect to report CR-RS-12-015 Authorization to Expropriate Lands (1st Report) King/Victoria Multi-Modal Transit Hub Project and the King Street Grade Separation Project (Part of Phase 1 of the Rapid Transit Project), in the City Of Kitchener, lands known Municipally as 490-520 King Street West, Kitchener, Ontario, due to two of his adult children who own residential properties within the proposed corridor.

T. Galloway declared a pecuniary interest with respect to report P-12-040 Renewal of U-Pass Agreements with Post Secondary Students, due to his employment at the University of Waterloo.

REPORTS – TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

a) E-12-034, Architectural Enhancements to the Grade Separation at the Weber Street/CN Railway Grade Separation Structure North of Victoria Street

Peter Linn, Senior Project Manager, Design and Construction, provided a brief update on the project advising that it was in the detailed design stage; property acquisitions were underway; negotiations were taking place with the railway; and a funding application was submitted to
Canadian Transportation Association for cost sharing on the grade separation and bridge. The Project Team provided input on the architectural enhancements for the Weber Street grade separation project.

Robert Davies, Principal, Montgomery Sisam Architects Inc., presented the recommended architectural enhancements to the grade separation at the Weber Street CN Railway grade separation structure north of Victoria Street. He explained the themes that were suggested by the Project Team and how they were incorporated into the recommended enhancements. He noted that there would be textured precast concrete panels on the face of the retaining walls and plaques under the bridge explaining the meaning behind the architecture enhancements.

A copy of this presentation is appended to the original minutes.

In response to questions from Committee members, R. Davies explained the materials that would be used to prevent graffiti and lesson rusting of the steel. Staff noted that a multi-use trail will be incorporated on the west side of Weber Street with a connection into the multi-use trail on the Waterloo Spur.

Committee members supported the recommended enhancements while a couple members were concerned for the perception of the large steel support rails that are seen on the top of the bridge and for their rusting overtime.

MOVED by S. Strickland
SECONDED by T. Galloway

That the Region of Waterloo incorporate the architectural enhancements described in Report E-12-034 into the design of the proposed grade separation structure included in the Weber Street Reconstruction and Widening project between College Street and Union Street.

CARRIED

Committee recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

*T. Cowan was present at 11:18 a.m.

*R. Deutschmann, S. Strickland and J. Mitchell were not present at 11:18 a.m.

b) E-12-035, Consultant Selection – Detailed Design and Services During Construction for the Decommissioning of the Biosolids Storage Lagoons and Upgrading of the Biosolids Pumping System at the Kitchener Wastewater Treatment Plant

MOVED by J. Haalboom
SECONDED by G. Lorentz

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into a Consulting Services Agreement with AECOM of Kitchener, Ontario to provide engineering services for detailed design and services during construction for the decommissioning of the biosolids storage lagoons and upgrading of the biosolids pumping system at the Kitchener Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in the City of Kitchener at an upset fee limit of $1,913,422 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED
c) E-12-036, Traffic Management for 2012 Road Construction Contracts

Received for information.

*J. Mitchell entered the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

d) E-12-037, Consultant Services Agreement for Contract Administration and Inspection Services, Rehabilitation of Runway 08-26 and Runway Guard Lights at the Region of Waterloo International Airport.

MOVED by B. Halloran
SECONDED by G. Lorentz

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into a Consultant Services Agreement with the MMM Group Limited for Contract Administration and Inspection Services on a time basis for Rehabilitation of Runway 08-26 and Runway Guard Lights at the Region of Waterloo International Airport.

CARRIED

RAPID TRANSIT

e) CR-RS-12-015, Authorization to Expropriate Lands (1st Report) for King/Victoria Multi-Modal Transit Hub Project and the King Street Grade Separation Project (Part of Phase 1 of the Rapid Transit Project), in the City of Kitchener, Lands Known Municipally as 490-520 King Street West, Kitchener, Ontario

MOVED by J. Brewer
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT The Regional Municipality of Waterloo direct and authorize the Regional Solicitor to take the following actions with respect to the expropriation of lands for the construction of King/Victoria Multi-Modal Transit Hub and the King Street Grade Separation Project (part of Phase 1 of the Rapid Transit Project), in the City of Kitchener, in the Region of Waterloo

1. Complete application(s) to the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, as may be required from time to time, for approval to expropriate land, which is required for Multi-Modal Transit Hub Project and the King Street Grade Separation Project (part of Phase 1 of the Rapid Transit Project), and described as follows, Lot 1, 2, and Part Lot 3, Plan 374, part Lot 15, Streets and lanes, part Lot 16, Streets and Lanes as in 290048 City of Kitchener, Region of Waterloo, being the entirety of the property known municipally as 490-520 King Street West, Kitchener, Ontario

2. Serve notices of the above application(s) required by the Expropriations Act;

3. Forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer any requests for a hearing that may be received;

4. Attend, with appropriate Regional staff, at any hearing that may be scheduled;
5. Discontinue expropriation proceedings or any part thereof, in respect of the above described lands, or any part thereof, upon the registration on title of the required documentation to complete a transaction whereby the required interests in the lands are conveyed; and

6. Do all things necessary and proper to be done, and report thereon to Regional Council in due course.

CARRIED

*R. Deutschmann and S. Strickland entered the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

TRANSIT

f) E-12-018, MobilityPlus 5 Year Business Plan (2012 – 2016)

A revised page 17 of the report was distributed with values included in the Cost table.

Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services, provided introductory comments and Eric Gillespie, Director, Transit Services, provided an overview of the plan: including improvements with respect to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards; and increased specialized service delivery to accommodate future growth in the Region. He noted that financial implications will be finalized as part of the annual budget discussions each year. The full Business Plan is available in the Regional Clerk’s Office or on the Grand River Transit website at www.grt.ca.

In response to member inquiries, staff explained that they are looking for opportunities for specialized transit service for dialysis patients. It was suggested that Public Health be involved in order to provide a pro-active approach on proper diet and nutrition with a goal to minimize the need for dialysis. Staff also reviewed the revenue and cost recovery for the Business Plan. It was noted that the revenue is minimal and that a report on a proposed fare increase would be brought forward in April for implementation in July 2012. A member suggested that the Business Plan should include a target percentage for cost recovery.

*T Galloway left the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

MOVED by R. Kelterborn
SECONDED by J. Brewer

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the MobilityPLUS Business Plan for the period 2012 to 2016 as described in Report E-12-018 with the implementation of the business plan subject to Regional Council’s annual budget deliberations.

CARRIED

*T. Galloway entered the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION

g) E-12-041, Homer Watson Boulevard and Block Line Road Roundabout, Southbound Lane Reduction

T. Schmidt provided introductory comments.
In response to an inquiry, staff advised that they are working with the Province of Ontario on signage to replace the existing temporary “stop for pedestrian” signage.

Committee members discussed the options in the report and possible outcomes with regard for safety.

R. Deutschmann advised that he was not in support of maintaining the existing configuration and indicated his support for Option 3, close southbound curb lane using permanent curbs, and explained the reasons for his opinion, referring in detail to the CIMA traffic report completed for the Region in December 2011 on the intersection.

Committee members discussed and commented with respect to Option 3.

C. Zehr moved an amendment to the original motion to retain the 3rd lane in the southbound configuration as a designated right turn lane onto Block Line Road using pavement markings and indicating the 3rd lane is not a through lane.

Committee members and staff commented regarding a southbound designated right turn lane.

Recorded votes were requested on all of the motions for this matter.

MOVED by C. Zehr
SECONDED by G. Lorentz

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo retain the southbound 3 lane configuration on Homer Watson Boulevard approaching Block Line Road and designate the curb lane as a right turn only onto Block Line Road with pavement markings and signage advising it is not a through lane.

AMENDMENT LOST
Yeas: G. Lorentz, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

MOVED by K. Seiling
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo retain the southbound 3 lane configuration on Homer Watson Boulevard approaching Block Line Road and reconsider removal of the southbound curb lane following the extension of Block Line Road to Courtland Avenue planned in 2013, in the City of Kitchener, as outlined in Report E-12-041, dated March 20, 2012.

ORIGINAL MOTION LOST
Yeas: J. Brewer, J. Haalboom, B. Halloran, K. Seiling, J. Wideman, C. Zehr
MOVED by R. Deutschmann
SECONDED by G. Lorentz

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo implement option 3 as outlined in Report E-12-041, dated March 20, 2012 and reduce the southbound lane configuration from 3 lanes to 2 lanes on Homer Watson Boulevard approaching Block Line Road using permanent curbs, in the City of Kitchener.

ALTERNATE MOTION CARRIED
Nays: B. Halloran, K. Seiling, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

WASTE MANAGEMENT

h) E-12-039, Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Update

Cari Rastas Howard delivered a power point presentation providing information on the events taking place in the Region to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste safely. She explained the function of the programs through Stewardship Ontario and the eco-fees collected from the consumer. C. Howard reviewed the various phases of the Provincial program, funding and the collection and disposal costs and processing of these materials. C. Howard explained the current negotiations regarding the MHSW Collection Agreements. She advised that the program is secure, there is funding available to support the program and staff are actively working on obtaining funding from the Provincial program.

A copy of this presentation is appended to the original minutes.

Received for information.

WATER SERVICES

i) E-12-003, 2011 Summary Report for Regional Municipality of Waterloo Integrated Urban and Rural Water Systems

Received for information.

*S. Strickland left the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

REPORTS – PLANNING, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY PLANNING

j) P-12-035, Monthly Report of Development Activity for February 2012

MOVED by J. Mitchell
SECONDED by L. Armstrong


CARRIED
k) P-12-037, Region of Waterloo Centre Transit Corridor Community Building Strategy Update

Rob Horne, Commissioner of Planning, Housing and Community Services, provided introductory comments and noted that there was a change in the name of the strategy. He indicated that there are numerous opportunities for public consultations and for area municipality's involvement. R. Horne advised that project completion is targeted for 2013 and that the project launch was being held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 in Council Chamber.

Received for information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

l) P-12-038, Workplace Count – Report on Places of Employment in the Region of Waterloo

R. Horne provided introductory remarks and thanked area municipalities and Canada’s Technology Triangle for their involvement in the project.

It was noted that Research In Motion employment was included in the manufacturing percentage.

MOVED by B. Halloran
SECONDED by T. Galloway


AND THAT this report and the Workplace Count summary data be made available to all Area Municipalities in the Region of Waterloo, Canada’s Technology Triangle (CTT), the Chambers of Commerce, and other interested parties, to provide a summary of the findings of the 2011 Workplace Count project, and to request support in participating in future surveys.

CARRIED

m) P-12-039, 2011 Building Permit Activity and Growth Monitoring

There was a correction on page 5 of the report; the number of single detached units, accounting for 40% of the total residential units built, is 1,334.

R. Horne provided the highlights of the report by noting the 4.9% increase of housing starts in Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo; that intensification was 15% higher than that called for under Places to Grow; and the increase in Seniors Residences built accommodation.

Received for information.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

n) P-12-040, Renewal of U-Pass Agreements with Post Secondary Students

Chair Wideman congratulated staff on the agreement that was reached on this matter.
MOVED by C. Zehr
SECONDED by B. Halloran

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into agreements with the University of Waterloo Federation of Students, the University of Waterloo Graduate Students Association, the Wilfrid Laurier University Students Union, and the Wilfrid Laurier University Graduate Students Association to implement universal transit pass programs (U-Pass), in a form satisfactory to the Regional solicitor, as described in Report No. P-12-040, dated March 20, 2012.

AND THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo amend the Region’s Fees and Charges By-law 12-001 with respect to the U-Pass agreements with full-time students at the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University, as described in Report P-12-040, dated March 20, 2012 to increase U-Pass fees to $67.50 per school term for eligible students, effective September 1, 2012.

CARRIED

o) P-12-041, Grand River Transit Service Planning Public Consultation Centres

R. Horne advised that the draft Public Consultation Centres brochures were distributed to Committee for information.

Received for information.

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

a) Memo re: Kitchener Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - Newsletter

Received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Chair Wideman thanked employee Nancy Button for the work she has done during her employment with the Region and wished her all the best in her future endeavors.

b) B. Halloran thanked the Chief of Police and officers of the Waterloo Regional Police Services for their work in the community on St. Patrick’s Day.

c) Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List

   It was noted that the report on hybrid and natural gas buses was targeted for the May meeting of this Committee.

Received for information.

NEXT MEETING – April 17, 2012
ADJOURN

MOVED by G. Lorentz
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:31 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, J. Wideman

COMMITTEE CLERK, J. Reid
WEBER STREET RECONSTRUCTION & WIDENING
Rail Bridge Underpass
Kitchener, ON

Presentation to Region of Waterloo Planning and Works Committee
March 20 / 2012
ORDER OF PRESENTATION:

• Environmental Assessment

• Themes

• Pre-Cast Concrete Panels

• Views
Artist Rendering from Environmental Assessment Report
Historic Map of Berlin, circa 1892
Early Industry

button industry

felt industry

leather industry

furniture industry
Early Industry

Canadian Ivory Button Works
Rumpel Felt Company
Lang Tanning Company
H. Krug Furniture Company
Rail Heritage
button texture

felt texture

wood texture

leather texture

Pre-Cast Concrete Panel Textures
Pre-Cast Concrete Panel Textures
Distances Plaque
Parallel Walls: View from east sidewalk looking northwest
Parallel Walls: Night view
Parallel Walls: Night view
Perpendicular Walls: Aerial view from south looking north
Perpendicular Walls: View from east sidewalk looking southwest
Perpendicular Walls: Night view
Perpendicular Walls: Night view
MHSW Background

Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste: commonly referred to by staff as HHW or Household Hazardous Waste.

Collected by the Region:
Waterloo – HHW drop-off facility during normal transfer station hours.

Cambridge – paint and motor oil drop-off during normal transfer station hours; all other HHW during Event Days.

Event Days – held in Cambridge, Kitchener, and all four Townships.
MHSW Background

Minister of the Environment

Waste Diversion Ontario

Stewardship Ontario

Stakeholders
  (Stewards, Municipalities, Service Providers)
MHSW Program was to be implemented in 3 Phases:

**Phase 1**: 9 materials (paints, solvents, fertilizers, pesticides) – about 68% of the waste stream.

**Phase 2**: 8 materials (pharmaceuticals, mercury-containing devices, CFLs) – about 2% of the waste stream.

**Phase 3**: 31 other materials (bleach, oven cleaner, windshield washer fluid) – about 30% of the waste stream.
MHSW Background

Costs to handle MHSW:

- **Collection** - full-service HHW depot at Waterloo SVTS, paints & oil at Cambridge and Elmira SVTS, and 11 event days held throughout the year in Cambridge, Kitchener, and the Townships.

- **Processing** - transportation, and either recycling or disposal of materials; handled by a contracted service provider, licensed by the Province.
Phase 1 of the plan was introduced July 1, 2008 under a shared responsibility program (partial costs for collection and disposal to be reimbursed to municipalities).

Phases 2 and 3 were introduced July 1, 2010 under a full responsibility program (full costs for collection and disposal to be reimbursed to municipalities).

- Phase 1 also converted to full responsibility as of July 1, 2010.

Considerable public backlash as new "eco-fees" hit retail the same day as the HST.
In October 2010, the Minister of the Environment:

- announced that eco-fees would no longer be charged for Phase 2 and 3 materials;
- directed SO to develop a new plan where Stewards would be fully responsible for Phase 1 materials;
- indicated the Province would be responsible for the cost of managing Phase 2 materials; and
- indicated that municipalities would continue managing costs of Phase 3 materials.
Collection

• For the period July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011 Stewardship Ontario has committed to pay full cost of collecting Phase 1. Invoices are being processed.

• For the period after July 1, 2011 Stewardship Ontario has proposed a new MHSW Collection Services Agreement, and:
  – will not process payments for work until the agreement is signed;
  – will pay municipalities retroactively to July 1, 2011 once the agreement is signed.

• The latest MHSW Agreement presented to the Region of Waterloo (February 15, 2012) does not reflect the Region's true costs.
For the period up to December 31, 2011, Stewardship Ontario has committed to pay the full cost of processing Phase 1 (based on invoices from service providers), but will not process payments until the new MHSW Agreement is signed.

For the period after January 1, 2012, Stewardship Ontario set an incentive fee that they will pay directly to Transporters and Processors.

- While this approach has merit, the incentive payments have been deemed too low by several service providers, who have left the program.
- A number of service providers asked SO to delay the transition to this new payment program to allow for a more detailed review; SO chose to implement.
Current Situation

• The Region's MHSW program is secure; Operating Budget 2012 included costs for collection and processing, with provision for $150,000 in funding to be received from SO.

• Service Providers (including the Region's current service provider) continue to leave the Phase 1 program.

• Other Service Providers have expressed interest in filling the gaps left for handling Phase 1, and are waiting only on SO's approval to increase their operations.
Current Situation

• MHSW Collection Agreements – some municipalities have signed to "get the money flowing", others are still looking into them (Peel, Kingston, Ottawa).

• WM staff are participating with other RPWCO, OWMA, and AMO members in engaging the Ministry to advocate for full program cost recovery.

• WM staff are looking at the proposed Phase 1 MHSW Agreement, and will forward to Legal for review.

• WM staff await information on how the Province will cover Phase 2 costs.
Current Situation

On February 9, 2012, the Minister announced:

- A review of Ontario's EPR programs.

- WDO would have greater oversight of IFOs to ensure public interest is protected, and prevent them from running a surplus or deficit with funds.

- Further clarification would follow by April 1, 2012.
  - No clear direction yet on the issue of MHSW program specifically.