



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO PLANNING AND WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012
10:30 a.m.
Regional Council Chamber
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Present were: Chair J. Wideman, L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, J. Haalboom, B. Halloran, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, J. Mitchell, K. Seiling, S. Strickland, and C. Zehr

Members absent: J. Brewer

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None declared.

REPORTS – TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

- a) E-12-121, Class Environmental Assessment Study - Fischer-Hallman Road Improvements, Bleams Road to Ottawa Street, City of Kitchener

MOVED by T. Galloway
SECONDED by C. Zehr

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take the following actions with respect to the Class Environmental Assessment Study for proposed improvements to Fischer-Hallman Road from Bleams Road to Ottawa Street in the City of Kitchener:

- a) Approve the Recommended Design Alternative for Fischer-Hallman Road as outlined in Report E-12-121;
- b) Direct staff to file the Notice of Completion for this Class Environmental Assessment Study by means of advertisements in local newspapers and mailings to adjacent property owners, tenants and agencies, and place the Environmental Study Report on the public record for a period of 30 days;
- c) Approve full Region of Waterloo funding for the construction of a 3.0 metre wide multi-use trail on each side of Fischer-Hallman Road from Bleams Road to Ottawa Street; and,
- d) Amend the Traffic and Parking By-law 06-072, as amended, upon completion of construction of the Recommended Design Alternative to:
 - i) Remove from Schedule 24, Reserved Bicycle Lanes Monday to Friday on the east side of Fischer-Hallman Road (Regional Road 58) from 30 metres south of Ottawa Street (Regional Road 4) to 150 metres south of Ottawa Street (Regional Road 4);

- ii) Remove from Schedule 24, Reserved Bicycle Lanes Anytime on the east side of Fischer-Hallman Road (Regional Road 58) from 150 metres south of Ottawa Street (Regional Road 4) to Bleams Road (Regional Road 56); and,
- iii) Remove from Schedule 24, Reserved Bicycle Lanes Anytime on the west side of Fischer-Hallman Road (Regional Road 58) from Ottawa Street (Regional Road 4) to Bleams Road (Regional Road 56).

CARRIED

- b) E-12-128, Church Street Improvements from Barnswallow Drive to Herbert Street, Elmira, Township of Woolwich

MOVED by T. Cowan

SECONDED by R. Kelterborn

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take the following actions with respect to the proposed improvements of Church Street in Elmira:

a) approve the Recommended Design Alternative for Church Street from Barnswallow Drive to Herbert Street as outlined in Report E-12-125 and

b) amend Traffic and Parking By-law 06-072, as amended, upon completion of construction to accommodate the proposed improvements as follows:

- i. Add to Schedule 1, No Parking Anytime on both sides of Church Street (Regional Road 86) from Barnswallow Drive to 125 metres East of Raising Mill Gate; and
- ii. Add to Schedule 24, Reserved Lane Anytime on Both Sides of Church Street (Regional Road 86) from Barnswallow Drive to 125 metres East of Raising Mill Gate for Bicycles and Horse-Drawn Vehicles;

CARRIED

TRANSIT SERVICES

- c) E-12-117, Fare Free Transit Services for Community Events

Committee members discussed the report and commented on the variety of fare free services currently available, noting that perhaps additional marketing needs to take place in order to convince non transit users to start using transit by providing different opportunities to do so. For example free transit on Friday and Saturday nights after 6:00 p.m. during summer months. Committee members suggested staff look at the current marketing budget to create innovative ways to increase ridership.

Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services commented on practices currently in place and highlighted that a marketing plan will be coming forward in late January or early February 2013.

Received for information.

WATER SERVICES

- d) E-12-124, West Montrose Water Supply Class Environmental Assessment (EA) – Notice of Completion

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by R. Kelterborn

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo receive the report entitled “West Montrose Class Environmental Assessment Project File Report” prepared by Aecom Canada Ltd., dated December 2012, according to Report E-12-124 dated December 11, 2012;

AND THAT Regional Municipality of Waterloo issue the Notice of Completion of Project File Report, and file the Project File Report for public review in accordance with Municipal Class Environmental Assessment requirements.

CARRIED

- e) E-12-125, Ayr Wastewater Servicing Master Plan: Notice of Completion

MOVED by R. Deutschmann
SECONDED by C. Millar

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo receive the report entitled “Ayr Wastewater Servicing Master Plan” prepared by XCG Consultants Inc. dated November 2012, according to Report E-12-125 dated December 11, 2012;

AND THAT Regional Municipality of Waterloo issue the Notice of Completion of the Ayr Wastewater Servicing Master Plan and file the Master Plan Report for public review in accordance with Municipal Engineers Association Master Planning requirements.

CARRIED

REPORTS – PLANNING, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**COMMUNITY PLANNING**

- f) P-12-120, Region of Waterloo Comments on the Draft Revised Provincial Policy Statement (September 2012)

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing and Community Services introduced the report and pointed out the policy statement is talking about economic development as a matter of Provincial interest. More specifically in the report staff is recommending that the Province be asked to focus on infrastructure planning and investment.

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by T. Galloway

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo forward Report No. P-12-120, dated December 11, 2012, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as Regional Council's formal response to the first draft of the revised Provincial Policy Statement

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- g) P-12-131, Greater Toronto Area West Corridor and Highway 401 (Hespeler – Halton) Environmental Assessments

R. Horne provided introductory comments noting the Province is trying to determine how to create a better transportation system for Niagara Corridor and Greater Toronto Area West and the whole Waterloo, Wellington, Brant transportation planning study. He indicated that staff's main focus is on how the systems connect and GO for Kitchener and Cambridge.

Committee members emphasized the importance for GO Transit out of Cambridge and highlighted the need for a more formative manner on sending that message to the Ministers that are involved.

MOVED by K. Seiling
SECONDED by S. Strickland

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo convey to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) its' major concerns with the new highway alignment component of the Greater Toronto Area West Corridor Transportation Development Strategy, as described in Report. P-12-131, dated December 11, 2012;

THAT the MTO be requested to work toward a different highway alignment during Stage 2 of the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment that will provide additional capacity than available on Highway 401;

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo continue working with MTO and its municipal partners on advancing the Waterloo-Wellington-Brant inter-regional transportation study;

AND THAT Regional staff initiate further discussions between the Region, the MTO and the City of Cambridge to consider the acceleration of construction timing and cost sharing of pedestrian and cyclist provisions for the Franklin Boulevard interchange.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Memo, Grand River Transit Route 9 Lakeshore – Overcrowding Concerns

R. Horne introduced the memo noting improvements were made to the morning route and additional refinements.

Committee members thanked staff and pointed out that this type of flexibility is needed in our transit system.

Received for information.

- b) Memo, Sportsworld Transit Terminal and Car-Pool Facility

R. Horne made brief introductory comments.

Committee members asked if there are plans for GO to start in Cambridge on Ainslie Street to capture a greater portion of people. John Cicuttin, Manager Transportation Planning, noted GO planning staff is currently investigating that.

Received for information.

- c) Memo, Re-appointment of Member to Lake Erie Source Protection Committee

MOVED by J. Mitchell
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo re-appoint the Commissioner of Transportation and Environmental Services as Waterloo Region's member of the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee;

And that the Region of Waterloo forward this recommendation to Area Municipalities for their information.

CARRIED

- d) Letter, Gold Level 2012 Recycling Council of Ontario Waste Minimization Award

J. Wideman presented Kathleen Barsoum, Co-ordinator, Waste Management with the Council of Ontario Waste Minimization Award.

Received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List

Committee members noted that there were a few items on the tracking list with response times of Fall 2012 and asked staff what is the expected response date for those items. T. Schmidt indicated that staff will be updating the list and expected response times will be early 2013.

NEXT MEETING – January 8, 2013

ADJOURN

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by C. Millar

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, J. Wideman

COMMITTEE CLERK, E. Flewwelling