Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Planning and Works Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2014
9:05 a.m.
Regional Council Chamber
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

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

Members absent: R. Deutschmann and B. Halloran

Motion To Go Into Closed Session
Moved by L. Armstrong
Seconded by T. Galloway
That a closed meeting of the Planning and Works Committee be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 8:45 a.m. in the Waterloo County Room, in accordance with Section 239 of the “Municipal Act, 2001”, for the purposes of considering the following subject matters:

a) proposed or pending disposition of land in the City of Kitchener

Carried

Motion To Reconvene Into Open Session
Moved by T. Cowan
Seconded by C. Millar
That Council reconvene into Open Session.
Carried
Declarations Of Pecuniary Interest Under The Municipal Conflict Of Interest Act

T. Galloway declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report P-14-067, On The Line Exhibition Along the 200 iXpress Grand River Transit Corridor due to his employment at the University of Waterloo.

Delegations

a) P-14-067, On The Line Exhibition Along the 200 iXpress Grand River Transit Corridor

Rick Haldenby and Mona El Khfif, University of Waterloo School of Architecture appeared before Committee and provided a presentation that highlighted the project On The Line: A Gallery of Publicly Accessible Destinations in Waterloo Region. M. El Khfif explained how the technology works to connect transit riders with local culture, architecture, commerce and recreation along and near the current 200 iXpress route and future ION rapid transit. She specifically highlighted the technology being used and how the public can participate. A copy of the presentation is appended to the original minutes.

Committee members asked the delegation who is in charge of reviewing the data being uploaded by the public and about continued discussions with The Creative Enterprise Initiative (CEI) and Waterloo Region Tourism Marketing Corporation. The delegations responded that they will be reviewing all data being uploaded for appropriate content and that discussions have been happening and are ongoing and does not affect the project.

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing and Community Services also stated the report was shared with both CEI and Waterloo Region Tourism and both are onside with the project. He noted discussions still need to take place regarding implementing and advertising the message and making sure the data being entered is current and up to date.

R. Haldenby responded to Committee’s questions regarding working on other projects stating he hopes this becomes part of the transit infrastructure. It was also noted that they will report back on how successful the project was.

Moved by J. Haalboom
Seconded by S. Strickland

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo participate in the On The Line Exhibition with funding of up to $24,000 to be provided from the existing 2014 operating budgets for Planning, Housing and Community Services and Transportation & Environmental Services (Grand River Transit), as described in Report P-14-067, dated May 27, 2014.

Carried

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b) E-14-060, Proposed Installation of an All-way Stop at the Intersection of Bridge Street (Regional Road 12) and Queen Street (Regional Road 12), Township of Wilmot

Nelson Smith appeared before Committee thanking staff for looking into the safety issue regarding the intersection at Queen and Bridge Street in New Dundee. He provided background information on the reconstruction in 2010 and described the current condition. He expressed concerns of the residents in New Dundee regarding the safety and heavy trucks travelling through and in front of New Dundee school. He talked about the truck route policy and concerns with heavy truck traffic. He asked about criteria outlined in the policy. He stated that the installation of a stop sign would be a step in the right direction for the safety of the community.

L. Armstrong asked that there be an amendment to the recommendation to change the yield sign to a stop sign suggesting the stop sign may help to deter the trucks from taking that route because it would require them to stop on a grade. B. Henderson explained the reason for the yield sign stating staff does not recommend the change.

Some Committee expressed concerns with installing a stop sign stating staff are experts in this area and are recommending a yield sign. Committee members suggested monitoring that intersection and to report back in 6 months.

Committee members asked for the amendment to be taken separately.

Moved by L. Armstrong

Seconded by J. Haalboom

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo amend Traffic and Parking By-law 06-072, as amended, to:

a) Remove from Schedule 11, Through Highways, Queen Street (Regional Road 12) from the South Side of Bleams Road to the South Side of Bridge Street (Regional Road 12);

b) Add to Schedule 11, Through Highways, Queen Street (Regional Road 12) from the South Side of Bleams Road to the North Side of Bridge Street (Regional Road 12); and

c) Add to Schedule 12, and Intersection Stop Signs, Bridge Street (Regional Road 12) at Queen Street (Regional Road 12), in the Northbound, Southbound, Eastbound and Westbound directions;

in the Township of Wilmot, as outlined in Report E-14-060, dated May 27, 2014.

Carried, as amended

Moved by L. Armstrong

Seconded by J. Haalboom

1642439
And that staff be directed to replace the yield sign situated on the westbound right-turn channel with a stop sign for a 6 month trial period and report back to committee on the effectiveness of this change.

Carried

c) P-14-061, King Victoria Multi-Modal Transit Hub – Proposed Procurement Process

Eleanor Grant appeared before Committee regarding the King-Victoria Transit Hub stating she is concerned with the plans for the Rumpel Felt building. She acknowledged the huge undertaking this project is for the Region but pointed out that in the drawings the Rumpel Felt building is left blank and wondered what the plans were for the building and wanted to make some requests with respect to the building. She asked that the public provide input on the use of the building; a public use for the building; and that the Heritage community must be a stakeholder and kept informed of decisions regarding the building. E. Grant provided suggestions for the building and asked that the building be cleaned up outside and restore the original windows. A copy of her notes is appended to the original minutes.

Committee members asked the delegation what she would like staff’s recommendation to state regarding the Rumpel Felt building. E. Grant stated that she would like the building to be put to public use and that the public be aware and be part of any decisions regarding the building.

R. Horne explained that public input and stakeholder input will occur. He highlighted with respect to the Rumpel Felt building staff have had considerable discussions with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee with Kitchener and a lot of discussion and continued discussion with Kitchener City Council. He pointed out the recommendation today is for process not substance. He also stated that the 1913 portion of the building has been identified by the City of Kitchener and Regional Council of heritage significance.

Chair J. Wideman asked Councillors to volunteer to sit on the Transit Hub Steering Committee. S. Strickland, J. Haalboom, G. Lorentz, T. Galloway, and J. Wideman volunteered.

S. Strickland asked that an amendment be made to the recommendation to include Infrastructure Ontario as well Metrolinx.

Committee members inquired about who owns the train station and the future of the building. Kevin Eby, Director, OMB Appeals and King-Victoria Transit Hub stated that CN is the owner of the station and the land and that City of Kitchener will work in conjunction with CN to determine the future use of the land and building.

J. Haalboom expressed her concerns with respect to the high rise buildings and the 2 plazas being suggested for the transit hub.

Moved by C. Zehr
1642439
Seconded by G. Lorentz

That Regional Council endorse Report No. P-14-061, dated May 27, 2014, as the basis for advancing development of the King-Victoria Multi-modal Transit Hub;

That the Region of Waterloo authorize the establishment of a Steering Committee and Senior Management Team, as described in this report, to oversee the process of selecting a proponent for the King-Victoria Transit Hub;

That Regional Council appoint the following representatives from Regional Council to sit on the Transit Hub Steering Committee: S. Strickland, J. Haalboom, G. Lorentz, T. Galloway, and J. Wideman;

That Regional staff investigate options for partnerships with Metrolinx/Infrastructure Ontario and, as appropriate, VIA Rail regarding development of the transit infrastructure on the King-Victoria Multi-modal Transit Hub lands;

And that the current King-Victoria Multi-modal Transit Hub Project Team be concluded and thanked for its participation in the project.

Carried, as amended

Request to Remove Items From Consent Agenda

J. Haalboom asked that item a) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

G. Lorentz asked that item a) and c) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

a) E-14-037, Region of Waterloo Traffic Congestion Tracker Project Results

Received for Information.

J. Haalboom asked if staff received any feedback when the program was introduced. Bob Henderson, Manager, Transportation Engineering stated that there was no feedback about the design.

G. Lorentz asked if the results were a surprise. B. Henderson noted the results made sense however staff will confirm results.

c) E-14-072, ”Big Music Fest 2014” at McLennan Park

Received for Information.

G. Lorentz asked what concerns staff had with respect to the Music Fest. Jon Arsenault, Director, Waste Management stated that staff were concerned with disturbance to the groundcover and it was noted that no stakes will be put into the ground, that the stage will be floating.

Motion To Approve Items Or Receive for Information
Moved by G. Lorentz
Seconded by J. Mitchell

That the following items be approved:

- That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo amend Traffic and Parking By-law 06-072, as amended, to add to Schedule 15, Prohibited Movements, Northbound Left-turn, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday at the intersection of King Street (Regional Road 8) and Chopin Drive in the City of Cambridge, as outlined in Report E-14-055, dated May 27, 2014.


- That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve an amendment to Controlled Access By-law #58-87 for a full-movement, temporary construction access on the east side of Regional Road #58 (Fischer-Hallman Road), approximately 155 metres south of Huron Road in the City of Kitchener, as described in Report No. P-14-062, dated May 27, 2014.

  Carried

Information/Correspondence

a) Memo, Bike Month in June

Received for information.

Regular Agenda Resumes

Reports – Transportation and Environmental Services

Design and Construction

d) E-14-063, Consultant Selection – Class EA, Detailed Design and Contract Administration Services for Highland Road Improvements, Fischer-Hallman Road to Ira Needles Boulevard, City of Kitchener

It was pointed out that Regional Councillor G. Lorentz and City Councillor Bil Ioannidis were involved on this project team.

Moved by C. Zehr
Seconded by T. Galloway

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into a Consulting Services Agreement with IBI Group to provide consulting engineering services for the Class Environmental Assessment (EA), detailed design, construction contract administration and inspection
services associated with Highland Road Improvements from Fischer-Hallman Road to Ira Needles Boulevard at an upset fee limit of $403,300.00 plus applicable taxes for the Class EA and design phases, with construction contract administration and inspection services to be paid on a time basis, as outlined in report E-14-063, dated May 27, 2014.

Carried

e) E-14-062, Consultant Selection – Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Design and Services During Construction, Bridgeport Road/Caroline Street from King Street to Erb Street and Erb Street from Caroline Street to King Street Improvements, City of Waterloo

Moved by S. Strickland
Seconded by J. Mitchell

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into a Consulting Services Agreement with WalterFedy of Kitchener, Ontario to provide consulting engineering services for a Class Environmental Assessment, detailed design, contract administration and construction inspection for Bridgeport Road/Caroline Street from King Street to Erb Street and Erb Street from Caroline Street to King Street Improvements in the City of Waterloo at an upset limit of $408,692.79 plus applicable taxes for the Class Environmental Assessment and detailed design phases, with contract administration and construction inspection to be paid on a time basis as described in Report E-14-062 dated May 27, 2014.

Carried

f) E-14-064, Consultant Selection – Preliminary Design, Detailed Design and Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Rehabilitation of 5 Bridges in the Townships of North Dumfries, Wilmot and Woolwich

Gary MacDonald, Head Transportation Rehabilitation responded to Committee’s questions regarding the selected firm from Peterborough stating staff did receive a number of submissions some of which were local and he explained the criteria and process.

Moved by T. Cowan
Seconded by C. Zehr

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into a Consulting Services Agreement with D.M. Wills Associates Limited of Peterborough, Ontario to provide consulting engineering services for the preliminary design, detailed design, contract administration and construction inspection for 5 Bridge Rehabilitations in the Townships of North Dumfries, Wilmot and Woolwich at an upset limit of $406,220 plus applicable taxes for
the preliminary design and detailed design phases with contract administration and construction inspection to be paid on a time basis. [E-14-064]

Carried

g) Uptown Waterloo King Street North Streetscape Improvement Project from ION Tracks to Central Street and King Street North Reconstruction from Central Street to University Avenue, Municipal Class Environmental Assessments – Information Package in advance of Combined Public Consultation Centre

Received for information.

A Committee members pointed out that segregated bike lanes are being proposed.

Rapid Transit

h) CR-RS-14-034 Authorization to Expropriate Lands (2nd Report) In the City of Cambridge Designated as Part of Phase 5 of Stage 1 of the Rapid Transit Project Relating to Lands that are Necessary for Adapted Bus Rapid Transit

Moved by J. Brewer

Seconded by L. Armstrong

That The Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the expropriation of lands for the construction of part of Phase 5 of Stage 1 of the Rapid Transit Project comprised of property and interests located at various locations along the adapted Bus Rapid Transit alignment at the City of Cambridge, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo as detailed in Report CR-RS-14-001 dated February 11, 2014 and more specifically listed below:

Fee Simple Partial Taking:

aBRT

a. Part Lot 29, Plan 610, being Part 1, 58R18066, Part of PIN 03795-0012, City of Cambridge (Part of 181 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON N1R 3H6);

b. Part Lot 29, Plan 610, being Part 2, 58R18066, Part of PIN 03795-0013, City of Cambridge (Part of 179 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON N1R 3H6).

And that staff be instructed to register a Plan of Expropriation with respect to the said properties, or such lesser portions of any of the said properties as may be determined through the preliminary design process, within three months of the granting of approval to expropriate said properties, in accordance with the Expropriations Act (Ontario) (the “Act”);
And that the registered owners be served with a Notice of Expropriation and a Notice of Possession with respect to the said properties after the registration of the Plan of Expropriation;

And that if no agreement as to compensation is made with an owner, the statutory Offer of Compensation and payment be served upon the registered owners of applicable properties in the amount of the market value of the interests in such lands as estimated by the Region’s appraiser in accordance with the Act;

And further that the Regional Solicitor be authorized to discontinue expropriation proceedings with respect to any above-referenced lands in the event that the Region is able to otherwise obtain registered title to such lands or if Regional staff determine that the expropriation is not advisable. [CR-RS-14-034]

Carried

i) CR-RS-14-029/E-14-074, Waterloo Spur – Proposed Renewal of Freight Rights Agreement with Canadian National Railway

Moved by C. Zehr
Seconded by L. Armstrong

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into a new Freight Rights Agreement with Canadian National Railway for continued use of the Waterloo Spur railway as described in Report CR-RS-14-029/E-14-074 dated May 27th, 2014; and

And that the Regional Municipality extend the current agreement with the Southern Ontario Locomotive Restoration Society (“SOLRS”), a non-profit corporation, for use of the Waterloo Spur railway as described in Report CR-RS-14-029/E-14-074 dated May 27th, 2014.

Carried

j) F-14-062, Stage 1 Light Rail Transit Project: Commercial and Financial Close with GrandLinq GP

Received for information.

A Committee member made comments stating this agreement has put the Region in a favourable situation and has worked out to the Region’s advantage.

Water Services

k) E-14-065, Supplemental Studies for C2012-29 – East Side Lands Pump Station and Forcemain Environmental Assessment

Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services provided clarification for the increased scope of the project.
Moved by K. Seiling
Seconded by T. Cowan

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve an increase in scope for contract C2012-29 previously awarded to Associated Engineering Ltd., at a total cost of $149,000 plus applicable taxes, as per Report E-14-065, dated May 27, 2014.

Carried

i) E-14-067, Water Supply Master Plan Notice of Completion

Nancy Kodousek, Director, Water Services introduced the report highlighted the completion of the Water Supply Master Plan. She noted since 2007 there has been significant changes including the reduction in water demands. She explained the new restrictions and the impacts from the “Clean Water Act”. She highlighted the outcome is the deferral of the Great Lakes pipeline beyond 2051. She briefly described new programs and the capital program and the alignment of the new Water Efficiency Master Plan.

N. Kodousek explained the 65 million dollar reduction in the 10 year capital budget was introduced in the 2014 budget.

Committee members highlighted that the deferral of the Great Lakes pipeline until 2051 needs to be celebrated explaining that community and citizens have embraced water conservation which has contributed to the deferral.

Chair J. Wideman also highlighted the hard work of the Water Efficiency Advisory Committee and Steve Gombos, Manager, Water Efficiency.

Moved by S. Strickland
Seconded by T. Galloway

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the strategy recommended in the Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) Update summarized in Report E-14-067 dated May 27, 2014;

And that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo publish the Notice of Completion for the WSMP and provide the WSMP Update Report for public review and comment for a 30 day period in accordance with Municipal Engineers Association’s Master Planning Process.

Carried


A Committee member inquired about the cost of the toilet replacement program. It was stated that roughly 1.4 million dollars was spent and the benefits of that program.
Committee members discussed the use of water softeners in the Region and it was highlighted that more research is required but that there is a retailer in Baden that is selling water softeners that don’t use salt or water to soften water.

A Committee member asked about making it mandatory for developers to put at least 4 inches of top soil back on lots stating this is a City issue but encourages the Region to look into this further.

Moved by T. Galloway
Seconded by C. Millar

That the Region of Waterloo takes the following actions:

- Approve the Water Efficiency Master Plan 2015 – 2025 as detailed in Report E-14-061.1, dated May 27, 2014 with an estimated average annual budget of $1.3 million, funded from Development Charges and user rates subject to annual budget deliberations, and;
- Convert one temporary full-time equivalent (FTE) position to permanent FTE, funded from the capital program, subject to the approval of the 2015 budget.

Carried

Interdepartmental Reports

E-14-069/P-14-066, 2014 Water and Wastewater Monitoring Report

Moved by T. Cowan
Seconded by J. Haalboom

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the 2014 Water and Wastewater Monitoring Report summarized in Report E-14-069/P-14-066, dated May 27, 2014, as the account of water supply and wastewater treatment capacity as of December 31, 2013.

Carried

Reports – Planning, Housing and Community Services

Community Planning

P-14-050, A Community-Based Conservation Land Trust in Waterloo Region - Proposed Discussion Forum

Chris Gosselin, Manager, Environment Planning appeared before Committee and provided a presentation that highlighted:

- Strategic Direction;
- What is land trust;
• Why a land trust in Waterloo Region;
• The Region’s role; and
• The proposed land trust forum;

A copy of the presentation is attached to the original minutes.

Committee members highlighted that this is a great idea and wondered if there was a tax advantage to doing this. C. Gosselin explained there are some advantages and that Revenue Canada recognizes ECO gifts as a charitable gift.

A Committee member pointed out that there are a number of non profit organizations in the Region specifically rare that exists that people are not aware of that need financial support, explaining the Region needs to find a balance in supporting those organizations instead of focusing primarily on urban development or transit infrastructures.

Moved by J. Mitchell
Seconded by D. Craig

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo authorize Planning, Housing and Community Services staff to hold a community forum to discuss the merits of an independent community-based multi-property conservation land trust, with the associated expenses for the forum to be allocated from the Stewardship Stream of the Community Environmental Fund, all as described in Report P-14-050, dated May 27, 2014.

Carried

Transportation Planning

p) P-14-052, Proposed 2015 Transit Service Improvement Plan – iXpress and Related Updates

Received for information.

A Committee member asked if staff could report back to Committee on the cost recovery ratio.

J. Ciccutin responded to Committees’ questions regarding the criteria for iXpress versus regular bus routes. He stated that the iXpress 203 has more stops because of the restructuring of the 53 Franklin and it is accommodating some of those stops.

Information/Correspondence

a) Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List

Received for information.
Other Business

a) G. Lorentz asked for an update on the construction on Ira Needles Boulevard and wondered if a press release could be sent out with respect to the delay. G. MacDonald stated that there has been an issue of the delivery of concrete barriers and construction is scheduled to start in June and stating typically press releases are not sent out regarding delays in constructions.

b) J. Brewer asked if staff could look into traffic problems as a result of Speedsville Road being closed.

c) J. Mitchell stated she read an article in the New York Times regarding Vision Zero that relates to zero traffic deaths in New York which is also practiced in Sweden. T. Schmidt noted he will look into this.

d) D. Craig highlighted that Ministry of Transportation provided a presentation to Cambridge Council regarding improvements to Highway 401 between Franklin Boulevard and Highway 8 and suggested Regional Council request the same presentation.

Next Meeting – June 17, 2014

Adjourn

Moved by Brewer
Seconded by Millar

That the meeting adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

   Carried

Committee Chair, J. Wideman
Committee Clerk, E. Flewwelling
BUILDING WATERLOO REGION

PARTNERS

Idea Exchange
Design at Riverside
Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery
Kitchener Studio
Conestoga College
Waterloo Region Museum
Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery
University of Waterloo
Joseph Schneider Haus
McDougall Cottage
rare
Charitable Research Reserve
Architectural Conservancy of Ontario
University of Waterloo Library

FUNDERS

Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund
University of Waterloo
Waterloo Engineering
Waterloo Architecture
Arts Together: Creative Intersections
Waterloo Region Arts Fund
City of Kitchener

SPONSORS

Ontario Association of Architects
Grand Valley Society of Architects
C3 Group
Urban Strategies Inc
Walter Fedy
Roylco

Festival of Art Architecture and Sound
Creative Enterprise Initiative
CAFKA
Open Ears

Budget: $251,000
On The Line
A Gallery of Publicly Accessible Destinations in Waterloo Region
COMPONENTS
The exhibition is comprised of both physical and virtual components.

VIRTUAL PRESENCE/DIGITAL ARTEFACTS
The virtual interface for the exhibition will be centered on a web-based application, which will tie physical installations to an online archive of geo-referenced data. Through this interface, users will be able to access, as well as contribute to, a dynamic directory of local destination and event information.

PHYSICAL INSTALLATIONS/ARTEFACTS
The physical installations, distributed at the 30 bus stations along the transit route, will graphically display the cultural and recreational resources located nearby. These mappings will be generated from the information collected and organized by way of the web-based application. The physical presence of these informative graphics will simultaneously promote and support the experience of the exhibition. In addition to the bus shelter installations, posters will be installed in bus interiors. In addition to promoting the exhibition, these posters will encourage active user participation via their web-enabled smart-devices. Physical markers highlighting the points of interest emerging in the walking-sheds of the stations over the course of the project will also be incorporated into the planning.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES
The On the Line exhibition is planned according to three general sets of outcomes:

EXPANDING RELATIONSHIPS TO TRANSIT
By converting the Xpress transit corridor into a distributed public exhibition space, the infrastructural spine of the transit line is cast in a new light. In addition to serving commuters, the transit line is presented as a cultural vehicle through which the region can be experienced.

GROWING A CULTURAL GUIDE
By organizing and providing information for local activities, events, and destinations within the Waterloo Region, the exhibition will serve as a guide for the region’s visitors as well as its residents. By offering a consolidated list of such resources, the exhibition will highlight and promote the region’s cultural capital to various user groups.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & COLLECTIVE IDENTITY
The project incorporates the display of content collected from various sources including user-generated streams. By supporting avenues for engagement with local citizens, the exhibition becomes an aggregator of community activity. Through the analysis and organization of the supplied data, the exhibition will identify emerging community clusters and share those with its visitors.
iXercise
hiking
biking
sport facilities
water access
pools
golf
Tennis
playgrounds
sport arenas

iXperience
restaurants
dinner
theater
entertainment
cinema
bars

galleries
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public art
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iXhibit
bookstores
churches
sight seeing sites
heritage

iXplore
libraries
schools
university
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Schools
community
center

iXamine
On The Line is conceived as a mobile gallery, which provides contact with local activities, events, and destinations within the Region of Waterloo. It serves as a guide for riders and promotes the value of public transit within the region. In effect, On the Line converts the iXpress transit corridor into a distributed public exhibition space, offering access to local culture, architecture, commerce, and recreation.

Using a combination of posters, physical installations, and a web-based application, the exhibition will both distribute and collect information about the destinations. As a prototypical strategy for integrating social and cultural information within a transportation system, the project also serves as a template for embedding future public transit initiatives within their urban and cultural contexts.
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## BUDGET

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TEAM DESCRIPTION

On the Line is conceived, developed, and implemented by dataLAB. The lab’s directors, Prof. Dr. Mona El Khafif and Prof. Maya Przybylski, will be leading the project. Graduate student researchers, whose own thesis work relates to the objectives of the exhibition, will also be part of the core project team.

dataLAB
A research group based in the School of Architecture at the University of Waterloo, dataLAB is focused on expanding information-centric design methodologies for the built world. In particular, the emergence of big data is enabling us to analyze subjects in ways that could not have been previously imagined. Digitally accessible datasets continue to grow in both size and number, in large part, due to the ubiquitous gathering potentials of mobile devices, software logs, and remote sensing technologies. Access to data describing countless metrics, such as flows of people, goods, information and capital, environmental conditions, demographic properties, and personal income, suggests an expanded capacity for understanding and mobilizing our physical environment. As a result, data-centric methodologies represent an active frontier in design-research at a variety of scales, ranging from object to urban design. While in recent years big data management and visualization have generated a tremendous body of work, dataLAB is particularly focused on identifying the next generation of design methods and tools that critically reflect a meaningful utilization of data for the design of our physical environment.

Team
Mona El Khafif, Maya Przybylski, Students: Lea Koch, Zak Fish, Dan Malka, Thomas Noussis, Jake Reads
Eleanor Grant  
(Architectural Conservancy)

3 requests for  
RUMPEL FELT 1913 BLDG:

1. Public input on use of this bldg.
2. A public use for the bldg.
3. Heritage community must be a stakeholder & kept informed.

+ Start now to clean up the outside & restore original windows.
A Land Trust in Waterloo Region

Presentation to the Planning and Works Committee
In connection with Report P-14-050

May 27, 2014
Foster partnerships to promote and protect Waterloo Region’s environmentally sensitive lands (e.g. rare Charitable Research Reserve, Grand River Corridor, Conservation Easements, potential land trust, etc.)”

Strategic Focus 2011-2014 (item 1.5.3)

“The Region will consider the establishment of a Land Trust to hold, purchase and manage elements of the Greenlands Network, or to hold conservation easements” (Regional Official Plan policy 7.1.11).
What is a land trust?

- A non-profit registered charity
- Can hold land, conservation easements, or enter into covenants with landowners under the Conservation Lands Act (Ontario)
- Maintains, protects, and stewards properties with significant ecological, cultural heritage, or agricultural values
- Usually owns multiple properties, unlike rare and Branchton Land Trust
- Financed by charitable donations of money and property
- Volunteers and eventually paid staff
Why a land trust in Waterloo Region?
Why a land trust in Waterloo Region?

- They can receive properties that would not be dedicated to public agencies through development approvals.
- Donors may feel more comfortable donating land and money to a charitable organization than to a municipal government or conservation authority.
- Properties not necessarily open to public visitation.
- Flexibility – can hold properties or conservation easements in various municipalities.
- Involve many citizen volunteers with multiple skills.
- Conservation of significant natural and cultural heritage lands at no cost to government.
The Region’s role:

- A catalyst
- Host a community forum to present information on land trusts
- See if there are persons and at least one landowner interested in further discussion
- If a group emerges, provide some logistical support, if required
- No ongoing financial commitments, but trust could be eligible for future Community Environmental Fund grants
The proposed land trust forum

Recommend up to $7,000 from Community Environmental Fund for:

- Advertising
- Speakers’ expenses
- Catering
- Forum materials