Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Planning and Works Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, September 30, 2014
11:00 a.m.
Regional Council Chamber
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, ON

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, and K. Seiling.

Members absent: J. Brewer, S. Strickland and C. Zehr

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Under The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act


Delegations

a) E-14-114, Planned Region of Waterloo Cycling Enhancement Pilot Programs

Received for Information.

i) Hans Pottkamper representing the Waterloo County Wanderers Cycling Club appeared before Committee stating they are supportive of the experiments being proposed in the report. He provided background information on the club and noted that
they have a fairly good understanding of the challenges cyclists face in and around regional roads. He highlighted that they encourage Council to invest in better cycle infrastructure overall and are making recommendations that cycling lanes be 1.5 meters wide on regional roads where feasible. He asked that the Region work with all of the other municipalities to develop as much as possible interconnections of cycling friendly roads and trails as well as common signage.

ii) Ed Hummel appeared before Committee noting he is part of the Waterloo County Wanderers Cycling Club as well. He stated that he was speaking specifically on the crossrides. He provided diagrams showing what crossrides look like and explained how they are used and the potential risk they may have.

Some Committee members expressed concerns with the crossrides. Bob Henderson, Manager, Transportation Engineering noted the crossrides are being piloted at two locations that do not have motorized vehicle turning conflicts.

Committee members asked about signage and how long the pilot programs will last. B. Henderson stated that there will be signage leading up to the crossrides and the pilot programs will last for a year or two.

b) E-14-100.1, Ottawa Street South (Regional Road 4) at Proposed Development Access/McLennan Park Traffic Signal request, in the City of Kitchener

Chris Pidgeon, GSP Group, appeared before Committee on behalf of his client NovaCora. He stated that the Ministry of Environment has not accepted the Remediation Plan for this site and as a result the remediation is delayed until 2015 therefore NovaCore is not able to firm up their contracts for development of the land, including the Senior’s Development and Rental Apartments. C. Pidgeon noted that his client would like to revisit the signalization at that time.

Chair J. Wideman noted he spoke with staff regarding this report and staff did not see a problem deferring this report until the new Council in 2015.

Moved by G. Lorentz
Seconded by T. Galloway

That the Regional Municipality defer report E-14-100.1, Ottawa Street South (Regional Road 4) at Proposed Development Access/McLennan Park Traffic Signal request, in the City of Kitchener until 2015.

Carried

Request to Remove Items from Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion to Approve Items or Receive for Information

Moved by B. Halloran

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Seconded by R. Kelterborn

That the following items be approved:


And that the following items be received for information:

- University Avenue Widening and Reconstruction – Keats Way to Erb Street, City of Waterloo - Information Package in Advance of Public Consultation Centre (Information)
- Fountain Street Improvements, Cherry Blossom Road to Fairway Road / Kossuth Road, City of Cambridge – Information Package in Advance of Public Consultation Centre
- E-14-111.1, 2015 Residential Water Efficiency Program Development

Carried

Regular Agenda Resumes

Reports – Transportation and Environmental Services

Rapid Transit

a) E-14-113, Region of Waterloo Rapid Transit Project: Infrastructure Ontario – Amendment Agreement

Moved by G. Lorentz
Seconded by J. Mitchell

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (the Region) approve entering into an Amending Agreement with Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (IO) to amend the original IO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to revise services being provided during construction and eliminate post substantial completion services thus reducing the upset fee limit by $846,008 to a new upset limit of $3,008,536 plus applicable taxes, as described in Report No. E-14-113 dated September 30, 2014.

Carried

b) E-14-117, ION Construction-Progress Update

Received for information.

Conflict: R. Deutschmann
A Committee member thanked staff for the report and asked if staff had an estimate of the out of pocket expenses up to the end of the year. Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services stated that staff are estimating that by the end of the year the out of pocket costs would be between $225 - $250 million and noted that the Region’s capital commitment to the program is $253 million.

Mike Murray, Chief Administrative Officer pointed out the chart on page 8 of the report shows cost incurred and accrued and the money the Region would owe to various contractors. He also noted staff cannot begin to speculate the cost of any cancellation or penalty costs.

Some Committee members expressed concerns with the new Council potentially considering cancelling the LRT project since the Region cannot estimate costs associated with litigation or any settlement costs.

Chair J. Wideman highlighted that a benefit to the project is the increase in annual Regional tax revenue associated with this project is estimated to be in the range of $6 to $8 million. He pointed out that page 6 of report lists many of the benefits associated to the project.

A Committee member asked what would happen if the new Council would change to bus rapid transit. T. Schmidt explained the costs associated with cancelling the Grandlinq contract, losing Provincial and Federal funding and stated that the Regional perspective without Provincial and Federal funding is that the Region would essentially spend the same amount of money to wrap up the contract as it would to just finish the project.


Received for information.

d) CR-RS-14-087, Surplus Declaration of Regional Lands Forming Part of 25 Cedar Street, Kitchener

Moved by R. Kelterborn

Seconded by T. Cowan

That The Regional Municipality of Waterloo:

(a) Declare lands described as Part of Lot 17 (B. Moogk), South of King Street, Plan 364 designated as Part 1 Plan 58R-18253 being Part of PIN 22502-0083, in the City of Kitchener forming part of lands municipally known as 25 Cedar Street, Kitchener and more particularly depicted in Appendix “A” hereto (the “Cedar Surplus Lands”) as surplus to the needs of the Region, subject to the Regional Solicitor being satisfied that all steps required under the Region’s Property
Disposition By-Law have been completed;

(b) Proceed to perform and complete the Settlement Agreement pertaining to the expropriation /acquisition of land for the Rapid Transit Project – Stage 1 described as Part of Lot 16 or 15 (Hueglin) Part of Lot 17 (B. Moogk) South of King Street Registered Plan No. 364 designed as Part 3 on Plan WR768754 being PIN 22502-0252 (LT), City of Kitchener forming part of lands municipally known as 21 Cedar Street, Kitchener from Bac Quang Luu on terms that include the transfer of the Cedar Surplus Lands to Mr. Luu as partial consideration for the settlement of Mr. Luu’s claims in accordance with Regional Council’s resolution of September 9, 2014 and subject to the Regional Solicitor’s satisfaction in connection with item (a) above.

Carried

**Water Services**

e) E-14-112, Consultant Selection for Preliminary Design of the Upgrades at the Galt Wastewater Treatment Plant

Moved by D. Craig

Seconded by J. Haalboom

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into a Consulting Services Agreement with CIMA Canada Inc. of Vaughan, Ontario, to provide consulting engineering services for undertaking the Preliminary Design for Upgrades at the Galt Wastewater Treatment Plant, at an upset limit of $401,936 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

**Information/Correspondence**

a) Memo, Community Forum on Land Trusts

Received for information.

Chair J. Wideman reminded Committee members that the Community Forum on Land Trusts will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at the Region of Waterloo Headquarters.

b) Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List

Received for information.

**Next Meeting** – November 4, 2014
Adjourn

Moved by C. Millar

Seconded by B. Halloran

That the meeting adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

    Carried

Committee Chair, J. Wideman

Committee Clerk, E. Flewwelling
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- **Pedestrians (cross walk)**
- **Cyclists (cross ride)**