



REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

The following are the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held at 7:00 p.m. in the Regional Council Chamber, 150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario, with the following members present: Chair K. Seiling, L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, J. Haalboom, B. Halloran, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman and C. Zehr.

Members Absent: J. Brewer

Chair Seiling welcomed everyone and advised Council will deal with the normal business followed immediately by the Rapid Transit delegations and consideration of report.

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED by R. Deutschmann
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT a closed meeting of Council be held on June 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.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) receiving of legal advice and opinion that is subject to solicitor-client privilege related to a procurement issue

CARRIED

MOVED by J. Haalboom
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT Council reconvene in Open Session.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER *THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT*

R. Deutschmann declared a conflict of interest regarding Rapid Transit due to an indirect 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 non-pecuniary interest regarding Rapid Transit due to his son owning property within the area of a proposed station on the rapid transit system.

T. Galloway declared a pecuniary interest regarding Rapid Transit due to his employment at the University of Waterloo.

K. Seiling declared a pecuniary interest regarding Rapid Transit in that two of his adult children own residential properties within the proposed corridor. He vacated the Chair during this portion of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOVED by R. Kelterborn
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT the following Minutes be approved:

- a) Licensing and Retail Committee – May 30, 2011
- b) Planning & Works Public Meeting re: Rapid Transit – May 31, 2011
- c) Council – June 1, 2011
- d) Planning & Works Public Meeting re: Rapid Transit – June 1, 2011
- e) Planning & Works – June 7, 2011
- f) Closed Committee - June 7, 2011
- g) Administration & Finance – June 7, 2011
- h) Community Services - June 7, 2011

CARRIED

MOVED by S. Strickland
SECONDED by G. Lorentz

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider reports.

CARRIED

FINANCE REPORTS

- a) F-11-046, T2011-108 Waterloo Regional Police Services North Division Construction

T. Galloway advised the Waterloo Regional Police Services Board approved the tender last week and requested staff to be directed to make preparations for a ground breaking ceremony.

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by T. Galloway

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the tender of Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd. for Waterloo Regional Police Services North Division Construction in the amount of \$13,184,840.00, plus separate and alternative price items in the amount of \$1,339,615.00 for a total price of \$14,524,455.00 including all applicable taxes.

CARRIED

- b) F-11-047, T2011-011 Plant 1 Aeration Equipment Replacement Kitchener Wastewater Treatment Plant, City of Kitchener

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by T. Galloway

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the tender of Wellington Construction Inc. for T2011-011 Plant 1 Aeration Equipment Replacement Kitchener Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), City of Kitchener, in the amount of \$2,864,550.00 including all applicable taxes.

CARRIED

c) F-11-048, T2011-117, EMS Headquarters and Fleet Centre Expansion and Renovation

MOVED by J. Wideman

SECONDED by T. Galloway

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the tender of Dakon Construction Ltd. for the EMS Headquarters and Fleet Centre Expansion and Renovation in the amount of \$757,000.00 including all applicable taxes.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Works

The Summary of Recommendations of the Planning and Works Committee was presented by Jim Wideman, Chair of the Committee.

MOVED by J. Wideman

SECONDED by R. Kelterborn

THAT the Summary of Recommendations of the Planning and Works Committee, dated June 7, 2011, Items 1 to 6, be adopted as follows:

1. THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approves the implementation of Alternative B, for a Off-Road trail on the east side of Fischer-Hallman Road as included in Report E-11-064;

AND THAT the existing sidewalk on the east side of Fischer-Hallman Road from Queen's Boulevard to Highland Road and the south sidewalk on Highland Road from Fischer-Hallman Road to the Real Canadian Superstore entrance remain in place and an adjacent asphalt trail (1.5m wide) be constructed adjacent to both sidewalks;

AND FURTHER THAT capital project 5659 (Contract 2011-015) be increased by \$180,000 to be funded from the Transportation Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund.

2. THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo takes the following actions, in accordance with Report E-11-045 dated June 7, 2011:
 1. Enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Public Works and Government Services acting through the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) regarding accreditation of the Region's 16 drinking water systems as described in Report E-11-045 dated June 7, 2011, with such agreement to be to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor.

2. Authorize the Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services, to sign all documentation related to this matter.
 3. Endorse the Region's 16 drinking water systems operational plans.
 4. Reassign the Manager of Operations and Maintenance (Water) from the QMS Representative to the Top Management team and appoint the Supervisor, Process and Compliance (Water) as the QMS Representative.
3. THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo takes the following actions, in accordance with Report E-11-046 dated June 7, 2011:
1. Approve the Financial Plan for Water Services Water Supply System as appended to Report E-11-046 dated June 7, 2011;
 2. Approve the Financial Plan for Water Services North Dumfries and Wellesley Water Distribution System as appended to Report E-11-046 dated June 7, 2011;
 3. Endorse the financial plans as financially viable;
 4. Approve the submission of the financial plans to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in accordance with the *Safe Drinking Water Act*; and
 5. Authorize the Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services, to sign all documentation related to this matter.
4. a) THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo declare surplus land previously occupied by the former Preston Heights water tower, in the City of Cambridge described as Part Block 1, Plan 1327 (PIN 03770-0106 and 03770-0107) as detailed in Report No. CR-RS-11-034/PH-11-026/P-11-061, dated June 7, 2011, pursuant to the Region's property disposition by-law, to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor; and
- b) THAT Regional staff be directed to investigate the option of a conditional sale of the land previously occupied by the former water tower described as Part Block 1, Plan 1327 (PIN 03770-0106 and 03770-0107) with the abutting property owner, Cambridge Kiwanis Village Non-Profit Housing Corporation, with such sale to be subject to the approval of Regional Council and to include conditions relating to a lease for a community garden, as detailed in Report No. CR-RS-11-034 /PH-11-026/P-11-061, dated June 7, 2011.
5. THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve a Tax Increment Grant for the property known as 750 Lawrence Street in the City of Cambridge in an amount not to exceed \$723,897, subject to the completion of redevelopment of the subject property within six (6) years of the execution of an agreement and confirmation of any additional brownfield related financial assistance available under the Region's Brownfield Financial Incentive Program or through the City of Cambridge, with the first \$330,479 to be financed from the remaining funds in the Brownfields Financial Incentive Pilot Program and the remaining balance from a source to be identified as part of a forthcoming Reserve and Reserve Fund Report to be considered by Administration and Finance Committee;

AND THAT the Region's Commissioner of Planning, Housing and Community Services and the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to execute any associated agreements with the registered owner of 750 Lawrence Street and the Corporation of the City of Cambridge, with the form and content of such agreement(s) to be satisfactory to both the Regional and City of Cambridge Solicitors. [P-11-056/F-11-040]

6. THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo support the recommended changes related to the Highway 7 Kitchener to Guelph Class Environmental Assessment and the Value

Engineering Study design phase and request the Ministry of Transportation to consider the more detailed recommendations described in Report No. P-11-058, dated June 7, 2011.

CARRIED

Administration and Finance

The Summary of Recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee was presented by Tom Galloway, Chair of the Committee.

MOVED by T. Galloway
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT the Summary of Recommendations of the Administration and Finance Committee dated June 7, 2011, Item 1, be adopted as follows:

1. THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the following for the 2011 Property Tax Capping Program:
 - a. Establish the annual limit on tax increases for properties in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes at the greater of ten percent (10%) of the previous year's annualized capped taxes or 5% of the previous year's current value assessment (CVA) taxes;
 - b. Establish thresholds for properties in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes such that if the taxes on the property calculated under the capping program are within \$250 of the current value assessment (CVA) taxes, the current value assessment taxes will apply;
 - c. Continue with the "Stay at CVA" option and exclude properties in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes that were at their Current Value Assessment taxes in 2010 from the 2011 capping and claw back program;
 - d. Implement one aspect of the "Cross CVA" option and exclude properties in the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes that were subject to a claw back in 2010 from moving to capping in 2011;
 - e. Fund the limits on tax increases for 2011 for the multi-residential, commercial and industrial classes by limiting tax decreases for properties in the same class.

AND THAT the Area Municipalities be notified accordingly.

CARRIED

Community Services

The Summary of Recommendations of the Community Services Committee was presented by Sean Strickland, Chair of the Committee.

MOVED by S. Strickland
SECONDED by J. Mitchell

THAT the Summary of Recommendations of the Community Services Committee dated June 7, 2011, Items 1 to 4, be adopted as follows:

1. THAT the Region of Waterloo Public Health use funding from the Province to mobilize and coordinate local efforts against bed bugs, pursuant to Report PH-11-028, dated June 7, 2011;

AND THAT the 2011 Operating Budget for Public Health be increased by \$173,552 gross and \$0 net Regional levy as outlined in Report PH-11-028.
2. THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the allocation of stipends related to the supervision of medical residents from McMaster University by the Medical Officer of Health and the Associate Medical Officer of Health to the Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region Foundation for the Dr. Ronald Sax Scholarship Fund, as outlined in report PH-11-029 dated June 7, 2011.
3. THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the 2011 Healthy Babies Healthy Children Service Plan for the delivery of the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program in Waterloo Region for submission to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, according to the parameters outlined in report PH-11-031, dated June 7, 2011.
4. THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo establish the Region of Waterloo Seniors Advisory Committee and
 - a) Approve the Terms of Reference for the Region of Waterloo Seniors Advisory Committee, as attached as Appendix A, and;
 - b) Appoint Jean Haalboom as the Council representative for the Region of Waterloo Seniors Advisory Committee for the current term of Council as outlined in report SS-11-025, dated June 7, 2011.

CARRIED

OTHER MATTERS UNDER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by L. Armstrong
SECONDED by B. Halloran

THAT Committee of the Whole rise and Council resume.

CARRIED

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT Council adopt the proceeding of the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS – (FIRST, SECOND & THIRD READINGS)

MOVED by S. Strickland
SECONDED by T. Galloway

- a) THAT a By-law to Determine the Amount of Taxes for Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property for 2011 be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and numbered 11-028 signed by the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk and sealed with the Regional Seal.
- b) THAT a By-law to Close and Convey Part of Northfield Drive East (Regional Road 22), Township of Woolwich be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and numbered 11-029 signed by the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk and sealed with the Regional Seal.
- c) THAT a By-law to Confirm the Actions of Council of June 15, 2011 be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and numbered 11-030 signed by the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk and sealed with the Regional Seal.

CARRIED

RAPID TRANSIT

Due to his pecuniary interest, K. Seiling vacated the Chair and J. Wideman assumed the Chair. J. Wideman provided an overview of the procedure, advising the delegations will be heard first followed by discussion on the staff report.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Submission from Cambridge Councillor Ben Tucci was received for information.

DELEGATIONS

Report E-11-072, Recommended Rapid Transit Implementation Option

- i) Kate Daley, Waterloo appeared before Council stating she is committed to transit and supports light rail transit (LRT). She related what an amazing experience this process has been and how people have been engaged in the topic and discussed it very seriously. She stated now is the time to make the decision.
- ii) John Jackson, Kitchener appeared before Council as Chair of the Grand River Environmental Network in support of LRT. He stated it is critical that Regional Council follow through on the work done through the Regional Official Plan and protect the hard countryside line and the environmentally sensitive landscapes. This topic has generated huge discussion and debate in the community and he appreciated the time and effort put forth by Council and staff and urged Council to adopt the light rail transit.
- iii) Glen Woolner, Kitchener appeared before Council to support Aerorail as the best solution. He highlighted the reasons Aerorail has been dismissed and provided explanation as to why it should be reconsidered. He urged Council to amend the recommendation before them to consider suspended light rail as an option and to direct a more detailed study on suspended light rail. A copy of his presentation is appended to the original minutes.
- iv) Nicholas Ermeta, Cambridge City Councillor, Ward 8 appeared before Council and acknowledged the presence of Cambridge Councillor Ben Tucci. He stated he is before Council as an individual representing many Cambridge residents who are discouraged and disenfranchised as rapid transit is a largely Kitchener-Waterloo

debate. He noted three quarters of the residents he spoke to during the election were opposed to the proposal. He recommended buses run from St. Jacobs to the Ainslie Street terminal, either Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) or adapted Bus Rapid Transit (aBRT). He stated LRT is not required as development is already happening in the corridor. He also urged Councillors to keep an open mind and consider Aerorail as an alternative and suggested deferral of the decision to consider other technology in order to be fair and equitable to all.

- v) Nadine Thibeh, Anna Meksavanh and Sajdeep Soomal on behalf of the Kitchener Youth Action Council (KYAC) appeared before Council to voice their support for LRT and the recommendation in the staff report. They stated they are the current and future members of the community and this is the right step to take. They thanked Council and staff for the ample resources and many opportunities to provide public input on this project.
- vi) John Short, Managing Director, Machteld Faas Xander appeared before Council to thank them for their openness on this project. He stated he owns businesses in the core of Kitchener and Waterloo and recently began paying for employee parking. He is confident the growth trend will continue and noted gridlock and parking issues will become a reality. He urged Council to be visionary and support a transit mode system that will favour the next generation.
- vii) Paul Langan, Cambridge appeared before Council stating he supports LRT as it is about the future and creating a better, sustainable community.
- viii) Karen Scian, Waterloo City Councillor appeared before Council stating her personal opinion that Council needs to take bold steps to prepare for the future and she supports LRT. She stated the City of Waterloo voice needs to be heard, especially in relation to the notice of motion from Sean Strickland regarding the route in Uptown Waterloo. She advised it is not necessary to open this debate again as the City has been proactively involved to ensure they have effectively addressed the unique needs of the community and have already determined the best route for its citizens. K. Scian noted LRT is about the future and creating a transit friendly environment.

J. Wideman acknowledged councillors from the area municipalities that were present at the meeting, including from Waterloo: Melissa Durrell, Jeff Henry, Karen Scian, Angela Vieth; from Cambridge: Nicholas Ermeta, Ben Tucci; from Kitchener: Zyg Janecki. He thanked all of those who provided input in this process.

Mike Murray, Chief Administrative Officer provided remarks and background information on the rapid transit initiative, stating this has been worked on for almost 10 years. It continues in the Regional tradition of being visionary, forward-looking and includes long range planning. It is one element of being an inclusive, thriving, sustainable community. M. Murray highlighted the work staff has done to evaluate and research the initiative and the extensive public consultation that has been conducted. He outlined the goals of the recommendations and report, noting they are consistent and in line with a number of other initiatives, including the Regional growth management strategy, Regional Official Plan, transportation master plan and Provincial growth plan. The recommendations will contribute to building a vibrant, prosperous, sustainable community.

J. Wideman gave a special thank you to all of the staff who have been involved in this initiative.

COUNCIL RAPID TRANSIT DEBATE

a) E-11-072, Recommended Rapid Transit Implementation Option

C. Zehr brought forward the recommendation from the staff report. With respect to the proposed amendments, he stated this is a responsible and prudent way to finance the project.

Recorded votes were requested for all motions related to rapid transit.

MOVED by C. Zehr

SECONDED by S. Strickland

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take the following action regarding the Region's proposed rapid transit system:

- a) Approve light rail transit (LRT) as the preferred technology from Conestoga Mall in the City of Waterloo to the Ainslie Street Terminal in the City of Cambridge;
- b) Approve the LRT route and stations generally as shown in Figure A.3 in Appendix A and listed in Appendix B in report E-11-072;
- c) Approve the implementation of option L3 as Stage 1 of the LRT system including LRT from Conestoga Mall to Fairview Park Mall and adapted bus rapid transit from Fairview Park Mall to the Ainslie Street Terminal, as shown in Figure A.2 in Appendix A in report E-11-072;
- d) Approve funding for the Region's portion of the Stage 1 capital costs and operating and maintenance costs, subject to annual budget deliberations, based on an annual tax rate increase of 1.2 per cent per year (2012 to 2018), area rated to the urban transit service area; [AMENDED]
- e) Approve funding for improvements to Grand River Transit bus service, subject to annual budget deliberations, based on an annual tax rate increase of 0.3 per cent per year (2012 to 2018), area rated to the urban transit service area;
- f) Direct staff to pursue a Regional development charge legislative amendment in order to assist with funding the LRT project;
- g) Approve an allocation of one-time capital of \$1,000,000 annually, for a 10-year period, to implement transit-supportive strategies in Cambridge, details of the program to be developed in conjunction with the City of Cambridge and to be presented to Regional Council for approval in a subsequent report; and
- h) Direct staff to pursue the following steps to expedite Stage 2 of the LRT system including LRT from Fairview Park Mall to the Ainslie Street Terminal:
 - Begin the Transit Project Assessment for LRT from Fairview Park Mall to the Ainslie Street Terminal in 2014;
 - Acquire property for the implementation of Stage 2 of the LRT system;
 - Pursue additional federal and provincial funding for Stage 2 of the LRT system;
 - Explore the location of a future multi-modal transit facility in Cambridge to link to future GO rail service; and

- Undertake measures to encourage transit-supportive development, to enhance transit ridership throughout the urban transit service areas, including (but not limited to) developing incentives for transit-oriented developments and supporting and developing transportation demand management strategies for new and existing businesses and residents.

C. Zehr brought forward the notice of motion from J. Wideman.

T. Cowan inquired if any of the proposed amendments will have a direct impact on the Township taxpayers. Larry Ryan, Chief Financial Officer responded there will be no impact to the Townships. R. Kelterborn further questioned if the retirement of the debts will affect the Townships. J. Wideman clarified the savings is 0.59% and the proposal is to utilize only 0.5% of that amount.

MOVED by C. Zehr

SECONDED by G. Lorentz

That Council approves funding for the Region's portion of the LRT project, subject to annual budget deliberations, as follows:

- budget reductions resulting from the retirement of debt on regional buildings at 150 Frederick St. and 99 Regina St. and the uploading of social assistance costs (2012 to 2018) be allocated to fund a portion of the rapid transit capital and Operating and Maintenance (O&M) costs (average 0.5% per year from 2012 to 2018)
- an annual tax rate increase of 0.7% per year, for a total tax increase of 4.9% over 7 years, to fund the remaining rapid transit capital and O&M costs;
- an annual tax rate increase of 0.3% per year, for the years 2012 to 2018, to fund the capital and O&M costs of related improvements to conventional transit (Grand River Transit).

CARRIED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

Nays: B. Halloran

Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

S. Strickland presented his notice of motion.

J. Mitchell proposed a friendly amendment to the motion which was agreed to by the mover.

S. Strickland stated the intent of the motion is to explore the feasibility of the route as it was identified in 2009 and things have changed since then. Many of the delegations expressed concerns and it is important to ensure the right route for Uptown Waterloo is chosen.

J. Mitchell advised she has discussed this issue with many people and the amendment will allow everyone to take a second look, but does not mean it will be changed.

B. Halloran stated she cannot support the amendment as the City has no interest in having the public square interfered with as a lot of time and money has been invested in this area.

MOVED by S. Strickland
SECONDED by J. Mitchell

THAT staff be directed to consult with the City of Waterloo and interested Waterloo citizens and Uptown businesses to explore the feasibility of adjusting the LRT/BRT alignment in Uptown Waterloo;

AND FURTHER THAT any additional improvements to routing along the entire corridor be considered by staff and by Council at the appropriate time.

CARRIED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

Nays: B. Halloran

Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

S. Strickland presented his second notice of motion.

S. Strickland stated Infrastructure Ontario is a Crown corporation whose main and explicit purpose is to procure and deliver infrastructure projects and since 2006 have delivered over 53 projects in Ontario, valued at over \$23 billion, all on time and on budget. The purpose of the amendment is to direct staff to explore a potential partnership with Infrastructure Ontario and rely on their expertise and leverage their resources to ensure the project is done right, on time and on budget.

MOVED by S. Strickland
SECONDED by J. Mitchell

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo complete an evaluation of project procurement and delivery options, including the role of Infrastructure Ontario, with the goals of maximizing project innovation and quality, leveraging private sector expertise, and managing risks to the Region of Waterloo and our taxpayers.

CARRIED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, B. Halloran, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

Nays: C. Millar

Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

J. Haalboom brought forward an additional amendment that regular financial updates be provided on the project.

MOVED by J. Haalboom
SECONDED by J. Mitchell

THAT staff be directed to report on the financial status of the rapid transit project as part of the Region's periodic financial reports to Committee and Council.

CARRIED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, B. Halloran, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr
Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

J. Wideman opened the floor to discussion on the main motion, as amended.

R. Kelterborn questioned how the "subject to annual budget deliberations" in items d), e) and g) affects this resolution, especially at budget time and if these items will be discussed again at that time. M. Murray stated the wording reflects the Region's budget process and these items will be included as part of the base budget. Council will then have the opportunity to consider that in making decisions on the subsequent year's budgets. J. Wideman advised there is nothing to preclude the removal of those clauses and include them with pre-budget approval.

C. Zehr stated this is an historic event and there are three reasons to proceed with light rail transit (LRT). These include being the long term vision to sustain, protection of the countryside line and being a benefit for all citizens. The cost of doing nothing is enormous. It is important to connect the dots when looking at how this issue affects the community, including the environment, economy, management of growth, traffic congestion and quality of life. The proposal may not be perfect but he provided assurance to the Cambridge residents that they are part of the Regional plan since all mass transit systems are built in stages. This is the opportunity to make a truly transformational decision and support the LRT.

S. Strickland thanked everyone for their input and stated the disagreement is really about technology. He is a strong believer in trains over buses and advised a higher order of transit is necessary and there needs to be less reliance on automobiles. He provided explanations as to why he supports trains over buses. Everyone needs to work together to ensure the fears of cost overruns are not seen and minimize risks to the taxpayers. He stated this is an opportunity to take a calculated risk, seize the day and support LRT.

J. Mitchell thanked staff and those that provided input on this important matter. She stated she has listened to the comments made and gave reasons for supporting LRT. She advised the Region needs to start Stage 2 LRT to Cambridge as soon as possible. This initiative will result in job creation and supports the future. She highlighted the benefits of LRT and stated she supports LRT.

B. Halloran thanked the community for the discussion on this topic. She stated she supports a rapid transit system that is cost effective, efficient and inclusive. She is concerned that the vision of the citizens has been lost as she heard loud and clear from the vast majority of them during the last election. People are opposed to LRT and the preference is for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. One of her campaign pledges was that she would not support the LRT option and will stay true to that pledge and stated she cannot support the staff recommendation. She had solid support for a higher order of rapid transit and is prepared to move an alternate motion if the main one fails. She will respect the outcome of the vote tonight and work together to implement the decision of Regional Council. She urged Council to remember the many people concerned about their financial future and the cost impact of this proposal.

L. Armstrong stated since he was elected he has had the opportunity to do research on this proposal. He advised staff have worked hard and good work has been completed and he can support the proposal. He noted many of the emails are in favour of the project going ahead and supported the completion of the rail line from the top to the bottom, including Cambridge. This will become the transportation spine of the Region and it is time to get it done.

G. Lorentz noted there has been lots of input on this matter and people have a better understanding of the issues. He has looked carefully at all of the options and kept an open mind but the need is to plan for the future. There is a significant funding envelope opportunity being offered and for this and other reasons, he supports LRT. He stated transit requires changes in order to take people where they want to go and emphasized a GO station is also required. This community is competing on a world wide basis and needs the infrastructure to support it. Regional Council needs to have the vision and stay focused to build the project on time and on budget and monitor the process effectively. He noted concerns with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and that it needs to be rewritten to deal with situations like have been experienced with this discussion.

T. Cowan commented this is a great Region to live in. People have said LRT is too expensive and is not needed. He stated the Township conducted its own survey on its website and 82% of those that responded agreed the Region needs a rapid transit strategy and 66% support LRT as the preferred method. As a result, he supported the LRT proposal.

J. Haalboom provided reasons why LRT is the right decision for the Region to make, including it is based on the Region's policies and direction, can help shape the look of urban centres and protect rural areas. Parking policies need to be in place and people need to be encouraged to look to transit as the best mode of travel. She provided a brief history of the public advisory committee for the growth management strategy/rapid transit advisory committee and thanked them for their dedication. She noted that LRT was the preferred alternative and technology by this committee. She supported LRT.

R. Kelterborn stated he has held his opinion to himself but his mind has been made up with help from the public and staff and his personal experiences. He advised this approval is being done for another group of people and thanked those who have taken part in the democratic process by giving their input. His decision will be known when the vote is called.

C. Millar provided her comments, stating she was not going to discuss the unfairness to Cambridge. She referenced previous staff reports presented on February 15, 2011 and May 12, 2011 in addition to the staff report on the agenda this evening and unacceptable points contained within. She referenced the issue of GO service to Cambridge and the need for this Council to strongly state its intent. She requested this Council to show more strength in their actions and make it difficult for the actions of this Council to be circumvented. She stated urban form and dollars and cents are very important. C. Millar highlighted the impacts and disadvantages of adapted Bus Rapid Transit (aBRT) versus LRT. She noted the Stage 2 implementation plan and the need to designate the funds as part of the base budget. She raised a question with respect to the transit project assessment (tpa) and when it will start. Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner Transportation and Environmental Services advised Stage 1 tpa will commence in October 2011 and part of the Stage 2 in 2014 once the environmental assessment is completed. C. Millar continued with concerns with acquiring properties and pursuing additional federal and provincial funding for proceeding with Stage 2. She stated the only way to guarantee the full spine for LRT is to endorse a pre-budget commitment for the \$1 million annually. She was opposed to many aspects of the recommendation.

J. Wideman thanked the public for being tremendously engaged in this project and for providing invaluable input, noting not everyone will be satisfied. He stated Councillor Jane Brewer regrets not being able to be present this evening and advised she would support the staff recommendation and amendments put forward and wants to see LRT into Cambridge.

J. Wideman provided his own comments, stating he is a strong supporter of LRT for the complete route and will commit to work hard to make that happen. The plan needs to start

somewhere and it makes the most sense to do that where the highest ridership exists. J. Wideman highlighted the benefits of LRT including less congested roads, quieter neighbourhoods, more compact forms, revitalized city cores, healthier, cleaner air, promotion of a healthier lifestyle, significant positive impact on the environment, more attractive to employers and employees, be innovative and creative for the future. Building this infrastructure for future generations is a barn raising event to build a better tomorrow and this is truly an historic and defining moment for Waterloo Region.

J. Wideman called for the vote on the main motion. It was agreed to separate the sections for voting.

ORIGINAL MOTION Items a) and b) CARRIED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

Nays: B. Halloran

Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

ORIGINAL MOTION Item c) CARRIED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

Nays: B. Halloran, C. Millar

Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

ORIGINAL MOTION Items d) and e) CARRIED AS AMENDED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

Nays: B. Halloran, C. Millar

Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

ORIGINAL MOTION Item f) CARRIED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

Nays: B. Halloran, C. Millar

Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

ORIGINAL MOTION Item g) CARRIED AS AMENDED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

Nays: B. Halloran

Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

ORIGINAL MOTION Item h) CARRIED

Yeas: L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell, S. Strickland, J. Wideman, C. Zehr

Nays: B. Halloran, C. Millar

Excused - Conflicts: D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, T. Galloway, K. Seiling

**A consolidated version of the Rapid Transit motions is appended as Appendix "A" at the end of these minutes.

C. Zehr announced he will be providing a notice of motion at the June 29, 2011 Council meeting to make representation to the Province regarding the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAW – FIRST, SECOND & THIRD READINGS

MOVED by J. Mitchell
SECONDED by J. Haalboom

- a) THAT a By-law to Confirm the Actions of Council of June 15, 2011 (Rapid Transit) be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and numbered 11-031 signed by the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk and sealed with the Regional Seal.

CARRIED

ADJOURN

MOVED by S. Strickland
SECONDED by J. Haalboom

THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

CARRIED

REGIONAL CHAIR, *K. Seiling*

REGIONAL CLERK, *K. Fletcher*

APPENDIX "A"

****CONSOLIDATED RAPID TRANSIT MOTION**

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take the following action regarding the Region's proposed rapid transit system:

Approve light rail transit (LRT) as the preferred technology from Conestoga Mall in the City of Waterloo to the Ainslie Street Terminal in the City of Cambridge;

Approve the LRT route and stations generally as shown in Figure A.3 in Appendix A and listed in Appendix B in report E-11-072;

Approve the implementation of option L3 as Stage 1 of the LRT system including LRT from Conestoga Mall to Fairview Park Mall and adapted bus rapid transit from Fairview Park Mall to the Ainslie Street Terminal, as shown in Figure A.2 in Appendix A in report E-11-072;

Approve the funding for the Region's portion of the Stage 1 capital costs and operating and maintenance costs, subject to annual budget deliberations, area rated to the urban transit service area, as follows:

- budget reductions resulting from the retirement of debt on regional buildings at 150 Frederick St. and 99 Regina St. and the uploading of social assistance costs (2012 to 2018) be allocated to fund a portion of the rapid transit capital and Operating and Maintenance (O&M) costs (average 0.5% per year from 2012 to 2018)

- an annual tax rate increase of 0.7% per year, for a total tax increase of 4.9% over 7 years, to fund the remaining rapid transit capital and O&M costs;

- an annual tax rate increase of 0.3% per year, for the years 2012 to 2018, to fund the capital and O&M costs of related improvements to conventional transit (Grand River Transit);

Direct staff to pursue Regional development charge legislative amendment in order to assist with funding the LRT project;

Approve an allocation of one-time capital of \$1,000,000 annually, for a 10-year period, to implement transit-supportive strategies in Cambridge, details of the program to be developed in conjunction with the City of Cambridge and to be presented to Regional Council for approval in a subsequent report;

Direct staff to pursue the following steps to expedite Stage 2 of the LRT system including LRT from Fairview Park Mall to the Ainslie Street Terminal:

- a) Begin the Transit Project Assessment for LRT from Fairview Park Mall to the Ainslie Street Terminal in 2014;
- b) Acquire property for the implementation of Stage 2 of the LRT system;
- c) Pursue additional federal and provincial funding for Stage 2 of the LRT system;
- d) Explore the location of a future multi-modal transit facility in Cambridge to link to future GO rail service and;
- e) Undertake measures to encourage transit-supportive development, to enhance transit ridership throughout the urban transit service areas, including (but not limited to) developing incentives for transit-oriented developments and supporting and developing transportation demand management strategies for new and existing businesses and residents.

Direct staff to consult with the City of Waterloo and interested Waterloo citizens and Uptown businesses to explore the feasibility of adjusting the LRT/BRT alignment in Uptown Waterloo and that any additional improvements to routing along the entire corridor be considered by staff and by Council at the appropriate time.

Complete an evaluation of project procurement and delivery options, including the role of Infrastructure Ontario, with the goals of maximizing project innovation and quality, leveraging private sector expertise, and managing risks to the Region of Waterloo and our taxpayers.

Direct staff to report on the financial status of the rapid transit project as part of the Region's periodic financial reports to Committee and Council.