



# REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO PLANNING AND WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011  
9:05 a.m.  
Regional Council Chamber  
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

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Present were: Chair J. Wideman, L. Armstrong, T. Cowan, 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 and D. Craig

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

None declared.

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

### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

- a) P-11-053, 2011 Grand River Transit Service Improvements
  - i) Gordon Paul appeared before Committee opposing the proposal to eliminate GRT Route 20 Victoria Hills loop via Hazelglen Drive and Ingleside Drive. He highlighted that the loop takes the bus mere minutes to complete and will cause major impacts by eliminating it. He noted that some people will be forced to walk up to 900 metres to the nearest stop up hill. He also noted that Route 20 goes directly downtown Kitchener and residents would be forced to walk to Fischer-Hallman Road to catch the Route 12 bus that goes to Conestoga Mall then obtain a transfer.

Committee members pointed out to the delegation that this loop was only being eliminated during peak hours.

Graham Vincent, Director, Transportation Planning highlighted that the intent is to revisit this Route once service is improved on Fischer-Hallman Road.

- ii) Jean-Guy Lavoie appeared before Committee noting the same concerns as Gordon Paul. He highlighted that they are a one car family and depend heavily on transit especially Route 20. He noted that his family moved into this area because of the transit service going downtown. He also noted that he has signatures from most residents on Shadeland Crescent opposing the discontinuation of the loop on Route 20.

Committee members asked the delegation if the residents who signed the petition were all transit users. J. Lavoie noted that not all the residents use transit but like to have the option of using the service if required.

Committee members asked staff why the loop was being discontinued. John Cicuttin, Manager, Transportation Planning responded that complaints have been received about missed

connections with other buses. He noted that by shortening this route it improves connections. He highlighted that this route during peak hours takes 35 minutes and the connection buses are half hour and hourly. He also indicated that the discontinued loop will help in long term streamlining of routes.

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing and Community Services stated that the purposed expansion is the largest in Grand River Transit history. He noted that a substantial public notification process occurred.

Committee members asked staff for clarification on peak times and how many riders use that route during peak times.

Committee members discussed the walkway from Ingleside Drive to Fischer-Hallman Road and asked when improvements would be made to make it more accessible. Staff responded that the City of Kitchener does have a program to make walkways more accessible however with program priority and program funding they weren't able to make that happen this year. Staff has suggested that the Region could fund that walkway until the City could reimburse the Region.

Committee members proposed a modification to the motion regarding Route 20.

MOVED by G. Lorentz  
SECONDED by T. Galloway

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the following transit service improvements, effective Monday September 5, 2011, as described in Report No. P-11-053, dated May 24, 2011, and shown in Figures 1 and 3:

- Increase the weekday frequency of service on Route 52 AINSLIE ST. in Cambridge between the Ainslie Street terminal and Fairview Park Mall via Coronation Boulevard and King Street from 30 minutes to 15 minutes;
- Increase Route 61 CONESTOGA COLLEGE hours of service, including service to the new Cambridge campus;
- Add an extra bus in the midday to improve schedule reliability and provide two-way evening service on the Columbia Street branch of Route 7;
- Implement a new Fischer-Hallman limited stop express route operating Monday to Sunday, providing 15 minute peak and 30 minute off-peak frequency service;
- Realign Route 12 CONESTOGA MALL so that it travels the length of Westmount Road between Block Line Road and University Avenue;
- Redesign Route 29 KEATS WAY as a two-way route connecting University of Waterloo with the large commercial centre at Ira Needles Boulevard and University Avenue, with the frequency of service increased from 30 to 10 minutes in the peak direction during peak periods and the provision of Saturday service; and,

THAT ROUTE 20 VICTORIA HILLS be reviewed following completion of the walkway improvements on Ingleside Drive to Fischer-Hallman Road with staff also reviewing stops that could be modified and/or removed elsewhere on Route 20 to achieve time parameters on Route 20;

AND THAT ROUTE 7E COLUMBIA be modified effective Monday September 5, 2011, as shown in Figure 5 of this report to establish route travel along King Street between Hickory Street and Columbia Street in the northbound direction and along Regina Street between Columbia Street and Hickory Street in the southbound direction.

CARRIED

- b) P-11-054, GTA West Corridor and Niagara to GTA Corridor - February 2011 Draft Transportation Development Strategies

MOVED by C. Zehr

CARRIED by G. Lorentz

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo endorse the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Corridor and Niagara to GTA Corridor February 2011 Draft Transportation Development Strategies, as described in Report No. P-11-054, dated May 24, 2011; AND THAT Regional Council formally request the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to confirm the Region of Waterloo's participation in the forthcoming Provincial Active Traffic Management Study.

CARRIED

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING**

- c) P-11-052, Monthly Report of Development Activity for April 2011

MOVED by T. Cowan

CARRIED by C. Millar

THAT the Region of Waterloo accept P-11-052, Monthly Report of Development Activity for April 2011, dated May 24, 2011.

CARRIED

- d) East Side Stage 1 Lands Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Community Plan – Public Open House Information Handout

Received for information.

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing and Community Services made some introductory comments.

### **REPORTS – TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

#### **DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

- e) George Street Reconstruction, St. Andrews Street to Park Hill Road, City of Cambridge - Information Package in Advance of PCC

Received for information.

- f) Highland Road Improvements, Patricia Avenue to Westmount Road, City of Kitchener – Information Package in Advance of PCC

Received for information.

Committee members discussed service being provided at Public Consultation Centres and it was noted that there are two types of Public Consultation Centres and that staff should be clarifying the difference to the public..

\* S. Strickland entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- g) CR-RS-11-029/E-11-060, Southern Ontario Locomotive Restoration Society – Extension of Agreements for Operation of Tourist Train

A member of Committee acknowledged receiving a complaint from an adjacent property owner regarding the storage of materials on the railway property. Staff noted they have raised the issue with SOLRS and are working with them to resolve the issue.

Committee members directed staff to contact the concerned resident directly once the issue is resolved.

MOVED by T. Cowan  
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo extend, for an additional one year term, the existing agreements to permit the Southern Ontario Locomotive Restoration Society to operate a tourist train and locomotive restoration operation on the Waterloo Spur Railway owned by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo as described in Report CR-RS-11-029 /E-11-060 dated May 24, 2011 with such agreements to be to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor.

**CARRIED**

- h) E-10-035.1, Proposed Truck Route By-Law Changes, City of Kitchener

Committee members inquired about installing the Use of Engine Break signs in this area. J. Hammer noted that signs will be installed if the criteria is met.

MOVED by G. Lorentz  
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

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

- Remove from Schedule 21 , No Heavy Trucks, Anytime Except 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday on Fairway Road (Regional Road 53) from King Street East (Regional Road 8) to River Road (Regional Road 56); and
- Remove from Schedule 21, No Heavy Trucks, Anytime Except 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on Victoria Street (Regional Road 55) from Hazelglen Drive to Fischer-Hallman Road (Regional Road 58);

in the City of Kitchener, as outlined in Report E-10-035.1, dated May 24, 2011.

**CARRIED**

- i) E-11-039, 2010 Traffic Signal Corridor Review

Received for information.

Committee members asked staff where the Region is with new technology regarding traffic signal control. Bob Henderson, Manager, Transportation Engineering responded that the Region continues to monitor and research new systems.

Committee members directed staff to bring back a report in the Fall regarding emerging technology and current technology being used.

- j) E-11-048, Centre Lane for Two-way Left-turns, Westmount Road (Regional Road 50) from 40 Metres South of Father David Bauer Drive/Westcourt Place to 220 Metres South of Father David Bauer Drive/Westcourt Place, City of Waterloo

MOVED by S. Strickland

SECONDED by J. Mitchell

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo amend Traffic and Parking By-law 06-072, as amended, to add to Schedule 20, Centre Lane for Two-Way Left-Turns on Westmount Road (Regional Road 50) from 40 metres South of Father David Bauer Drive / Westcourt Place to 220 metres South of Father David Bauer Drive / Westcourt Place in the City of Waterloo, upon completion of the construction on Westmount Road as outlined in Report E-11-048 dated May 24, 2011.

**CARRIED****WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- k) E-11-054, Waste Diversion Programs Update

Committee members discussed the number of buildings being demolished and that there is no requirement to recycle the material and asked how much of it ends up in the Region's landfill. Cari Howard, Project Manager responded that it's hard to determine how much material comes from the large demolitions. She highlighted that the landfill mostly deals with smaller contractors doing a room in someone's home. Jon Arsenault, Director, Waste Management also noted that they assist contractors in finding recyclers.

Committee members discussed e-waste in great detail and asked that further consideration for picking up e-waste be included in the upcoming Waste Management Master Plan.

Committee members asked that a sticker be placed on all televisions at the curbside with website information about where televisions could be recycled.

Committee members suggested to staff that further consideration be taken for the recycling of wood.

MOVED by G. Lorentz

SECONDED by B. Halloran

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the following waste diversion program initiatives as outlined in Report E-11-054, dated May 24, 2011, which provide for the following:

- Removal of the recycling charge for residential e-waste as of July 1, 2011;
- Addition of televisions to the curbside collection and landfill electronic waste (e-waste) ban as of August 1, 2011;
- Addition of a permanent drywall/gypsum wallboard diversion and recycling program; and
- Direct staff to investigate the possibility of a shingle diversion and recycling program.

CARRIED

## **WATER**

- l) E-11-061, Fees and Charges By-law for Water Works Upgrades in Lloyd Brown (Township of North Dumfries)

Committee members asked if a resident is on a fixed income would the Region upfront the fee and arrange for a payment plan with the resident. Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services indicated that the Region will consider payment plans if the service is mandatory but in this particular case it's not mandatory to hook up.

MOVED by R. Deutschmann

SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT The Regional Municipality of Waterloo give notice to affected residents in the Lloyd Brown settlement area in the Township of North Dumfries of the intention to pass the Fees and Charges By-Law, attached as Appendix A, pursuant to Report E-11-061, dated May 24, 2011.

CARRIED

## **INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) City of Cambridge Resolution re: Councillor Ermeta Roundabouts on Franklin Boulevard

Received for information.

Chair Widemen stated that staff will be coming back to Committee with a full report regarding this project.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) B. Halloran introduced a Notice of Motion to be discussed at the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Council Meeting as follows:

WHEREAS the Region of Waterloo has identified rapid transit as a factor in maintaining and improving quality of life within the Region;

AND WHEREAS a variety of technologies involving Bus Rapid Transit and/or Light Rail Transit have been identified as the most viable and beneficial options;

AND WHEREAS members of the public have voiced their concern about the cost and type of rapid transit;

AND WHEREAS members of the public have demanded an opportunity to make their opinions count;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo:

- 1) direct staff to develop a question or questions to be put to affected electors within the Region of Waterloo in a referendum, asking electors to vote on their preferred rapid transit option between Option L3 (LRT from Conestoga Mall to Fairview Park Mall and aBRT from Fairview Park Mall to the Ainslie Street Transit Terminal) OR Option B10 (BRT from St Jacobs Market to Ainslie Street Transit Terminal).
  - 2) direct staff to report to Council no later than June 29, 2011.
- b) Committee members asked if the City of Kitchener will be reporting back to the Region of Waterloo after the RT Public meeting being held at the City of Kitchener on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. C. Zehr indicated he will highlight at the Public meeting that all delegations should be forwarding all information to the Region of Waterloo and that he will bring any Resolutions passed at that meeting to Regional Council.
- c) Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List was received for information.

**NEXT MEETING** – June 7, 2011

**ADJOURN**

MOVED by T. Galloway  
SECONDED by J. Haalboom

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

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**, *J. Wideman*

**COMMITTEE CLERK**, *E. Flewwelling*