



# REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO PLANNING AND WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6, 2011  
9:00 A.M.  
Regional Council Chamber  
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

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

Members absent: G. Lorentz, C. Millar, and T. Cowan

## **CALL TO ORDER**

J. Wideman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

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

None declared

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

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING**

- a) P-11-070, Monthly Report of Development Activity for July 2011

MOVED by L. Armstrong  
SECONDED by J. Mitchell

THAT the Region of Waterloo accept P-11-070, Monthly Report of Development Activity for July 2011, dated September 6, 2011.

CARRIED

### **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

- b) P-11-071, Additional Installation of Technology on Grand River Transit Buses

Correspondence Received: Letter dated September 2, 2011 from Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee. [A copy is appended to the original minutes.](#)

In response to enquiries, Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing & Community Services advised that there are only twenty buses that are not being equipped with this technology due to the fact that those buses are scheduled for replacement in 2012 and staff felt it was not sensible to equip them for that small period of time. In addition, Eric Gillespie, Director, Transit Services advised that these buses will not be equipped with the automated audible and visual stop

announcements technology until 2012. Those buses will have an automated announcement when the door opens advising that the service is not available on the bus and if a person requires stop announcements, they should advise the driver.

An explanation of the financial impacts of the remaining funds of approximately \$530,000 was requested. Graham Vincent, Director, Transportation Planning advised that remaining funds will be allocated from the capital budget which may cause other traveler information projects to be re-budgeted or may defer them to future budget years, this would be determined in future budget discussions. Chair Wideman noted that these issues would be included in the 2012 budget cycle for consideration.

MOVED by J. Mitchell  
SECONDED by J. Haalboom

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the acquisition and installation of advanced technology, including automated audible and visual stop announcements, from INIT Innovations in Technology, Inc. for installation on Grand River Transit buses at a cost not to exceed \$855,000 plus applicable taxes, as described in Report No. P-11-071, dated September 6, 2011;

AND THAT the Commissioner of Planning, Housing and Community Services be authorized to enter into such agreements with INIT Innovations in Technology, Inc. as may be required to facilitate the implementation of the recommendations in Report No. P-11-071, dated September 6, 2011, with such agreements to be to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor;

AND THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the transfer of \$325,000 from Project 66056 – On Board Security Surveillance (P2010-16; Report F-10-065) to Project 66071 - AVL / APC Technology Implementation.

CARRIED

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

### **DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

- c) CR-RS-11-033, Authorization to Expropriate Lands (1<sup>st</sup> Report) for Road Improvements to Bridge Street (Regional Road 52), Bridgeport Bridge to the Kitchener/Woolwich Boundary, in the City of Kitchener

MOVED by C. Zehr  
SECONDED by R. Kelterborn

THAT The Regional Municipality of Waterloo direct and authorize the Regional Solicitor to take the following actions with respect to the expropriation of lands for the road improvements to Bridge Street, in the City of Kitchener as detailed in report CR-RS-11-033 dated September 6, 2011:

1. Complete application(s) to the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, as may be required from time to time, for approval to expropriate land, which is required for the road improvements to Bridge Street and described as follows:

**Fee Simple Partial Taking:**

1. Part of Lots 3 and 4, South Side of Bridge Street, Peter N. Tagge Survey, Registered Plan Number 577, being Part 4, on Reference Plan 58R-17148, PIN 22712-0191(LT) (14 Bridge Street)
2. Part of Lot 1, South Side of Bridge Street, Peter N. Tagge Survey, Registered Plan Number 577, being Part 5, on Reference Plan 58R-17148, PIN 22712-0189(LT) (26 Bridge Street, East)
3. Part of Lot 10, Shoemaker's Survey, Registered Plan Number 577, being Part 7, on Reference Plan 58R-17148, PIN 22712-0185(LT) (42 Bridge Street)
4. Part of Lot 10, Shoemaker's Survey, Registered Plan Number 577, being Part 9, on Reference Plan 58R-17148, PIN 22712-0184(LT) (44 Bridge Street)
5. Part of Lot 10, Shoemaker's Survey, Registered Plan Number 577, being Part 10, on Reference Plan 58R-17148, PIN 22712-0183(LT) (46 Bridge Street)
6. Part of Peter Horning's Tract, being Part 1, on Reference Plan 58R-17155, PIN 22712-0181 (LT) (no municipal address)

**Permanent Hydro Easement:**

1. Part of Lot 1, South Side of Bridge Street, Peter N. Tagge Survey, Registered Plan Number 577, being Part 6, on Reference Plan 58R-17148, PIN 22712-0189(LT) (26 Bridge Street)
2. Part of Lot 10, Shoemaker's Survey, Registered Plan Number 577, being Part 8, on Reference Plan 58R-17148, PIN 22712-0185(LT) (42 Bridge Street)
2. Serve notices of the above application(s) required by the Expropriations Act;
3. Forward to the Chief Inquiry Office any requests for a hearing that may be received;
4. Attend, with appropriate Regional staff, at any hearing that may be scheduled;
5. Discontinue expropriation proceedings or any part thereof, in respect of the above described lands, or any part thereof, upon the registration on title of the required documentation to complete a transaction whereby the required interests in the lands are conveyed; and
6. Do all things necessary and proper to be done, and report thereon to Regional Council in due course.

CARRIED

- d) E-11-077, George Street Reconstruction, St. Andrews Street to Park Hill Road, City of Cambridge

An enquiry was made about the involvement of heritage groups and the preservation of heritage properties that may be affected. Staff advised that they are aware the Dixon Heritage District includes this area and would continue to work with the Region of Waterloo Heritage staff and City of Cambridge Heritage staff throughout the project.

Questions were posed to staff with respect to the implications for the Presbyterian Church.

MOVED by S. Strickland  
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take the following actions with respect to proposed improvements on George Street (Regional Road No. 42) from St. Andrews Street to Park Hill Road in the City of Cambridge:

- a) approve the proposed improvements for George Street as outlined in Report E-11-077; and
- b) amend Traffic and Parking By-law 06-072, as amended, to provide Reserved Lanes for bicycles on both sides of George Street from Park Hill Road to Blair Road.

CARRIED

- e) E-11-092, Consultant Selection – Detailed Design and Contract Administration Services; Weber Street Reconstruction and Widening from College Street in the City of Kitchener to Union Street in the City of Waterloo

An explanation was requested from staff on the upset consulting fee amount as it compared to a project tabled for Administration and Finance. Staff were requested to provide the response during the Administration and Finance meeting immediately following this meeting.

In response to an enquiry, Steve van De Keere, Head, Transportation Expansion Program indicated that project staff would be working with the consultant and those property owners about the opportunity to salvage some of the demolition materials for other property owners in the area as the project moves forward.

Staff were requested to bring back an update report on the land acquisitions that are required for this project.

MOVED by T. Galloway  
SECONDED by S. Strickland

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into a Consulting Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Ltd. to provide consulting engineering services for Detailed Design, Contract Administration and Construction Inspection Services associated with the Reconstruction and Widening of Weber Street from College Street to Union Street for an upset limit fee of \$1,885,900.00 plus applicable taxes for the design phase, with construction administration services to be paid on a time basis.

CARRIED

- f) Bloomingdale Road Improvements - Kraft Drive to Bridge Street, City of Kitchener Information Package in Advance of Public Consultation Centre

Received for information

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- g) E-11-070, Approval to Purchase the Transit Signal Priority Module within the Region's Traffic Signal Control System Upgrade

T. Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services highlighted the cost sharing agreement with the Region of Durham. Chair Wideman added that this software allows for unlimited site application.

MOVED by J. Haalboom

SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the purchase of the Transit Signal Priority module from Fortran Traffic Systems Limited at a cost of \$440,000 plus HST as outlined in Report E-11-070, dated September 6, 2011.

AND THAT the existing Traffic Signal Control System Upgrade agreement with Fortran Traffic Systems Limited as approved by Regional Council May 26, 2010, be amended as required to the satisfaction of the Director, Procurement and Supply Services, to include the purchase of this Transit Signal Priority module.

CARRIED

## **WATER**

- h) Lloyd Brown (Township of North Dumfries) Water Works Upgrade and Accompanying Fees and Charges By-law - Information Package in Advance of Public Consultation Centre

Received for information

T. Schmidt provided introductory comments and noted that a proposed Fees and Charges by-law in this regard would be considered by Council on October 5, 2011. R. Deutschmann indicated his intent to seek input from the local community during the public meeting to be held in Roseville on September 15, 2011 as to whether there is an interest for a payment plan option for the costs associated with the connection of water. Should there be an interest from the community, Committee requested staff to include the relevant information in the October 2011 report.

Responding to an enquiry, T. Schmidt advised that this water service will fall under the policies of the Region of Waterloo.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List

Received for information

**NEXT MEETING** – September 27, 2011

**ADJOURN**

MOVED by B. Halloran

SECONDED by T. Galloway

THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:26 a.m.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**, J. Wideman

**COMMITTEE CLERK**, J. Reid



September 2, 2011

Members of Region of Waterloo Planning and Works Committee,

The Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee is a cross-disability group of citizens with the mandate to help the Region of Waterloo to identify, remove, and prevent barriers for people with disabilities. Our primary goal is to advise on creating an accessible Region of Waterloo based on the principles of fair and equitable access and universal design in Region services and facilities.

The Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee strongly recommends the Region of Waterloo provide audible bus stop announcements on all buses used by Grand River Transit. We support including audible bus stop technologies on buses to allow the stops to be announced automatically.

Reducing barriers in transit by providing audible bus stop announcements supports the independence of many people with disabilities. Then these passengers do not have to rely on bus operators or other passengers to provide bus stop information for them.

In recognition of this important aspect of independent travel, the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* Integrated Accessibility Standards (Ontario Regulation 191/11) requires that all conventional transit providers have audible verbal announcements of all destination points and transit stops on their vehicles. Grand River Transit purchasing technologies to meet this requirement is an important step in reducing barriers for people with disabilities.

Thank you for the attention you are giving to this important accessibility issue that makes life just a little easier for persons with disabilities.

Kindly Yours,

Gordon Cummer, Co-Chair  
Sharon Giles, Co-Chair  
Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee