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

Members absent: C. Millar and J. Mitchell

MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOVED by L. Armstrong
SECONDED by G. Lorentz

THAT Council reconvene in Open Session.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

R. Deutschmann declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report E-13-140, Mill Street at Ottawa Street Intersection Modifications and Report P-13-123, Central Transit Corridor Community Building Strategy: 2013/2014 Edition, 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.


REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

J. Haalboom requested that item 5 f) be removed off the Consent Agenda

E-13-133.1, Draft Water Efficiency Master Plan 2015-2025

J. Haalboom stated the depth of soil in the City of Kitchener is rather low in new subdivisions and pointed out that the City of Guelph has a by-law that states new subdivisions require at least 12 inches of soil. She asked that staff consider that standard when implementing the new master plan.

MOVED by J. Haalboom
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS OR RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

MOVED by G. Lorentz
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT the following items be approved:

- THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take the following actions regarding the property municipally known as 19 Guelph Avenue in the City of Cambridge:
  
a) Approve a joint Tax Increment Grant for an amount not to exceed $2,496,764 to be financed from the incremental tax revenue for the property following remediation, redevelopment and reassessment;

b) Provide the Tax Increment Grant subject to the completion of remediation and redevelopment on the property and upon final confirmation of any additional brownfield related financial assistance provided under the Region’s Brownfield Financial Incentive Program or through the City of Cambridge;

c) Amend the 2014 Capital Budget and Forecast to include the Region’s share of the proposed joint Tax Increment Grant; and

d) Authorize the Region’s Commissioner of Planning, Housing and Community Services and Chief Financial Officer to execute any associated agreements with the registered owner of 19 Guelph Avenue and the City of Cambridge, as described in Report P-13-120/F-13-144, dated December 3, 2013, with the form and content of such agreement(s) to be satisfactory to both the Regional and City of Cambridge Solicitors.

- THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve an amendment to Controlled Access By-law #58-87 for a right-in/right-out maintenance access on the east side of Regional Road #70 (Ira Needles Boulevard), approximately 350 metres south of Regional Road #06 (Highland Road West) in the City of Kitchener, as described in Report No. P-13-118, dated December 3, 2013.

AND THAT the following items be received for information:

- Fountain Street North Improvements (north of King Street to Cherry Blossom Road), City of Cambridge Information Package in Advance of Public Consultation Centre

- E-13-139, Ira Needles Boulevard (Regional Road 70) and Yellow Birch Drive Post One-Year Review, City of Kitchener

- E-13-146, Proposed Changes to Standard Instrument Departure Runway 26 – Waterloo Regional International Airport
- E-13-123, Water Supply Master Plan Update Progress Report
- Water Supply Master Plan Update - Information Package in Advance of Public Consultation Centre
- Memo, East Side Lands (Stage 1) Master Environmental Servicing Plan Update

CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA RESUMES

REPORTS - TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RAPID TRANSIT

a) E-13-140, Mill Street at Ottawa Street Intersection Modifications

Received for information.

Some Committee members inquired about Mill Street closing in between Ottawa Street and Courtland Avenue noting that could potentially force more traffic onto Ottawa Street highlighting the traffic problems already at that intersection.

Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services stated staff will take that under advisement and provided clarification on the number of rails being installed at that intersection. It was also noted that the Blockline Bridge may elevate some traffic in that area.

WATER SERVICES

b) E-13-124, Biosolids from Waterloo Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract Extension

Bill Brodribb, Director, Design and Construction responded to Committee questions with respect to the delay on the project noting the project was to be complete this year but is delayed for 6 months to a year.

Some Committee members noted that this is the second time the contract had to be extended and inquired how much in total it has cost. Nancy Kodousek, Director, Water Services stated she did not currently have those figures and would follow up with that information.

A Committee member pointed out an item listed on the Administration and Finance Committee tracking sheet that deals with a pilot project for prequalifying projects and asked that item come sooner than later in 2014 because prequalifying may have assisted in this particular project.

Committee members asked if there were any other mitigating factors that could offset the cost. T. Schmidt stated he will look at this project and break down and provide a report back to Council noting that some of that report may be held in caucus.

MOVED by G. Lorentz
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve exercising an option to the current agreement with Tervita Corporation (formerly American Process Group (Canada) Inc.) for the
dewatering, haulage and disposal of biosolids from the Waterloo Wastewater Treatment Plant for an additional four (4) month period or until commissioning of the new dewatering system, at the current 2013 unit rate of $31.34 per cubic metre (including all applicable taxes), as set out in Report E-13-124, dated December 3, 2013.

CARRIED

c) E-13-130.1, 2014 Toilet Replacement Program

MOVED by J. Brewer
SECONDED by R. Kelterborn

THAT the Region of Waterloo discontinue the $20 rebate for high efficiency toilets as of June 30, 2014 as outlined in Report E-13-130.1 dated December 3, 2013.

CARRIED

d) E-13-141, Water Distribution By-law for the Townships of North Dumfries and Wellesley

N. Kodousek provided clarification on fees, permanent water connections, requirements for backflow and annual inspection reports.

MOVED by S. Strickland
SECONDED by R. Kelterborn

THAT The Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve in principle the draft Water Distribution By-law for the Townships of North Dumfries and Wellesley, attached as Appendix A, and proceed to public consultation, pursuant to Report E-13-141, dated December 3, 2013, as described.

CARRIED

e) E-13-143, Rural Water Quality Program Two-Year Extension to End of 2015

MOVED by R. Kelterborn
SECONDED by J. Haalboom

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve extension of the Rural Water Quality Program for a further two years with revised grant rates as outlined in Report E-13-143.

CARRIED

f) E-13-144, Sewer Use By-law Amendment 2013

MOVED by C. Zehr
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT The Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve in principle the amendments to the Sewer Use By-law, being By-law Number 1-90 of The Regional Municipality of Waterloo, which are attached as Appendix A, and proceed to public consultation, pursuant to Report E-13-144 dated December 3, 2013.

CARRIED
REPORTS - PLANNING, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY PLANNING/COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE

g) P-13-122, Region of Waterloo Response to Provincial Review of Land Use Planning and Appeal System

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing and Community Services provided introductory comments stating this is one of the few opportunities to weigh in on land use appeal process. He pointed out the report focused a lot on OMB reform and included looking at other alternatives to the OMB and to look at merging or at least coordinate Provincial policy better. He thanked all the Community Planners who worked on this report.

Committee members asked if there is any movement at AMO or ROMA regarding this and the importance of their involvement.

MOVED by T. Galloway
SECONDED by J. Brewer

THAT Report No. P-13-122, be forwarded to the Province of Ontario as Regional Council’s formal response to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing’s consultation on Land Use Planning and Appeal Review;

THAT the Province be encouraged to make broad systemic changes, and not simply minor adjustments, to achieve substantially greater accountability in addition to greater efficiency, access and transparency for land use planning in Ontario;

THAT the Province be requested to expand the scope of its review to include other related matters, including the operations, practices, procedures and reporting requirements of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), as well as alternatives to the OMB;

THAT the Province further clarify and deem key policies and their implementation in municipal planning documents unappealable, particularly with respect to the Provincial Growth Plan, and more broadly preclude the ability for entire municipal planning documents to be appealed and held in abeyance for extended periods of time;

AND THAT the Province make the coordination and merging of key policy documents, particularly the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Metrolinx Big Move, a priority consideration to achieve greater policy alignment and clarity, as described in Report No. P-13-122, dated December 3, 2013.

CARRIED

h) P-13-123, Central Transit Corridor Community Building Strategy: 2013/2014 Edition

R. Horne introduced the report. He pointed out that the rapid transit initiative has two goals the first goal is moving people and the second goal is shaping the community highlighting that this document is the master plan to shape the community. He noted that the 3 cities and the townships have worked very hard on this. He provided a brief presentation that is appended to the original minutes.
Committee members thanked staff for their hard work on creating the Central Transit Corridor Building Strategy highlighting the documents importance. It was pointed out that this is what will transform our community.

R. Horne responded to Committee’s questions regarding incentives to develop heritage buildings, tools to getting the message out, public art, and sole sourcing on the research.

A Committee member raised concerns that the document focuses on 2 of the 3 cities regarding intensification in phase 1 and inquired about measuring what’s not happening in Cambridge. R. Horne stated the Community Building Strategy (CBS) was built on the same criteria for all 3 cities in a phase approached noting the CBS was designed and assembled under the same understanding that the next phase of LRT is to be Cambridge.

MOVED by S. Strickland
SECONDED by T. Galloway

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take the following action with regard to the Central Transit Corridor Community Building Strategy: 2013/2104 Edition, as described in Report No. P-13-122, dated December 3, 2013:

1. Endorse the Central Transit Corridor Community Building Strategy as a foundational document that provides a flexible framework to inform and guide land use and related infrastructure planning within the Central Transit Corridor, as described in Report No. P-13-123 dated December 3, 2013;

2. Direct staff to use the Central Transit Corridor Community Building Strategy to identify opportunities within the Central Transit Corridor for potential investors and other stakeholders, reflecting community priorities;

3. Waive the purchasing by-law for the acquisition of goods and services in excess of $100,000 for the award of a sole source contract to a maximum of $50,000 per year for a three-year period starting in 2014 from contingency funds in the Rapid Transit capital budget ($25,000 per year) and the Regional Smart Growth Initiative capital project (to a maximum of $25,000 per year), to support research by the University of Waterloo to establish and implement baseline metrics pertaining to transit investment in the Central Transit Corridor, subject to the execution of any associated documentation by the Commissioner of Transportation and Environmental Services and the Commissioner of Planning, Housing and Community Services; and

4. Direct staff to routinely review and update the Central Transit Corridor Community Building Strategy in conjunction with all Area Municipalities.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

i) P-13-119, Highway 401 and Cambridge (Franklin Boulevard and Hespeler Road) Active Transportation Crossings
Paula Sawicki, Manager, Strategic Transportation Planning provided clarification on the project stating staff is asking Ministry of Transportation to move up the reconstruction of the that bridge.

Committee members asked that this report be forwarded to the City of Cambridge Council for information.

MOVED by G. Lorentz
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo endorse Alternative 4 as the preferred preliminary design alternative, subject to an acceptable design of the ramp crossing, for active transportation facilities at the Highway 401 and Franklin Boulevard interchange, as described in Report P-13-119, dated December 3, 2013;

THAT the Region request the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to reconstruct the Highway 401 and Franklin Boulevard interchange in 2016, incorporating the active transportation elements of Alternative 4;

THAT the Region begin discussions with the City of Cambridge regarding any municipal financial contributions toward the construction of these facilities;

THAT the Region begin discussions with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to fund the construction and maintenance of these facilities, in accordance with CycleON, Ontario’s recently released Cycling Strategy;

AND THAT Regional staff report back the results of these discussions to Regional Council.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

a) Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List was received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) J. Haalboom stated that some transit staff attended the CUTA Fall Conference and Trans-Expo in Calgary the week of November 23rd – 27th and asked if staff could do a presentation on that conference. E. Gillespie, Director, Transit Services noted he could provide a presentation at a future meeting.

b) Chair J. Wideman reminded Committee members of the P&W Public Input meeting being held on December 3, 2013 in Council Chambers regarding River Road Extension.

NEXT MEETING – January 7, 2014

ADJOURN

MOVED by J. Brewer
SECONDED by T. Cowan
THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:03 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, J. Wideman

COMMITTEE CLERK, E. Flewwelling
Thank You!

This document could not have been possible without the guidance of the Project Team and contribution of the hundreds of individuals and stakeholders who participated in the process. Your valuable input was critical to the directions in the Community Building Strategy.

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