



Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Planning and Works Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

9:38 a.m.

Regional Council Chamber

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

Present were: Present were: Chair T. Galloway, L. Armstrong, E. Clarke, S. Foxtan, H. Jowett, K. Kiefer, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell, J. Nowak, K. Redman, K. Seiling, S. Shantz, and S. Strickland

Members Absent: D. Craig, D. Jaworsky, and B. Vrbanovic

Motion to go into Closed Session

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by S. Shantz

That a closed meeting of the Planning and Works, Administration and Finance and Community Services Committees be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.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) potential litigation and receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege related to an agreement
- b) receiving of advice subject to solicitor-client privilege and personal matters about identifiable individuals regarding financial matters
- c) a matter of labour relations

- d) personal matters about identifiable individuals regarding committee appointments

Carried

Motion to Reconvene into Open Session

Moved by J. Nowak

Seconded by K. Kiefer

That Committee reconvene into Open Session.

Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the “Municipal Conflict Of Interest Act”

None declared.

Delegations

- a) PDL-CPL-16-07, Balancing Environmental Protection and Transportation, the Laurel Creek Headwaters Environmentally Sensitive Landscape Case Study - Final Report
 - i. Dr. Dianne Ensing appeared before Committee and thanked the Region for initiating the project and involving the public through public input meetings. She highlighted her strong concern about increased traffic due to development in that area. She stated that monitoring needs to start now and surveys should be done and the importance of data collection.
 - ii. Kevin Thomason appeared before Committee and provided background information on the area. He highlighted that ESL areas will become very important because of the changes to the environment and monitoring wildlife and traffic interactions. He pointed out the importance of the project and seeing it through. He talked about wildlife crossing the streets, traffic volumes increasing and the retail development in the area. He expressed the importance of protecting the ESL now and the need for better traffic data for Wilmot Line and wildlife monitoring. He thanked staff again for the report and encouraged them to use the report and act now.

Chair T. Galloway thanked the delegations for appearing and their ongoing involvement in the Environmentally Sensitive Landscape process.

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Development and Legislative Services provided background information on the Environmental Sensitive Landscapes, noting that the ESL's make up 35,000 acres of homegrown greenbelt which is now part of the Regional Official Plan (ROP).

Committee members inquired about temporary road closures. Tim Van Hinte, Principal Planner, stated there are no concrete plans to implement that but that could potentially be an option, explaining different habitat requirements having different migration patterns.

A Committee member asked who is responsible for the additional cost of the studies that need to be done since it's not a regional road but it's in the Township of Wilmot. R. Horne stated that Regional staff need to have a conversation with Township staff.

Committee members discussed the importance of monitoring and following up and directed staff to report back when there is something to report on.

Moved by J. Nowak

Seconded by L. Armstrong

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take the following actions with respect to the Report No. PDL-CPL-16-07, Balancing Environmental Protection and Transportation, the Laurel Creek Headwaters Environmentally Sensitive Landscape Case Study, dated February 2, 2016:

- a) Receive the report for information and endorse the recommendations as a best practice guide for the mitigation of impacts of roads and road upgrades within or contiguous to Environmentally Sensitive Landscapes (ESLs) as described in this report; and
- b) Distribute this report to all Area Municipalities for information and consideration of the recommendations as opportunities to balance environmental and transportation priorities within ESLs, including the Case Study Area.

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 S. Strickland

Seconded by K. Kiefer

That the following item be approved:

- That the Region of Waterloo accept PCL-CPL-16-06, Monthly Report of Development Activity for December 2015, dated February 2, 2016.

And that the following item be received for information:

- TES-WAS-16-02, Update on Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Canada-Wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent

Carried

Regular Agenda Resumes

Reports – Transportation and Environmental Services

Transit Services

- a) TES-TRP-16-05, Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) Implementation Strategy

Bob Henderson, Manager, Transportation Engineering provided a [presentation](#) that is appended to the original minutes. He provided background information on level 2 pedestrian crossovers, when the concept may be used, pedestrian responsibilities, driver responsibilities and implementation strategy.

Staff pointed out this allows police enforcement ability but that the signage needs to be in place before it can be enforced.

B. Henderson provided clarification on the phasing, cost, size of the signage, beacons, speeds approaching roundabouts and monitoring.

Committee members discussed in great detail the use of beacons. B. Henderson noted that staff is not recommending using beacons at first especially at roundabouts since drivers are already used to yielding to pedestrians and staff are looking for consistency at every roundabout.

Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation, Environmental Services noted that staff will be investigating the possibility of some funding from the Province highlighting

that the Province usually provides some sort of funding when they introduce amendments to the Highway Traffic Act subject to implementing new traffic devices.

Committee members asked staff about the process of midblock crossovers and how those situations will be addressed. B. Henderson noted that midblock crossovers are new to that environment and that's why they have chosen to introduce them at roundabouts first and will be addressing them during Phase 2.

Moved by K. Kiefer

Seconded by K. Redman

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo adopt installation warrants and an implementation strategy for the Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover as outlined in report TES-TRP-16-05, dated February 2, 2016.

Carried

Interdepartmental Reports

b) TES-WAS-16-01/COR-FFM-16-01, Corporate Asset Management Policy

Moved by S. Strickland

Seconded by H. Jowett

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the Corporate Asset Management Policy, as set out in Appendix A to report TES-WAS-16-01/COR-FFM-16-01 dated February 2, 2016.

Carried

Information/Correspondence

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

Next Meeting – February 23, 2016

Adjourn

Moved by S. Shantz

Seconded by K. Redman

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That the meeting adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Carried

Committee Chair, T. Galloway

Committee Clerk, E. Flewwelling



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Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover



Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

Background:

- Since mid 2000's, municipalities have been requesting the MTO to update the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) to enhance pedestrian mobility.

Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

Background:

- In response to requests:
 - Ontario Traffic Manual Book 15 Committee was formed
 - The Committee developed a new draft pedestrian crossing device and guidelines
 - Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

Background:

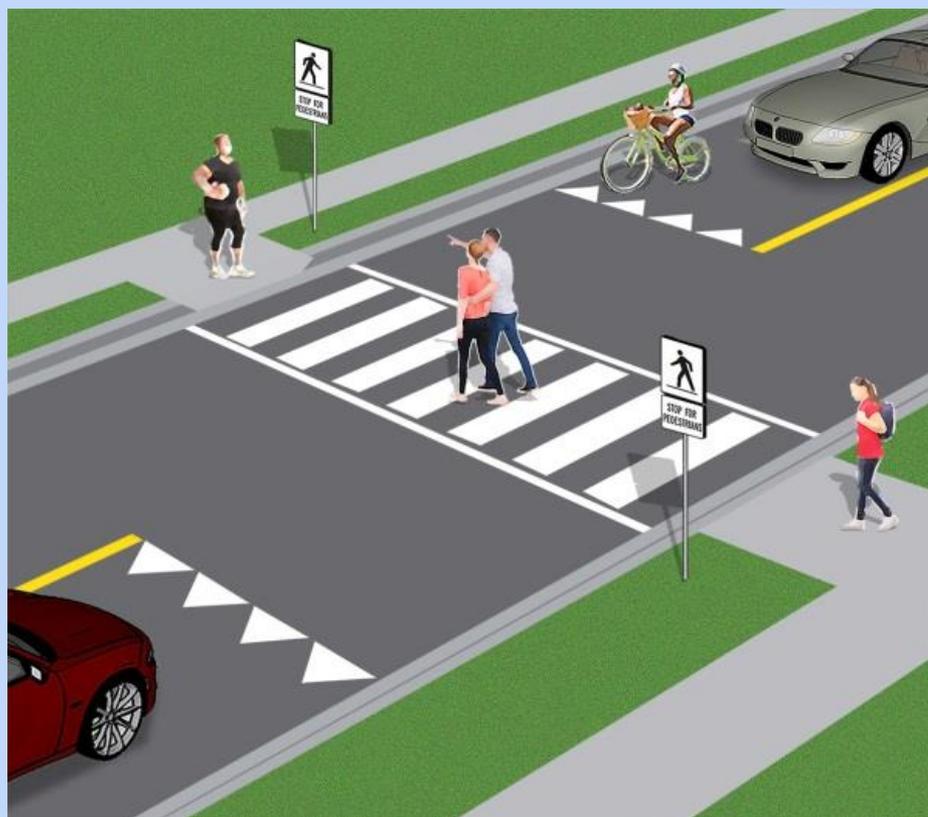
- MTO recently enacted new HTA regulations (January 2016)
- Municipalities may now use the new Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover at their discretion
- MTO in process of releasing new guidelines

Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

- Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover may be used on:
 - Low speed roads (Speed limit \leq 60 km/h)
 - Low volume roads up to 4 lanes wide
 - Roundabouts

Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

Midblock Concept



Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

Pedestrian responsibilities:

- Make eye contact with drivers
- Make sure drivers are prepared to stop
- Once satisfied, begin to cross
- Continue watching drivers
- Complete crossing



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Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

Driver responsibilities:

- As you approach crossover signs, expect pedestrians and slow down
- Do not pass other vehicles slowing down, or stopped at a crossover
- If a pedestrian is present, bring your vehicle to a safe stop
- Remain stopped until the pedestrian has crossed and is off the roadway

Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

Implementation Strategy:

- Education Outreach (2016)
- Implement at all roundabouts (2016)
- Develop a priority list for other locations (2016)
- Monitor compliance and safety (2017)
- Begin implementing priority locations (2017 and beyond)



Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover

Thank-you