



## **Regional Municipality of Waterloo**

### **Planning and Works Committee**

#### **Minutes**

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

1:22 p.m.

Regional Council Chamber

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

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

Members absent: D. Craig

#### **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

None declared.

#### **Delegations**

- a) PDL-CPL-16-50, Monitoring Change in the Central Transit Corridor – 2015 Annual Report

Received for information.

Rod Regier, Commissioner, Planning, Development and Legislative Services introduced the report and the delegation noting that Mr. Jeff Casello is speaking on the impacts of the LRT in the central corridor.

Jeff Casello, University of Waterloo appeared before Committee to speak to the CTC monitoring highlighting that it is not an easy task to monitor how urban regions are evolving over time. He noted the goals of the LRT project were to create new transportation options and to build new communities and briefly commented on those.

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He noted a decrease in transit use related to the decrease in fuel prices as well as the change in relationship between GRT and the School Boards. He stated that even with those factors the change has been relatively modest. He briefly talked about building permits and the slight decrease this year but asked that building permits be looked at cumulatively rather than on a year to year basis. The last point he highlighted was where people are choosing to live, stating growth is happening faster inside the central corridor rather than outside the central transit corridor.

A Committee member noted the report talks about monitoring change and asked how Council should look at driving change and how fast those perimeters change. J. Casello advised they are currently working on a research project with the Region on causalities and if there is evidence that the investment the community has made is driving change. He stated they are working to get that information by meeting with different groups, from developers, to business owners and home buyers. He did state that monitoring the perimeters is different for each item.

Chair Galloway suggested that in the future staff could look at more anecdotal evidence of what's happening in the development area.

### **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 K. Seiling

Seconded by L. Armstrong

That the following items be approved:

- 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 construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Fischer-Hallman Road (Regional Road 58) and Bleams Road (Regional Road 56), in the City of Kitchener, in the Region of Waterloo as detailed in report PDL-LEG-16-75 dated November 22, 2016:
  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 construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Fischer-Hallman Road (Regional Road 58) and Bleams Road (Regional Road 56) and described as follows:

**Fee Simple Partial Taking:**

1. Part of Lot 2, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1469, being Part 1 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22728-0963 (LT) (1255 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener);
2. Part of Lot 4, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1469, being Part 3 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22728-0037 (LT) (1375 Bleams Road, Kitchener);
3. Part of Lot 2, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1483, being Part 7 and 14 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22724-0006 (LT) (1198 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener);
4. Part of Lot 2, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1483, being Parts 8 and 9 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22724-0006 (LT) (1198 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener);
5. Part of Lot 1, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1483, being Part 11 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22724-0007(LT) (Corner of Bleams Road and Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener);
6. Part of Lot 3, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1483, being Part 15 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22724-0008(LT) (Part of vacant land, Bleam's Road, Kitchener);
7. Part of Lot 1, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1471, being Part 17 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22607-0011(LT) (1250 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener);
8. Part of Lot 2, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1471, being Part 27 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22607-0012(LT) (1270 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener)

**Temporary Easement:**

1. Part of Lot 2, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1469, being Part 2 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22728-0963 (LT) (1255 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener)
2. Part of Lot 4, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1469, being Part 4 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22728-0037 (LT) (1375 Bleams Road, Kitchener);

3. Part of Lot 2, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1483, being Parts 10 and 13 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22724-0006 (LT) (1198 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener);
4. Part of Lot 1, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1483, being Part 12 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22724-0007(LT) (Corner of Bleams Road and Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener);
5. Part of Lot 3, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1483, being Part 16 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22724-0008(LT) (Part of vacant land, Bleam's Road, Kitchener)
6. Part of Lot 1, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1471, being Parts 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22607-0011(LT) (1250 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener);
7. Part of Lot 2, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1471, being Part 26 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22607-0012(LT) (1270 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener)

**Permanent Easement:**

1. Part of Block 45, Registered Plan 58M-408, being Parts 5 and 6 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22727-4894(LT) (1201 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener);
  2. Part of Lot 1, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1471, being Parts 19, 20, 22, 23 and 25 on Plan 58R-19075, Part of PIN 22607-0011(LT) (1250 Fischer-Hallman Road, Kitchener)
2. Serve notices of the above application(s) required by the Expropriations Act;
  3. Forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer 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.
- 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 improvements on King Street (Regional Road 15) from Weber Street to Highway 85, and on Weber Street (Regional Road 8) from Forwell Creek Road to Blythwood Road, in the City of Waterloo, in the Region of Waterloo as detailed in report PDL-LEG-16-78 dated November 22, 2016:
    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 improvements to King Street (Regional Road 15) from Weber Street to Highway 85, and on Weber Street (Regional Road 8) from Forwell Creek Road to Blythwood Road and described as follows:

**Fee Simple Partial Taking:**

- a) Part Lot 7, German Company Tract, being Parts 1, 3 and 4, on Reference Plan 58R-18949, part of PIN 22280-0048 (LT)(417 King Street North, City of Waterloo);
  - b) Part Lot 7, German Company Tract, being Part 6, on Reference Plan 58R-18949, part of PIN 22280-0286 (LT)(421-425 King Street North, City of Waterloo);
  - c) Part Lot 7, German Company Tract, being Part 11, on Reference Plan 58R-18949, part of PIN 22280-0302 (LT)(435 King Street North, City of Waterloo);
2. Serve notices of the above application(s) required by the Expropriations Act;
  3. Forward to the Chief Inquiry Officer 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 or if determined by the Commissioner of Transportation and Environmental Services that such lands, or any part or

interest thereof, are not required for the subject project; and

6. Do all things necessary and proper to be done, and report thereon to Regional Council in due course.

- That the Region of Waterloo accept PDL-CPL-16-49, Monthly Report of Development Activity for October 2016.

And that the following items be received for information:

- Snyder's Road Improvements, Village of Baden, Township of Wilmot from Christian Street to Gingerich Road - Information Package in Advance of the Public Consultation Centre #2
- Cambridge East IUS Water Supply Class Environmental Assessment Public Consultation Centre #2
- William Street and Strange Street Water Supply Systems Class Environmental Assessment - Public Consultation Centre No. 4

Carried

## **Regular Agenda Resumes**

### **Reports – Transportation and Environmental Services**

#### **Design and Construction**

- a) TES-DCS-16-20, Weber Street Reconstruction, Queen Street to Borden Avenue, City of Kitchener – Approval of Project

Phil Bauer, Director, Design and Construction provided clarification on the sight lines for the cross walk, the number of lanes, and vehicle speed.

Chair Galloway referenced a [letter](#) sent by Mike Boos noting two issues Mr. Boos had with the project; lane widths and the barricades and suggested using trees. P. Bauer stated the lane width of 3.65 is to accommodate the type of vehicles that travel Weber Street and noted that there was a considerable desire to maintain those barricades from citizens in that area and stated that staff is looking at esthetically pleasing options for the barricades.

Moved by G. Lorentz

Seconded by K. Redman

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That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the Recommended Design Concept for proposed improvements on Weber Street (Regional Road 8) from Queen Street (Regional Road 53) to Borden Avenue as outlined in TES-DCS-16-20.

Carried

- a) TES-RTS-16-05, ION Update

Received for information.

Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services introduced the report and noted the report documents the progress this year. He stated that it has been a great year for construction and ION construction has moved along quickly. He noted many of the streets are expected to be opened as the winter approaches. T. Schmidt also highlighted that ION construction should be completed by early summer of next year.

A [video](#) was shown regarding the ION update.

- c) TES-RTS-16-06, ION Project: Infrastructure Ontario – Second Amendment Agreement

Moved by S. Strickland

Seconded by K. Seiling

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (the Region) approve entering into an Agreement with Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (IO) to amend the existing Amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This is required to reflect additional services that are being provided for the remainder of construction and the implementation phase of the ION project. This MOU increases the upset fee limit by \$1,190,826 to a new upset limit of \$4,199,362 plus applicable taxes as described in Report No. TES-RTS-16-06 dated November 22, 2016

Carried

## **Reports – Planning Development and Legislative Services**

### **Community Planning**

- d) PDL-CPL-16-51, Update on Master Environmental Servicing Plan for East Side Lands (Stage 2) and Request to Commence Regional Official Plan Amendment

Moved by K. Kiefer

Seconded by H. Jowett

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That Regional Council initiate a Regional Official Plan Amendment and authorize staff to schedule a public meeting in 2017 under the Planning Act to obtain input from the community on a proposed amendment to the Regional Official Plan which would consider expansion of the Urban Areas of the City of Cambridge and the Township of Woolwich.

Carried

- e) PDL-CPL-16-52, Regional Response to Bill 39 – Proposed Amendments to the Aggregate Resources Act

Moved by S. Foxton

Seconded by H. Jowett

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take the following actions with respect to the Province's proposed Bill 39 - Aggregate Resources and Mining Modernization Act, 2016:

- a) forward Report PDL-CPL-16-52, dated November 22, 2016 to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as its response to Bill 39 regarding the Province's proposed amendments the Aggregate Resources Act; and
- b) request the Province to continue to seek input from municipalities and other stakeholders on any future proposed amendments to the Regulations or Provincial Standards under the Aggregate Resources Act to implement the legislative changes proposed in Bill 39.

Carried

### **Information and Correspondence**

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

### **Next Meeting – December 6, 2016**

### **Adjourn**

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by J. Nowak



That the meeting adjourn at 1:50 p.m.

Carried

**Committee Chair**, T. Galloway

**Committee Clerk**, E. Flewwelling

**From:** Mike Boos  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2016 9:05 PM  
**To:** Regional Councillors; Regional Clerk  
**Subject:** Weber Street improvements (TES-DCS-16-20)

Dear members of Regional Council,

I am unable to attend Tuesday's Planning and Works Committee due to work commitments, but I wanted to respond to report TES-DCS-16-20 concerning Weber Street reconstruction, which will take place in front of my home at 234 Weber Street East.

Since the original plans were presented to the public, we are pleased to see some significant improvements in response to [concerns my wife and I raised](#):

- While we are still disappointed to lose our English Oak boulevard tree, given the loss of street character, shade, protection for pedestrians, and property values, we are glad to see staff now recommend the restoration of the grassed boulevard and the planting of new trees in a manner that should be more resilient to future reconstruction efforts. We would ask that staff work to pick tree species varieties that will eventually provide a generous tree canopy to replace the tall stately oaks which project an iconic image in this gateway to the downtown.
- A crossing signal at Fairview, which will make crossing the street on foot much safer, and facilitate transit use for the Auditorium and King East neighbourhoods. While the choice of Fairview Ave over Stirling Ave doesn't do much to decrease our family's walking distance to the nearest ION stop, it does make the GRT stops at Fairview far more useable.

We do however still have some concerns:

- The use of barriers may obstruct our home's view of the cemetery, but more importantly, they fail to address the real source of the danger - speed where visibility is poor. Former New York City transportation commissioner Janette Sadik-Kahn calls them an "example of counterproductive safety policies" and writes "these are last resorts, and one hopes they will be followed soon by redesigns that would render them unnecessary." (Streetfight, p 227) Contrary to staff's assertion that they may prevent crossings in the S-curve, Sadik-Kahn notes that they "[block] pedestrians from reaching safety from passing cars and buses" should people happen to find themselves in the roadway anyways. We would ask that street trees be used for pedestrian protection, as these have been shown to also slow down traffic.
- Changes to superelevation does little to address our primary concern with the S-curve, namely that people drive too quickly around this blind corner to see the road ahead. We must daily back out of our driveway without being able to see what traffic is whipping around the curve. Many of our friends and family refuse to park in our driveway while visiting because backing up is such a harrowing experience. We hear the honking of horns from near-misses at the intersection with Stirling several times a day, and we

hear or see a collision in that intersection at least once per week due to speed and visibility.

- If Kandace and I were to recommend any changes to the recommended design concept, it would be to narrow the lanes through the S-curve to stop inducing high traffic speeds. [3.65 m lanes are dangerous](#) in urban environments because they allow drivers to feel comfortable travelling at speeds much higher than the curve's 30 km/h recommendation. We witness this every winter - because the boulevards are too narrow to hold all the snow that gets plowed onto them, the snow banks extend a good metre out from the curb face, and traffic assumes a much more comfortable pace. Clearly, that extra metre isn't actually necessary for the operation of the street. We hope that you will amend the recommended design concept to reflect that with all lanes 3.35 m or less.

We're generally encouraged to see staff work diligently to address many of our concerns and hope that you as Councillors will give them that extra push to make Weber as great and as safe a street as it can be for our family and community.

Thanks  
Mike Boos

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Mike Boos, MASC.