

# Minutes of the Operations, Transit and Emergency Services Committee Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Attendance**

Members: Chair Findlay, Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Furfaro and Van Hellemond

Councillors: Councillor Wettstein

Staff: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive

Director, Operations, Transit and Emergency Services;, Mr. P. Meagher, Acting General Manager Community Connectivity & Transit; Mr. S. Armstrong, General Manager/Fire Chief Emergency Services; Mr. S. Dewar, EMS Chief, Guelph

Wellington Emergency Medical Care; Mr. R. Keller, General Manager Public Works; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Coordinator

**Call to Order** (5:00 p.m.)

## **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures.

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

 Moved by Councillor Bell Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the open meeting minutes of the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee held on July 9, 2013 be confirmed as recorded.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

## **Consent Agenda**

The following items were extracted from the Consent Agenda to be dealt with separately:

OTES-2013.24 Land Ambulance Response Time Improvement

OTES-2013.25 Public Works Yard Expansion - Update

OTES-2013.26 Sidewalk & Sign Inspection

OTES-2013.27 Traffic Investigations Work Plan - Update

The Executive Director of Operations, Transit & Emergency Services introduced Mr. Phil Meagher, Acting General Manager of Community Connectivity and Transit.

### **Extracted Consent Items**

## OTES-2013.24 Land Ambulance Response Time Improvement

Mr. Dewar, EMS Chief, and Fire Chief Armstrong provided an overview of the report and outlined the benefits and proposed approach of implementing a phased-in approach to improve response times. Discussion ensued regarding the financing of this initiative to be considered through budget deliberations.

 Moved by Mayor Farbridge Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

THAT the report OTES091323 <u>Land Ambulance Response Time Improvement</u> dated September 10, 2013 be received.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond (5) VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

## OTES-2013.25 Public Works Yard Expansion - Update

Discussion ensued regarding public involvement and next steps.

- 3. Moved by Councillor Bell Seconded by Mayor Farbridge
  - 1. THAT the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee Report OTES091326 Public Works Yard Expansion Update be received.
  - 2. THAT the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee refer back to staff to consider alternate plans to address growth concerns surrounding the Public Works property to include the possibility of a comprehensive needs assessment study for the entire Public Works Department yard and its dependencies.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond (5) VOTING AGAINST: (0)

**CARRIED** 

## OTES-2013.26 Sidewalk & Sign Inspection

The Committee deliberated on the extent and type of markings which are resulting from this program, and the necessity for funding of timely repairs.

### **Main Motion**

 Moved by Mayor Farbridge Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

That the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee report OTES091324, Sidewalk & Sign Inspection Programs – Update, dated September 10, 2013 be received.

#### **First Amendment**

5. Moved by Mayor Farbridge Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

That staff consider an alternate method to marking sidewalk discontinuities that meets regulatory compliance and reduces visual impact.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond (5)

**VOTING AGAINST:** (0)

**CARRIED** 

### **Second Amendment**

- 6. Moved by Mayor Farbridge Seconded by Councillor Bell
  - 1. That sidewalk discontinuity per kilometer be included as a key performance indicator in the Public Works Annual Report.
  - 2. That staff report back in 2014 with a funding strategy to close the gap on sidewalk infrastructure maintenance.
  - 3. That Council request the Province of Ontario establish an infrastructure funding program for sidewalk maintenance to support the goals of the legislation and assist municipalities close the gap on sidewalk infrastructure repairs.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond (5) VOTING AGAINST: (0)

**CARRIED** 

#### Main Motion as Amended

- 7. Moved by Mayor Farbridge Seconded by Councillor Bell
  - 1. That the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee report OTES091324, Sidewalk & Sign Inspection Programs Update, dated September 10, 2013 be received.
  - 2. That staff consider an alternate method to marking sidewalk discontinuities that meets regulatory compliance and reduces visual impact.
  - 3. That sidewalk discontinuity per kilometer is included as a key performance indicator in the Public Works Annual Report.
  - 4. That staff report back in 2014 with a funding strategy to close the gap on sidewalk infrastructure maintenance.

5. That Council requests the Province of Ontario to establish an infrastructure funding program for sidewalk maintenance to support the goals of the legislation and assist municipalities close the gap on sidewalk infrastructure repairs.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond (5) VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

## OTES-2013.27 Traffic Investigations Work Plan - Update

The timelines and staffing required to move forward on the work plan and the desire to take some action prior to 2015 were discussed.

### **Main Motion**

8. Moved by Councillor Furfaro Seconded by Mayor Farbridge

THAT the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee Report OTES091325 Traffic Investigations Work Plan - Update be received.

### **First Amendment**

- 9. Moved by Councillor Furfaro Seconded by Mayor Farbridge
  - 1. That staff immediately address Council's outstanding resolution to reduce the speed limit in all school zones to 40 km/hr.
  - 2. That the financial implications of this motion be addressed through the 2014 budget.
  - 3. That staff review available data around the new school zone speed limit in the second quarter of 2014 to determine level of public compliance.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond (5) VOTING AGAINST: (0)

**CARRIED** 

#### Main Motion as Amended

- 10. Moved by Councillor Furfaro Seconded by Mayor Farbridge
  - 1. That the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services committee report OTES091325 Traffic Investigations Work Plan Update be received.
  - 2. That staff immediately address Council's outstanding resolution to reduce the speed limit in all school zones to 40 km/hr.

- 3. That the financial implications of this motion be addressed through the 2014 budget.
- 4. That staff review available data around the new school zone speed limit in the second quarter of 2014 to determine level of public compliance.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and Van Hellemond (5) VOTING AGAINST: (0)

**CARRIED** 

CARRIED

## **Staff Updates and Announcements**

Mr. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations, Transit & Emergency Services, advised of the reopening of the Farmer's Market on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and commended staff on their work in keeping the project on schedule and within budget.

Mr. McCaughan acknowledged public works staff and emergency medical staff for their management of the recent storm activities in the City.

## **Adjournment** (6:28 p.m.)

11. Moved by Councillor Furfaro Seconded by Mayor Farbridge

That the meeting be adjourned.

 Deputy Clerk	