

DRAFT MINUTES – Subject to Confirmation

The Corporation of the City of Guelph Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee Monday, December 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee was held on Monday, December 10, 2012 in Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge (*arrived at 5:02 p.m.*)

Also Present: Councillors Guthrie, Piper and Wettstein

Staff in Attendance: Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations, Transit & Emergency Services; Mr. M. Anders, General Manager, Community Connectivity and Transit; Mr. D. Godfrey, Manager, By-law Compliance & Security; Mr. S. Armstrong, General Manager, Emergency Services; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy City Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Coordinator.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

1. Moved by Councillor Van Hellemond
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

THAT the minutes of the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee meeting held on November 19, 2012 be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, and Van Hellemond (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

The Mayor arrived at the meeting.

Consent Agenda

The following items were extracted from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately:

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| OTES 2012-A.37 | Noise By-law Amendments |
| OTES 2012-A.38 | Guelph Transit- Service Performance |
| OTES 2012-A.39 | Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario – Public Access Defibrillators |

2. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

THAT the balance of the Consent Agenda of the Operations, Transit &

Emergency Services Committee of December 10, 2012 as identified below, be adopted:

a) **Proposed Emergency Medical Services Base in Hillsburgh, Town of Erin**

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THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement as outlined in the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Report OT121251, dated December 10, 2012 Emergency Medical Services Base – Town of Erin, Village of Hillsburgh, subject to the form and content of the agreement being satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Executive Director of Operations, Transit and Emergency Services.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Noise By-law Amendments

Mr. Luc Fournier, Motorcycle & Moped Industry Council, provided information regarding regulations for motorcycles and mopeds. He advised there are several ways to minimize engine noise.

Ms. Susan Ratcliffe, Guelph resident, requested clarification regarding the date of implementation and enforcement of the by-law. She suggested staff provide reports to the public regarding the number of vehicles checked and charges laid. She suggested special vehicle passes showing they passed inspection, putting notices up on the signs leading into Guelph, using noise snare technology and determining consequences for repeat offenders.

Mr. Barry Bowman, Guelph resident, expressed concern regarding motorcycle noise. He said that if the existing Highway Traffic Act regulations regarding mufflers and unnecessary noise were enforced, the noise by-law would not be necessary. He suggested hiring retired police officers to assist with enforcement.

Staff confirmed the by-law will come into effect spring 2013 and police and by-law enforcement officers will be enforcing it. Reasonable grounds are necessary to gather evidence to lay charges and a set fine of \$300 is being requested. Staff also advised that decibel issues in other municipalities were a result of inaccurate testing so training will be provided. They will explore effective ways to act upon complaints.

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3. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

THAT the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee Report OT121253 Noise Bylaw - Amendments dated December 10, 2012 be received;

AND THAT amendments to the Noise Bylaw as set out in Report OT121253 Noise Bylaw - Amendments dated December 10, 2012 be approved.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Guelph Transit – Service Performance

Mr. Michael Anders, General Manager, Community Connectivity and Transit, provided an overview of the Transit Growth Strategy. He outlined key elements of the system, issues encountered, actions taken, the route performance study, key study findings, issues impacting performance, assessment of current situation and recommendations. He summarized the changes made to routes and the hub setup to assist with successful transfers. He outlined their plan to deal with issues on an interim basis until the recommended changes can be implemented. He said if transit priority and traffic issues can be resolved, they may, in the future, return to the 15 minute service.

Mr. Andy Cleary, President, ATU, Local 1189 said that the current basic routes do not allow for any variables such as volume of customers, construction, customers with special needs, and traffic issues. He said staff feel stressed as they are unable to take necessary breaks and were not given proper consideration during the development of the runs. He said the geographic layout of Guelph is the biggest challenge and the current 15-30 minute runs mean people have to leave earlier to get somewhere in time due to transfer issues. He said efficiency should be the end goal and they would like to return to having the best time efficiency. He expressed commitment to the change and support of the recommendations on behalf of the union.

Mr. Kevin Chernoff, Guelph resident, believes the 20 minute service will help through the week but will not make a difference on the weekends. He said the routes need to be driven to determine their viability, coordination between traffic services and transit, and advance greens for buses making left hand turns. He stated that he is pleased to see the buses go through downtown but does not see

why some go through downtown both ways. He also noted that some late buses are due to construction and he asked if the changes will result in job losses.

Mr. Randy Pepper, Guelph resident, said he has used the bus for 30 years and current service is at its worst. He stated that it takes him too long to get to work and he must leave quite early due to regularly missed transfers. He believes the 20 minute service works better and the 30 minute runs on weekends work well.

Staff advised they are currently assessing resource implications and will report back in February. They advised the consultant is willing to assist with routing issues on an ongoing basis despite that not being in the terms of reference for his original contract. They also noted they have criteria for setting up shelters and install them as resources allow.

4. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Bell
THAT the Operations, Transit and Emergency Services (OTES) Committee Report OT121255 Guelph Transit – Service Performance dated December 10, 2012 be received;

AND THAT Guelph Transit adopt the service model recommended in OTES Committee report OT121255 Guelph Transit – Service Performance dated December 10, 2012.

AND THAT staff report back to Committee on a bi-monthly basis on Guelph Transit service until October 2013

AND THAT Guelph Transit undertake a third party review of service performance in October of each year.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Heart And Stroke Foundation Of Ontario (HSFO) – Public Access Defibrillators

Mr. Andrew Lotto, Manager, Resuscitation, Heart & Stroke Foundation, provided statistics regarding the likelihood of survival when defibrillators are available. He asked the City to commit to public education about CPR and raise community awareness, support HSFO in deployed AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) through government-funded programs and support the revisions to the language for the dispatch service provided within the report. He said

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there are currently no regulations or legislation regarding the requirement to have AEDs on site.

5. Moved by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond
THAT the Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee Report OT121252 Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario – Public Access Defibrillators, dated December 10, 2012, be received.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Adjournment

6. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro
THAT the December 10, 2012 Operations, Transit & Emergency Services Committee be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Chairperson