

**The Corporation of the City of Guelph  
Operations & Transit Committee  
Monday, April 16, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Operations & Transit Committee was held on Monday, April 16, 2012 in Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Councillors, Bell, Findlay, Furfaro, and Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge

Also Present: Councillors Dennis, Hofland, and Piper

Staff in Attendance: Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations & Transit; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Council Committee Coordinator.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

1. Moved by Councillor VanHellemond  
Seconded by Mayor Farbridge

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

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and VanHellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were extracted from the April 16, 2012 Consent Agenda to be voted on separately:

OT 2012-A.7 Janefield Avenue – On-Street Parking Review

OT 2012-A.9 Bicycle Lanes on Grange Road

2. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor VanHellemond

THAT the balance of the Consent Agenda of the Operations & Transit Committee of April 16, 2012 as identified below, be adopted:

- a) **Watson Parkway North and Speedvale Avenue East – Speed Limit Reductions**

REPORT

THAT the Operations & Transit Committee Report OT031209 Watson Parkway North and Speedvale Avenue East Speed Limit Reductions dated April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be received;

AND THAT the speed limit on Watson Parkway North between the northerly City limit and Eastview Road be reduced from 80 km/h to 60 km/h;

AND THAT the speed limit on Speedvale Avenue East from 650 metres east of Eramosa Road to Watson Parkway North be reduced from 80 km/h to 60km/h;

AND THAT the speed limit on Watson Parkway North from Eastview Road to Starwood Drive be reduced from 60 km/h to 50km/h.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and VanHellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

### **Janefield Avenue – On-Street Parking Review**

Mr. Dave Wilson, on behalf of MF Property Management, raised concerns regarding sight lines, vehicles having to pull into driveways to allow buses to pass, and inability to collect garbage due to parked vehicles. He said including the 302 College Avenue properties in the survey skews the numbers, and the Janefield Avenue properties should be given more consideration. He requested the survey process be adjusted. He suggested switching the on-street parking to the opposite side of the street to alleviate the issues.

Ms. Coralai Sopher, a local resident, raised safety concerns regarding backing out of their driveways and suggested switching the parking to the east side of the street. She voiced concerns that total responses did not meet the survey criteria for a change due to the properties on College Avenue and the number of out of town landlords included. She stated that lack of parking is a result of losing the use of Poppy Lane for parking.

Mr. McCaughan, Executive Director, Operations & Transit, explained the process in place for surveys to address traffic issues. He clarified that the first survey in 2010 was sent to owners and tenants but the policy only allows the property owners' responses to be used for conclusions.

Ms. Starr, Supervisor, Traffic Investigations, advised that there has been a total of seven collisions in the last three years on Janefield Avenue.

Staff will consider the option of moving parking from the west side to the east side.

Mr. D. McCaughan

3. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

THAT the Janefield Avenue On-Street Parking issue be referred to staff to report back to committee regarding alternative options to resolve the parking issue.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and VanHellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

It was suggested that 2-hour parking restrictions be considered.

### **Bicycle Lanes on Grange Road**

Ms. Sharon Tanti, a resident of Grange Road, stated she did not receive proper notice of the potential bike lanes. She said over a 100 signatures were submitted on the survey stating they do not want a bicycle lane because the on-street parking is always fully utilized. She was concerned that parking would become an issue on the side streets off of Grange Road if the parking was eliminated to accommodate a bike lane. She believes Councillor Bell should have declared a conflict of interest due to his cycle business. She did not have a concern with Grange Road being a bike route as long as the parking is not removed and there are no lane markings.

Ms. Jonna Fuguli was not in attendance.

Issues regarding the survey process were raised and staff were advised that comments received need to be used qualitatively and consistently to make conclusions within a report. Staff needs to determine how to align the survey process with other City policies and administrative practices.

REPORT

4. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the Report OT031211 Bicycle Lanes on Grange Road dated April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be received;

AND THAT no action be taken on implementing bicycle lanes on Grange Road between Victoria Road and Watson Parkway at this time;

AND THAT a Bicycle Route be established on Grange Road between Victoria Road and Watson Parkway.

It was requested that the clauses be voted on separately.

REPORT 5. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
 Seconded by Councillor Bell  
 THAT the Report OT031211 Bicycle Lanes on Grange Road dated April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be received.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and VanHellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

REPORT 6. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
 Seconded by Councillor Bell  
 THAT no action be taken on implementing bicycle lanes on Grange Road between Victoria Road and Watson Parkway at this time.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Findlay, Furfaro and Mayor Farbridge (3)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Bell and VanHellemond (2)

Carried

REPORT 7. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
 Seconded by Councillor Bell  
 THAT a Bicycle Route be established on Grange Road between Victoria Road and Watson Parkway.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay, Furfaro and VanHellemond (5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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 Chairperson