

COMMITTEE AGENDA



CONSOLIDATED AS OF JULY 3, 2015

TO **Public Services Committee**

DATE Monday, July 6, 2015

LOCATION Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall, 1 Carden Street

TIME 5:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Public Services Committee June 1, 2015 open meeting minutes

PRESENTATIONS (Items with no accompanying report)

CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions have been prepared to facilitate the Committee's consideration of the various matters and are suggested for consideration. If the Committee wishes to address a specific report in isolation of the Consent Agenda, please identify the item. The item will be extracted and dealt with separately. The balance of the Public Services Committee Consent Agenda will be approved in one resolution.

ITEM	CITY PRESENTATION	DELEGATIONS	TO BE EXTRACTED
PS-2015-20 Public Services Annual Report	Derrick Thomson, Deputy CAO, Public Services		✓
PS-2015-21 Business Licence By-law Review – Food Vehicle Schedule and Temporary Food Sales Update		Jakki Prince Reuben Salonga Bruno Rachiele	✓
PS-2015-22 Northview Park – Conceptual Master Plan			
PS-2015-23 New Trail Sections Near Hanlon Creek			
PS-2015-24 Speedvale Avenue Bridge Underpass		Yvette Tendick Correspondence Peter Jaspers-Fayer	✓

PS-2015-25 Crane Park Footbridge		Jack Weiner	
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Resolution to adopt the balance of the Public Services Committee Consent Agenda.

ITEMS EXTRACTED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Once extracted items are identified, they will be dealt with in the following order:

- 1) delegations (may include presentations)
- 2) staff presentations only
- 3) all others.

STAFF UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Dear Public Services Committee,

My name is Peter Jaspers-Fayer and I have been an active member of the Guelph Hiking Trail Club (www.guelphhiking.com/) for many years, and am now the editor of our newsletter. Our club has many members dedicated to hiking and enjoying all that Guelph has to offer, from rough trails in the forest, to Guelph's excellent urban trails.

The section of the Trans Canada Trail through our city (via http://guelph.ca/wp-content/uploads/map_downtownTrail.pdf) has become very popular. At any time of the day, you can see people walking their dogs, strolling with their friends and family. It is a fantastic connection from the downtown to Riverside Park, used by a large population of Guelphites. The recent Canada Day celebration saw many users on that trail, and there is great potential for the trail to see even more regular use.

However, there are some serious barriers to the connectivity of the trail system, especially where it crosses busy intersections in the city. Most notably, these intersections are the ones at Eramosa Road and the one at Speedvale Avenue. This letter addresses concerns at Speedvale Avenue.

As it stands now, hikers, cyclists, parents with strollers, and people in wheelchairs or scooters have to cross the light at the fire station at Speedvale Avenue along a very busy road, halt traffic, and wait to cross. It is not particularly safe for any age group, particularly those with limited mobility. After that, these citizens have to cross a busy bridge section before returning on the Trans Canada Trail.

An underpass under the Speedvale Bridge could be a solution to this problem. People could simply walk or roll under the bridge, then over to the west side of the Speed River, up to the Enabling garden and continue to the trails in Riverside Park. This safe underpass and new trail network would allow a contiguous network of trails that would encourage more and more people to use them. It would promote greater health, fitness and inclusiveness for its residents.

Since you are currently planning for the reconstruction the Speedvale bridge, this is a perfect time to consider including this underpass and approaches.

Our club's specific interest would be to extend the south-bound trail that currently stops at the "Enabling Garden" (behind the Evergreen Centre) to continue it along the river, south and east to Speedvale, but this would only make sense if an underpass was present.

Thank you,

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Peter Jaspers-Fayer

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

To Whom this May concern,

We, the Guelph Wellington Seniors Association would like to send a message to the city that we strongly endorse a walking/cycling underpass at the Speedvale bridge. Our group and many other seniors from the area walk regularly in Riverside Park and to the Enabling garden, and many like to continue on to the Trans Canada Trail south of Speedvale. The crossing at the light on Speedvale is currently dangerous and discourages some of us with limited mobility.

The Speedvale underpass would encourage a more active senior's population due to it's elimination of the need to cross the very busy Speedvale avenue. It would offer us more opportunities for a healthy lifestyle and connection with the city.

Please add our voices to those who look forward to a Speedvale Underpass trail to add to the connectivity of the trail systems in Guelph.

Thank You!

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Friday, May 28, 2015

To Whom this May concern,

We, the Guelph Wellington Senoir Association Walking Group would like to send a message to the city that we strongly endorse a walking/cycling underpass at the Speedvale bridge. Our group and many other seniors from the area walk regularly in Riverside Park and to the Enabling garden, and many like to continue on to the Trans Canada Trail south of Speedvale. The crossing at the light on Speedvale is currently dangerous and discourages some of us with limited mobility.

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Thank You!

Brenda Langham (secretary)
Robert Langham (co-ordinator)
Galen Clegg (Dalha)