

**16TH REPORT OF THE**  
**ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on August 24, 2009, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor P. Hubert (Chair), Controllers G. Barber and G. Hume, Councillors J. Bryant, R. Caranci and C. Miller and H. Lysynski (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: Controller W. J. Polhill, Councillors W. Lonc, B. MacDonald, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Orser and H. L. Usher (all part-time), T. Copeland, B. Coxhead, A. Dunbar, S. Houde, G. Irwin, O. Katolyk, D. A. Leckie, A. Macpherson and R. Standish.

**I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:**

Appointment of  
Consultant for  
Sherwood  
Forest Flooding  
Assessment  
and Mitigation  
Works Study

1. (8) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Wastewater and Treatment, the following actions be taken with respect to the appointment of a consultant for the Sherwood Forest Flooding Assessment and Mitigation Works Study (ES2680):

- (a) AECOM, 285 King Street, Suite 300, London, Ontario, N6B 3M6 **BE APPOINTED** Consulting Engineers for the Sherwood Forest Flooding Assessment and Mitigation works study to the upset limit of \$65,860.00, excluding GST;
- (b) the consulting fees for the project identified in (a), above, **BE IN ACCORDANCE** with the estimate, on file, which are based upon the Fee Guideline for Professional Engineering Services, 2006, recommended by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers, and in accordance with Schedule "D" Appointment of Consulting Services Policy of Council, By-law A-6151-17;
- (c) the financing for the project identified in (a), above, **BE APPROVED** in accordance with the "Sources of Financing Report" attached hereto as Appendix "A";
- (d) the Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- (e) the approvals given herein **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract with the Consultant for the project; and
- (f) the Mayor and Acting City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations;

it being noted there are no anticipated additional annual operating costs to the Environmental and Engineering Services budget in 2010 and subsequent years, associated with approval of this contract. (2009-A03-00)

AWAC Terms of  
Reference

2. (19) That, on the recommendation of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC), the Terms of Reference for the AWAC **BE AMENDED** to include two non-voting positions to be filled by secondary school students; it being noted the AWAC believes that youth involvement in animal welfare concerns will bring a useful perspective to the Committee and provides an educational opportunity for youth in the City; it being also noted that a presentation was received from B. Sayler, Chair, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with respect to this matter.

Amendments to  
the Traffic and  
Parking By-law

3. (4) That the following actions be taken with respect to proposed amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-law to address traffic safety, operations and parking concerns on Carrothers Avenue, Gagel Street and Westdel Bourne:

- (a) the attached revised proposed by-law (Appendix "A") **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on August 31, 2009 for the purpose of amending the Traffic and Parking By-law (P.S. 111); and

- (b) the Director of Roads and Transportation **BE REQUESTED** to resurvey the residents on Lancaster Street to address residents' concerns brought forward by Councillor B. MacDonald at the August 24, 2009 Environment and Transportation Committee meeting. (2009-S09-00)

Closing the Lane on Registered Plan 448(C)

4. (5) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Roads and Transportation, the following actions be taken with respect to the proposed closing of the lane located north of Devonshire Avenue:

- (a) the closing of that portion of the lane abutting Lots 300 to 306 on Registered Plan 448(C) **BE APPROVED**; and,
- (b) Peter M. Macaulay, Solicitor, **BE APPOINTED** in accordance with the City's Street and Lane Closing procedure as the City's solicitor for the purpose of obtaining the court order necessary to close the lane as public highway. (2009-S06-00)

Closing Part of the Lane on Registered Plan 477(C)

5. (6) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Roads and Transportation, the following actions be taken with respect to the proposed closing of part of the lane on Edmonton Street, south of Dundas Street:

- (a) the closing of that portion of the lane abutting Lots 37 to 42 on Registered Plan 477(C) **BE APPROVED**; and,
- (b) Paul D. Kiteley, Solicitor, **BE APPOINTED** in accordance with the City's Street and Lane Closing procedure as the City's solicitor for the purpose of obtaining the court order necessary to close the lane as public highway. (2009-S06-00)

Grants for Sump Pump, Sewage Ejector and Storm Private Drain Connection By-law

6. (18a) That, on the recommendation of the General Manager of Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to sump pump, sewage ejector and storm private drain connection subsidies:

- (a) the proposed "Grants for Sump Pump, Sewage Ejector and Storm Private Drain Connection By-law", attached as Appendix 'A', **BE INTRODUCED** at the Council meeting to be held on August 31, 2009, which makes the following revisions to the current sump pump, sewage ejector and storm private drain connection subsidies:
  - (i) a splitting of costs between the homeowner and the City, so that the homeowner would pay one quarter of the costs and the City would pay three quarters of the costs;
  - (ii) the removal of the date of home construction as a condition of eligibility;
  - (iii) the inclusion of 'non-profit housing co-operatives' for eligibility for the subsidy program, to be treated the same as condominium corporations;
  - (iv) an update of the up-set limit amounts, of the subsidy which were last adjusted in February 2003; and,
  - (iii) a revision of the number of contractor quotes needed to complete different dollar value of works required (Schedule 'A' Sections 1 and 7); and
- (b) the proposed "Sump Pump, Sewage Ejector and Storm Private Drain Connection Reserve Fund By-law" attached as Appendix 'B', **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on August 31, 2009. (2009-W05-00)

Sanitary Sewer Back-up - 163 Pine Valley Drive

7. (18b) That, on the recommendation of the General Manager of Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the sanitary sewer back-up at the Condominium Corporation located at 163 Pine Valley Drive:

- (a) unit owners who have installed back flow preventers of the Condominium Corporation at 163 Pine Valley Drive **BE DEEMED ELIGIBLE** for potential grants and funding sources, under the Sump Pump, Sewer Ejector and Storm Private Drain Connection Subsidy ;
- (b) the potential grant dollar amounts, noted in (a) above, **BE ADMINISTERED** as per the approved Grants for Sump Pump, Sewer Ejector, and Storm Private Drain Connection By-law; and
- (c) the Civic Administration **BE ASKED** to advise the Condominium Corporation of its options relating to the lowering of the berm and the reduction of the height of the manhole cover on the southwest corner of the property;

it being noted that a verbal presentation was heard from P. McLaughlin, 163 Pine Valley Drive, with respect to this matter. (2009-W10-00)

Deer Crossing Signage

8. (19) That, the following actions be taken with respect to deer crossing signs:
- (a) the Director of Environmental Programs & Solid Waste **BE ASKED** to determine if there are funds available in the current operating budget for the installation of deer crossing signs in areas where deer are prominent; and
  - (b) in consultation with the Director of Environmental Programs & Solid Waste, the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee **BE ASKED** to investigate potential financial partnerships in the community for the installation of deer crossing signs;

it being noted that a verbal presentation and the attached communication was received from B. Saylor, Chair, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, with respect to this matter.

## II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8th Report of the ACE

9. (1) That the Environment and Transportation Committee received and noted the 8th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment from its meeting held on July 8, 2009. (See Report attached.)

7th Report of the TFAC

10. (2) That the Environment and Transportation Committee received and noted the 7th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on July 22, 2009. (See Report attached.)

Water Meter Replacement and Meter Reading Strategy Update Report

11. (3) That the Environment and Transportation Committee reviewed and received an information report dated August 24, 2009, from the General Manager of Environmental and Engineering Services & City Engineer with respect to an update on water meter replacements and meter the reading strategy. (2009-W13-00)

Integrated Management Strategy for Sifton Bog ESA

12. (7) That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) reviewed and received an information report from the General Manager of Planning and Development with respect to an update relating to the current integrated management strategy for the Sifton Bog Environmentally Sensitive Area; it being noted that the ETC heard a verbal presentation from A. Macpherson, Manager, Parks Planning & Design, with respect to this matter. (2009-E04-00)

Emerald Ash Borer Update

13. (9) That the Environment and Transportation Committee reviewed and received a written communication dated July 21, 2009 from the Honourable G. Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board, with respect to an update on the emerald ash borer. (2009-E05-00)

- Regional Material Recovery Facility Project 14. (10) That the Environment and Transportation Committee reviewed and received a written communication dated July 3, 2009 from the R. Millard, C.A.O./Clerk, Township of Malahide, with respect to the Regional Material Recovery Facility project. (2009-G13-00)
- Downtown Master Plan Terms of Reference 15. (11) That the Environment and Transportation Committee reviewed and received communications dated June 19 and 22, 2009 from A. Lagadyn, The Real Estate Store Supply Ltd., with respect to the Downtown Master Plan Terms of Reference as it relates to a proposed residential parking program. (2009-D07-00)
- By-law Enforcement 16. (12) That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) reviewed and received a written communication dated August 2, 2009 from M. Recker, 1460 Norman Avenue, with respect to the removal of signs on utility poles, the removal of signs on road allowances, natural gardens and the size of vehicles permitted in residential areas. The ETC asked the Manager of By-law Enforcement to respond directly to Mr. Recker's concerns. (2009-P05-00)
- Walkway located between 732 and 734 Victoria Street 17. (13,21) That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) received written and verbal presentations from Councillor S. Orser, D. Whiteside, 734 Victoria Avenue, P. Rascao, 733 Leroy Avenue, the Director of Wastewater and Treatment, received a written communication from S. and A. Chiarappa, 758 Leroy Avenue and verbal presentations from Councillor B. MacDonald, the Manager of By-law Enforcement and the Chief Surveyor, with respect to the proposed decommissioning and closing of the walkway located between 732 and 734 Victoria Street. The ETC asked the Civic Administration to report back in October, 2009 with options for the walkway, including, but not limited to:
- improved lighting;
  - increased fencing height;
  - blitzes by the COR Unit;
  - investigation of Mosquito Ultra-Sonic Teenage Deterrent System;
  - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design;
  - how to make the walkway accessible; and
  - a maintenance plan, including the maintenance of walkways that the Civic Administration currently undertakes, and suggestions on maintenance improvements. (2009-S06-00)
- Clearing of Snow from Walkways 18. (14a) That the Environment and Transportation Committee received and noted a communication dated August 17, 2009 from Council H. L. Usher with respect to the clearing of snow from walkways.
- Clearing of Snow from White Oaks Park Pathways 19. (14b) That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) received the attached presentation from J. Carthew, 1341 Ernest Avenue, with respect to clearing of snow from the White Oaks Park pathways. The ETC asked the Manager, Financial Planning & Policy to report back at the next ETC meeting with respect to potential sources of funding for 2009 and funding options for 2010, for the removal of snow on the White Oaks Park pathways. (2009-E06-00/S08-00)
- Taxi / Limo Industry Issues & Unified Central Dispatching 20. (15,22) That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) heard a verbal presentation and reviewed and received communications dated August 13 and 19, 2009 from R. Ford, 307 Grey Street, and a communication dated August 24, 2009 from J. Donnelly, Vice-President, Aboutown Transportation, with respect to taxi and limousine industry issues and an update on unified central dispatching. The ETC referred Mr. Ford's communication to the Manager of By-law Enforcement for review and requested a comprehensive report back related to all outstanding taxicab/limousine issues. (2009-P10-00)

- Request for Freezing of the Executive Limousine Plates
21. (16,23) That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) was advised that the delegation of N. Naqvi, President, G. Kebede, Vice-President, M. Omar, General Secretary and L. Babakri, Treasurer, Checker Limousine Brokers & Drivers Association, and the written communication from S. Barouei, (Past) President and B. Hansaruk, (Past) Vice-President, London Executive Limousine Association, with respect to a request to freeze the Executive Limousine plates were all withdrawn prior to the meeting. (2009-P10-02)
- "Provincial Highway vs. West London Expressway"
22. (17) The Environment and Transportation Committee reviewed and received a written communication dated July 25, 2009 from J. Sweeney, 38 Green Hedge Lane, with respect to "Provincial Highway vs. West London Expressway". (2009-S11-00/S07-00)
- 8th Report of the AWAC
23. (19) That the Environment and Transportation Committee received and noted clauses 3 to 13, inclusive, of the 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on July 28, 2009. (See Report attached.)
- Current Taxi Industry Restrictions
24. (20) That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) received a communication dated August 20, 2009 from Controller W. J. Polhill with respect to his request for the potential establishment of an environmentally-friendly taxi industry. The ETC asked the Civic Administration to determine if the establishment of an environmentally-friendly taxicab industry can be implemented and to include this information as part of the comprehensive report noted in Clause 20 of this Report.
- Controller Hume Enquiry
25. That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) received an enquiry from Controller Hume with respect to the flying of flags on municipal and private buildings in the downtown. The ETC asked that MainStreet London, the London Downtown Business Association, Tourism London, the Local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and the Members of Provincial Parliament consider flying flags on municipal and private buildings in the downtown. (See attached photograph).
- Controller Hume Enquiry
26. That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) received an enquiry from Controller Hume with respect to the feasibility of occasionally using manhole covers for fountains during special events on certain downtown streets. The ETC asked the Director of Roads and Transportation to review this matter and report back at a future meeting of the ETC.
- Councillor Caranci Enquiry
27. That the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) received an enquiry from Councillor Caranci with respect to complaints about the time constraints placed on events in the downtown area. The ETC asked the Manager of By-law Enforcement to review the matter of allowing festivals in the downtown area to go beyond 11:00 p.m. and report back to the ETC in January, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.