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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

WORKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

A regular meeting of the Works Committee was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Present: Councillor Mitchell, Chair
Councillor Marimpietri, Vice-Chair
Councillor Crawford
Councillor McLean
Councillor John Neal
Councillor Smith
Regional Chair Henry left the meeting at 11:30 AM

Also

Present: Councillor Highet

Absent: Councillor Barton

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Demanuele, Director of Business Services, Works Department
J. Hunt, Director of Legal Services, Corporate Services – Legal Services
R. Jagannathan, Director of Transportation and Field Services, Works Department
M. Januszkiewicz, Director of Waste Management, Works Department
S. Kemp, Manager of Traffic Engineering & Operations, Works Department
J. Paquette, Manager (Works), Corporate Communications
J. Presta, Director of Environmental Services, Works Department
A. Spencer, Project Manager, Traffic, Works Department
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Smith,
(48) That the minutes of the regular Works Committee meeting held on
Wednesday, March 6, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Delegations

4.1 D. O'Connell, Project Manager, Independent Project Managers, re: an affordable housing project being constructed at 1505 Bowmanville Avenue, in the Municipality of Clarington

D. O'Connell, Project Manager, on behalf of Tim Neeb, President of New View Holdings Inc., appeared before the Committee regarding an affordable housing project being constructed at 1505 Bowmanville Avenue, in the Municipality of Clarington.

D. O'Connell requested that the Works Committee ask Regional Council to consider the following two options:

- Option #1- Move the permanent road work up to the summer of 2019;
and
- Option #2- Accept the Developer's offer to pay the Region \$225,000 (less design costs) and the Region performs the temporary road work.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(49) That D. O'Connell be granted a one-time 2-minute extension in order to finish his delegation.

CARRIED

D. O'Connell asked that the Region of Durham also consider future forms of relief for these types of projects to encourage Developers to continue to provide affordable housing in Durham Region.

D. O'Connell responded to questions from the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of the options put forth by D. O'Connell; whether accepting one of the options would set a precedent for similar situations in the future; and the temporary lights that Durham Region has offered to install.

J. Hunt expressed concern that the competitive process has already been completed and moving outside the terms of the RFP could create a potential for litigation or disconnect.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(50) That we recommend to Regional Council:

That the Region accept the Developer's offer to pay the Region \$225,000 (less design costs) and that the Region performs the temporary road work, as requested by D. O'Connell as part of a delegation provided to the Works Committee on April 3, 2019.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Crawford
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McLean

No

Councillor John Neal
Councillor Smith
Chair Mitchell

Absent: Councillor Barton

Conflict: None

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(51) That we recommend to Regional Council:

That staff be directed to review current policies and research additional potential relief mechanisms to promote the development of affordable rental housing in Durham Region including defining the criteria for projects to be eligible for the potential relief mechanisms, and report back to Regional Council with the results of that review and any recommended policy amendments or additions required to implement those mechanisms.

CARRIED

4.2 D. Douglas, Environmental Consultant, VisionQuest Environmental Strategies Corp., re: Report #2019-WR-6: EBR 013-4689 Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities: Discussion Paper [Item 6.2 A]

D. Douglas, Environmental Consultant, VisionQuest Environmental Strategies Corp., on behalf of GLAD Canada Ltd, appeared before the Committee regarding Report #2019-WR-6: EBR 013-4689 Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities: Discussion Paper.

D. Douglas stated that the GLAD Company of Canada Ltd. would like to re-confirm their corporate commitment in supporting the Region of Durham through

the provision of a complimentary supply of GLAD “See Through” Blue Bags to support a pilot project.

D. Douglas also stated that GLAD Canada is interested in further investigating opportunities to assist with costs pertaining to debagging, collection, sorting, baling and end market delivery to an identified downstream recipient (EFS-Plastics) of the “see through” blue bags collected in the pilot study, subject to further clarification of such costs by Regional staff and their MRF processor.

D. Douglas requested that the Works Committee (and Council) consider this decision and ultimately proceed with this pilot study, given the importance in assessing options to address litter from blue boxes, as the use of “see through” blue bags has proven to be a superior option across Canada.

D. Douglas responded to questions from the Committee.

It was the consensus of the Committee to alter the agenda to consider Item 6.2 A), Report #2019-WR-6: EBR 013-4689 Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities: Discussion Paper of the Commissioner of Works next.

6. Waste

6.2 Reports

A) EBR 013-4689 Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities: Discussion Paper (2019-WR-6)

Report #2019-WR-6 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

M. Januszkiewicz demonstrated the new blue box lid that is made from old tires mined from Durham landfills. She advised that staff will be bringing a report back to the Works Committee before summer (June) that will outline the cost to produce the lids and how residents will receive them. She also advised that this pilot project fulfills the Council directive and is sustainable.

Staff responded to questions regarding changing the wording “best before date” on food containers to reduce the amount of food being thrown away, and providing further education to residents on this matter; the collection of glass mandated under Regulation 101; and possible revisions to Regulation 101 by the province.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Mitchell,
(52) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the attached responses to the discussion paper questions (Attachment #1 to Report #2019-WR-6 of the Commissioner of Works) be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks as the Regional

Municipality of Durham's comments on the Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities: Discussion Paper; and

- B) That a copy of Report #2019-WR-6 of the Commissioner of Works be forwarded to the Clerks of the Local Area Municipalities.

CARRIED

5. Presentations

- 5.1 S. Kemp, Manager of Traffic Operations, re: Durham Vision Zero – A Strategic Road Safety Action Plan (SRSAP) for the Regional Municipality of Durham (2019-W-27) [Item 6.2 B)]
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S. Kemp, Manager of Traffic Operations, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Durham Vision Zero – A Strategic Road Safety Action Plan (SRSAP) for the Regional Municipality of Durham.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Some good news
- Why are we concerned?
- Background
- What is Vision Zero?
 - Three pillars:
 - No one should be killed or seriously injured as the result of a collision;
 - Design needs to accommodate humans that make mistakes; and
 - Collisions don't happen by accident.
- Vision
 - Zero people killed or injured across all modes of transportation
- Goal
 - Minimum 10% reduction in fatal and injury collisions over a five year period
- Emphasis Areas (8)
- Our Data
 - 1. Intersections
 - 2. Aggressive Driving
 - 3. Distracted Driving
 - 4. Young Drivers (16-25)
 - 5. Pedestrians
 - 6. Impaired Drivers
 - 7. Cyclists
 - 8. Commercial Vehicles
- Next Steps

S. Kemp advised that next steps would include establishment of a Vision Zero Task Force; implementation of countermeasures; and ongoing monitoring and evaluation of progress towards zero.

S. Kemp responded to questions from the Committee regarding the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) involvement with Vision Zero; on-going collaboration with Durham Transit and lower tier municipalities; the current technological options that are available for Durham to use; where the funds from the collection of fines go; stronger enforcement of speed limits; the consideration of scramble intersections in Durham; the benefits of roundabouts and who decides what goes in the centers of the roundabouts; inconsistent pedestrian signals throughout the Region; the potential for a communication package to be sent to the truck haulers encouraging alternate routes; and membership of the Vision Zero Task Force.

It was the consensus of the Committee to alter the agenda to consider Item 7.2 B), Report #2019-W-27: Durham Vision Zero – A Strategic Road Safety Action Plan for the Regional Municipality of Durham of the Commissioner of Works next.

7. Works

7.2 Reports

B) Durham Vision Zero – A Strategic Road Safety Action Plan for the Regional Municipality of Durham ([2019-W-27](#))

Report #2019-W-27 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor John Neal,
(53) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Regional Council endorse a Vision Zero approach to Road Safety for the Regional Municipality of Durham;
- B) That Regional Council endorse the recommended Strategic Road Safety Action Plan goal of a minimum 10 percent reduction in severe (i.e. fatal and injury) collisions within the next five years (2019-2023);
- C) That Regional Council forward a copy of Report #2019-W-27 of the Commissioner of Works to the Local Area Municipalities, including a report substantially in the form of Attachment 1 to Report #2019-W-27, in the spirit of mobilizing a concerted effort towards Vision Zero; and
- D) That Regional Council direct staff to move forward with the next steps required to implement the Strategic Road Safety Action Plan.

CARRIED AS AMENDED (See Following Motion)

Moved by Councillor John Neal, Seconded by Councillor McLean,
(54) That the main motion (53) of Councillors Marimpietri and John Neal be amended by adding the following as a new Part E):

E) That the Vision Zero Task Force also include a Works Committee representative, a cyclist representative, and a citizen/senior representative.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Mitchell,
(55) That the Committee recess for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 11:45 AM and reconvened at 11:58 AM.

6. Waste

6.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

6.2 Reports

A) EBR 013-4689 Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities: Discussion Paper (2019-WR-6)

This item was considered earlier in the meeting. See pages 4 and 5 of these minutes.

7. Works

7.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence dated January 24, 2019 from the Township of Scugog, re: Request to Region of Durham to Improve Road Safety on Regional Road 7 (RR7) Island Road on Scugog Island in the Township of Scugog

Moved by Councillor John Neal, Seconded by Councillor Smith,
(56) That the correspondence dated January 24, 2019 from the Township of Scugog regarding request to Region of Durham to improve road safety on Regional Road 7 (RR7) Island Road on Scugog Island in the Township of Scugog be referred to staff for consideration.

CARRIED

- B) Correspondence dated March 11, 2019 from the Town of Ajax, re: Resolution passed by Ajax Council at its meeting held on February 25, 2019 regarding Westney Road/Millington Crescent Signalization
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Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor McLean,
(57) That we recommend to Council:

That a light be designed in 2019 and constructed in 2020 at the Millington Crescent and Westney Road intersection to be funded by the Town of Ajax, without a traffic study being required.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

- A) Servicing Agreements with Bond & Mary Development Inc. and Bond & Mary Development Phase II Inc. for Temporary Sanitary Sewer Connections, in the City of Oshawa (2019-W-26)
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Report #2019-W-26 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor John Neal,
(58) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham be authorized to enter into Servicing Agreements with Bond & Mary Development Inc. and Bond & Mary Development Phase II Inc. for temporary sanitary sewer connections, in the City of Oshawa to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services; and
- B) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documents or agreements.

CARRIED

- B) Durham Vision Zero – A Strategic Road Safety Action Plan for the Regional Municipality of Durham (2019-W-27)
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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. See pages 6 and 7 of these minutes.

8. **Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

9. **Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

10. **Other Business**

10.1 Traffic through the Hamlet of Columbus, in the City of Oshawa

Staff provided an update regarding the traffic through the Hamlet of Columbus. R. Jagannathan advised that staff have referred this to the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) regarding more enforcement in that area, and additional observations are planned for this location.

10.2 Maxwell Heights Secondary School Crossing

Councillor John Neal noted his concerns regarding students crossing Coldstream Drive with there being no sidewalks, lights or line markings at Maxwell Heights Secondary School. Staff noted that most students cross at the Coldstream Drive/Harmony Road signalized intersection, but they are in conversation with city staff and are looking at talking to the principal/school board to educate students.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Works Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor John Neal, Seconded by Councillor McLean,
(59) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mitchell, Chair

S. Penak, Committee Clerk