



**TOWN OF AJAX
REPORT OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

For consideration by the Council of the Town of Ajax on May 14, 2012

The General Government Committee met at 12:00 p.m. on May 10, 2012

Present: Councillor P. Brown, Chair
 Regional Councillor S. Collier
 Regional Councillor C. Jordan
 Councillor R. Ashby
 Councillor J. Dies
 Mayor Parish - (arrived at 12:15)

Absent Councillor M. Crawford

1. Call to Order (12:10 p.m.)

Chair Brown called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

The General Government Committee recommends as follows:

3. Adoption of In-Camera Minutes

Moved by: S. Collier

That the Minutes of the In-Camera meeting of the General Government Committee held on April 19, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

In-Camera

4. Authority to hold a Closed Meeting and Related In-Camera Session

Moved by: S. Collier

That the Committee convene In-Camera pursuant to Section 239 (3.1) and Section 239 (2) (c and e) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to discuss matters pertaining to the education or training of members; the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and; a matter pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

4.1 Investment Information and Education Session

Following the conclusion of item 4.1, the Committee recessed for several minutes and reconvened in the River Plate Room at 1:45 to discuss item 4.2.

4.2 Confidential Property Matter

Rise from In-Camera

Moved by: S. Parish

That the committee rise from the In-Camera session.

CARRIED

Open Meeting (2:20pm)

Ratify Actions Taken In-Camera

Moved by: S. Parish

That all actions approved in the In-Camera Session be ratified.

CARRIED

5. Consent Agenda

Members separated items 5.3, 5.5, 5.8, 5.9 and 5.11 for discussion.

5.1 2012 BIA Levy - Downtown BIA

Moved by: S. Collier

That the 2012 budget of \$25,500.00 for the Downtown BIA be approved and that the amount of \$3,586.00 be credited to its members.

CARRIED

5.2 2012 BIA Levy - Pickering Village BIA

Moved by: S. Collier

1. That the 2012 budget of \$50,000.00 for the Pickering Village BIA be approved, and that the amount of \$49,690.00 be raised by taxation from its members.
2. That the Pickering Village BIA's \$25,000.00 contribution towards street furniture and related amenities on Old Kingston Rd. be allocated to the Capital Projects Reserve.

CARRIED

5.3 Contract Award – Traffic Signals at Rossland Road and Rushworth Drive

Moved by: S. Parish

That Council award the contract for the installation of traffic signals located at the intersection of Rossland Road and Rushworth Drive, to the Regional Municipality of Durham in the amount of \$195,821 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

5.4 Contract Award - Castlefields Neighbourhood Park, Design Services

Moved by: S. Collier

That Council award the contract for the design of Castlefields Neighbourhood Park to Landscape Planning Limited, in the amount of \$15,255.00 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

5.5 Contract Award - Lower Harwood Avenue Study and Street Treatment Design

Moved by: C. Jordan

1. That Council award the contract for the Lower Harwood Avenue Study and Street Treatment Design, to Brook McIlroy in the amount of \$89,984.16 (inclusive of all taxes); and,
2. That Council approve the following funding, to be allocated to Capital Account No. 939111 from Capital Projects Reserve in the amount of \$9,136.30.
3. That Council approve the transfer to the Capital Projects Reserve, the amount of \$10,000.00 from the closing of Capital Account 931311 - Traffic Calming–Ritchie Design.

CARRIED

5.6 Contract Award - MCC Building Automation System

Moved by: S. Collier

That Council award the contract for MCC - Building Automation System, to Honeywell Limited in the amount of \$77,405.00 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

5.7 Contract Award – Operations Honeywell Service Agreement

Moved by: S. Collier

That Council award the contract for the Operations Honeywell Service Agreement to Honeywell Limited in the amount of \$27,526.80 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

5.8 Contract Award - Urban Forest Planting Restoration

Moved by: S. Collier

That Council award the contract for Urban Forest Planting Restoration, to Terratechnik Environmental Limited in the amount of \$93,747.12 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

5.9 Emerald Ash Borer

Moved by: J. Dies

1. That Town Council hereby endorses the AMO model resolution urging both the Federal Government and the Government of Ontario to provide leadership and support for the management of urban forests, including control of the Emerald Ash Borer and other threatening diseases and insects.
2. That notice of the Ajax Council endorsement be forwarded to all municipalities in Durham Region, the local MP and MPP, the Ontario and Canada Ministries of Natural Resources, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

5.10 Contract Award – Beachcomber

Moved by: S. Collier

1. That Council award the contract for a Beachcomber to G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$50,778.81 (inclusive of all taxes).
2. That Council approve the following funding, to be allocated to Capital Account No. 933711 from the Capital Projects Reserve in the amount of \$5,927.89.

CARRIED

5.11 Contract Award - Electric Vehicles

Moved by: C. Jordan

1. That Council award the contract for an Electric Utility Vehicle to Skyway Lawn Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$15,509.40 (inclusive of all taxes).
2. That Council award the contract for an Electric Pick-up Truck to Canadian Electric Vehicles Ltd. in the amount of \$36,443.63 (inclusive of all taxes).
3. That Council approve the following funding, to be allocated to Capital Account No. 929311 from Vehicle and Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$8,318.61.
4. That Council approve the transfer to the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve, the amount of \$8,318.61 from the scope reduction of Capital Account 929411 – Replacement Equipment-Unit#649-2.

CARRIED

5.12 Contract Award - Winter Control Services

Moved by: S. Collier

1. That Council award the contract for Winter Control Services, to Trisan Construction in the estimated amount of \$265,961.32 (inclusive of all taxes), for a period of one year.
2. That Council authorize staff to renew the contract for an additional six, one year periods, pending an analysis and satisfactory performance review at the anniversary date of the contract, in the estimated amount of \$1,650,923.83 (inclusive of all taxes).
3. That staff be authorized to contract the additional services of salting, winter maintenance on sidewalks, trails, and walkways, snow removal and winter patrol, when required, based on supplementary unit pricing, for the term of the contract.

CARRIED

5.13 Contract Award: ACC - Administration Office Furniture Replacement

Moved by: S. Collier

That Council award the contract for office furniture replacement to Holmes & Brakel Business Interiors, in the amount of \$33,718.79 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

5.14 Contract Award – Consulting - J.D. Edwards Upgrade

Moved by: S. Collier

That Council award the contract for J.D. Edwards consulting and implementation services to Mid-Range Computer Group in the amount of \$174,113.23 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

6. Presentations / Discussion

6.1 Facility Usage – 2008 to 2011

Moved by: J. Dies

That the report entitled Facility Usage 2008 to 2011, dated May 10, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

6.2 Paradise Beach Water Quality and Beach Management Program

Moved by: C. Jordan

That the report entitled Paradise Beach Water Quality and Beach Management Program be received for information.

CARRIED

6.3 Comments on the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan for the CTC Source Protection Region

S. Andis delivered a presentation pertaining to a report included in the agenda, and overviewed staff's numerous recommendations contained in the report. Members of the Committee discussed the recommendations and posed a number of questions. In light of this discussion, staff indicated that further wording to recommend that federal ministries, agencies and regulators comply with Source Protection Plan policies would be proposed for consideration at the Council meeting of May 14th for addition to the original recommendation.

Moved by: S. Parish

1. THAT Council endorse the staff report entitled "Comments on the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan for the CTC Source Protection Region"; and,
2. That Council respectfully recommends that the CTC Source Protection Committee and the Lake Ontario Collaborative:
 - a) Work cooperatively with the MOE to address how the legal effect of policies LO-G1, LO-G3 to LO-G6, LO-G8 and LO-G9 can be amended to become stronger and more enforceable;
 - b) Use worst-case scenario weather events, taking climate change into account, to re-model existing threats and model new threats to Lake Ontario water supply plant intakes;
 - c) Create Lake Ontario General Policy LO-G10 that requires municipalities to amend their planning documents to include policies that reduce the amount of urban runoff and contaminants entering creeks and stormwater sewers, provide greater minimum vegetation protection zones (buffers) adjacent to hydrologic features, and promote the best available water treatment technologies, similar to the policies in the Town of Ajax Official Plan;
 - d) Identify the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station as a 'significant' threat to the Ajax Water Supply Plant;

- e) Provide the Town of Ajax with clarification as to whether a spill from the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station, as modeled by the LOC in the Assessment Reports, would require the shutdown of the Ajax Water Supply Plant intake since an IPZ-3 was not delineated;
- f) Provide the Town of Ajax with the threshold at which municipalities are notified of a tritium spill, and ensure notification includes potentially affected lower-tier municipalities;
- g) Amend policy LO-Sew3 to specify that the municipality responsible for the sanitary trunk sewer is the implementing body;
- h) Clarify the intent of policy LO-Sew4 and how it's to be implemented. The policy is identified as relating to 'moderate' and 'low' threats; however, it is also identified as applying to an IPZ-3 which identifies a 'significant' threat to a source of drinking water;
- i) Remodel the Highland Creek sanitary trunk sewer break under extreme weather conditions and at the regular operational flow (if greater than 50% of the design capacity) to determine if it becomes a 'significant' threat to the Ajax Water Supply Plant;
- j) Model sanitary trunk sewer breaks in Duffins Creek, and Carruthers Creek under extreme weather conditions and at regular operational flows to determine whether they would be considered 'significant' drinking water threats to the Ajax Water Supply Plant intake;
- k) Provide explanation as to why the Ajax Water Supply Plant intake is shown within the plume of a petroleum pipeline spill in the Don River (Figure E6.36 in the TRSPA Assessment Report Appendices), but that the threat was not identified as a significant threat and delineated as an IPZ-3;
- l) Consider adding policy LO-Fuel5 requiring municipalities to update their planning documents to implement land use prohibitions for the future location of petroleum tank farms in areas where a spill into a creek or stormwater sewer could become a 'significant' threat to a water supply plant intake pipe; and,
- m) Evaluate the need to establish additional Intake Protection Zones (e.g.; IPZ-4) that are solely within Lake Ontario to address greater times of travel before contaminants from a spill related to shipping reach a water supply plant intake and/or to reflect emergency response times for shipping accidents.

3. That Council respectfully recommends that the Ontario Ministry of the Environment:
- a) Require the best available treatment technologies be used in municipal water supply plants and wastewater treatment plants to provide greater protection and enhancement of drinking water quality through more effective contaminant removal;
 - b) Provide sustained funding to municipalities to install and operate upgraded water supply plant and wastewater treatment plant infrastructure and water treatment technologies;
 - c) Provide continued funding to municipalities, the CTC Source Protection Committee, and the LOC so that they can undertake more detailed nearshore water quality studies in order to develop further Source Protection Plan policies that will better address a wider range of threats to water supply plant intakes;
 - d) Provide funding to municipalities and Source Protection Committees to ensure implementation of Source Protection Plan policies, monitoring of policies and water quality study findings, and regular reporting of progress to municipalities and the public;
 - e) Work cooperatively with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Canada protect drinking water sources in Ontario by undertaking a comprehensive assessment of hydraulic fracturing impacts in other parts of Canada and the United States and conduct scientific studies to protect Ontario's drinking prior to approving such projects;
 - f) Direct the CTC Source Protection Committee and the LOC to assess the impact of the cumulative release of contaminants from point and non-point sources (i.e.; wastewater, tritium, stormsewer, and creek discharges; urban runoff; legacy contaminants; contaminants of emerging concern; and, leachate from closed and aging landfills) on drinking water quality;
 - g) Allocate the additional funding Source Protection Committees require for continued modeling to better examine how the potential for increased contamination in Lake Ontario as a result of climate change and cumulative impacts can be addressed through the drinking water source protection process;
 - h) Support and encourage regional and local municipalities and conservation authorities in water quality analyses within their watersheds and along their shorelines for the purpose of identifying and curbing local point and non-point sources of contaminants entering Lake Ontario;

- i) Update the *Clean Water Act* and its Regulations, as well as the MOE Director's Technical Rules to provide Source Protection Committees with a clear direction and timelines on additional threats that need to be modeled and incorporated into Assessment Reports;
- j) Require the CTC Source Protection Committee and the LOC to model a spill from the Pickering and Darlington Nuclear Generating Stations under extreme weather conditions (i.e.; worst case scenario);
- k) Be strongly urged to adopt a lower threshold for the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard for tritium in line with recommendations made by the Ontario Drinking Water Advisory Council in 2009, and subsequently provide the necessary funding and resources to Source Protection Authorities to undertake modeling to delineate new IPZ-3s as a result of a new threshold;
- l) Be strongly urged to enact more protective environmental standards for waterborne emissions from sewage treatment plants discharging directly and indirectly into Lake Ontario to keep pace with the increasing complex mix of contaminants now present in the Lake Ontario nearshore zone;
- m) Allocate sufficient enforcement resources to ensure environmental standards for sewage treatment plant wastewater effluent are being met;
- n) Require integration of the best available wastewater treatment technologies into all stages of the expanding Duffin Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, require wastewater to be 'pre-treated' prior to entry into the Big Pipe, as well as require ongoing nearshore water quality testing along the Ajax-Pickering waterfront as a key component of performance monitoring;
- o) Allocate sustained funding to support the upgrading of municipal wastewater infrastructure and technologies, such as leading edge tertiary ultra-filtration technologies, to more effectively remove a wider range of traditional and emerging contaminants from untreated sewage; and,
- p) Work cooperatively with Transport Canada and any other Federal Ministries or Agencies responsible for shipping and marine transportation in the Great Lakes to revise the Assessment Report requirements to include modeling potential significant drinking water threats related to spills from shipping within the IPZ-1 and IPZ-2 of Lake Ontario water supply plant intakes and prepare Source Protection Plan policies to address those threats.

4. That Council respectfully recommends that the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing:
 - a) Exempt amendments made to Official Plans and Zoning By-laws to bring those documents into conformity with a Source Protection Plan from appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board.
5. That Council respectfully recommends that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission:
 - a) Work cooperatively with the CTC Source Protection Committee, the LOC, and the MOE to reconsider the legal effect of policy LO-NGS1. The review and modification of plans that are aimed at reducing the likelihood of spills is important in the protection of source water and should not simply be a 'have regard for' policy.
6. That Council respectfully recommends that the Ontario Energy Board:
 - a) Work cooperatively with the CTC Source Protection Committee and the LOC to reconsider the legal effect of draft policies LO-Pipe1 and LO-Pipe2. The review and modification of plans that are aimed at reducing the likelihood of spills is important in the protection of source water and should not simply be a 'have regard for' policy.
7. THAT this Report be forwarded to Susan Self, Chair of CTC Source Protection Committee; the Regional Municipality of Durham; the Municipalities of Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa and Clarington; the Ministry of the Environment; Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Ontario Energy Board; and, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

CARRIED

6.4 2012 Ajax Caribbean Day

Moved by: S. Collier

That the 2012 Ajax Caribbean Day be declared a Significant Municipal Event.

CARRIED

7. Departmental Updates

Councillor Jordan provided an update on the DIL fundraising campaign. The fundraising committee, which now has 25 members, has held three meetings, and its website is near ready. The campaign has a Facebook page and a blog as well. Councillor Jordan provided details on a fundraiser that has been planned for September at Deer Creek.

P. Allore, Director of Planning and Development Services, updated the Committee on several notable site plan applications.

8. Adjournment (4:10 p.m.)

Moved by: S. Collier

That the May 10, 2012 meeting of the General Government Committee be adjourned.

P. Brown, Chair