



## **The Corporation of the City of Stratford Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee MINUTES**

Date: Monday, September 16, 2019

Time: 8:29 P.M.

Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Committee Present: Councillor Vassilakos - Chair Presiding, Councillor Burbach - Vice Chair, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Bunting, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Ingram, Deputy Mayor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben

Regrets: Mayor Mathieson, Councillor Henderson

Staff Present: Joan Thomson - Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Michael Humble - Director of Corporate Services, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Tatiana Dafoe - Acting Clerk, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary

Also Present: Members of the Public, Media

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Mathieson and Councillor Henderson provided regrets for this meeting.

### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a

member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were made by a Member at the September 16, 2019 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee meeting.

**3. Sub-committee Minutes**

Sub-committee minutes were provided for background regarding the discussion held at the August 28, 2019 Sub-committee meeting.

**4. Delegations**

None scheduled.

**5. Report of the Acting Clerk**

**5.1 Romeo and Brunswick Crossing – Request for Elimination**

\*this item was also listed on the September 16, 2019 reconvene Council agenda for consideration.

**Staff Recommendation:** THAT the Romeo Street and Brunswick Street crossing be eliminated starting September 27, 2019;

AND THAT staff be directed to contact area schools regarding the elimination of this crossing guard location as of September 27, 2019.

**Sub-committee Recommendation:** THAT the Romeo Street and Brunswick Street crossing be eliminated starting September 27, 2019;

AND THAT staff be directed to contact area schools regarding the elimination of this crossing guard location as of September 27, 2019.

**Committee Discussion:** The Acting Clerk provided an overview of the staff report.

Concern was noted by a Council member that the crossing warrant study was done in June and they would like to see another completed now that school is back in session. The Acting Clerk stated that previous to the counts being completed only one child was identified as crossing but the

counts could be completed again if directed by Council.

It was noted that two schools previously served this area but have been closed for many years.

As to whether there has been any feedback this school year, the Acting Clerk advised she believed the situation remained the same.

**Motion by** Councillor Gaffney

**Seconded By** Councillor Ingram

**Committee Recommendation: THAT the Romeo Street and Brunswick Street crossing be eliminated starting September 27, 2019;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to contact area schools regarding the elimination of this crossing guard location as of September 27, 2019.**

**Carried**

## **6. Report of the Manager of Environmental Services**

### **6.1 Avon Maitland District School Board – Tower Site License Agreement (ITS19-054)**

**Staff Recommendation:** THAT Council approve the Tower Site Agreement with the Avon Maitland District School Board to permit their two antennas on the Forman Water Tower for two years to July 31, 2021;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the agreement.

**Sub-committee Recommendation:** THAT Council approve the Tower Site Agreement with the Avon Maitland District School Board to permit their two antennas on the Forman Water Tower for two years to July 31, 2021;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the agreement.

**Motion by** Councillor Bunting

**Seconded By** Councillor Ingram

**Committee Recommendation: THAT Council approve the Tower Site Agreement with the Avon Maitland District School Board to permit their two antennas on the Forman Water Tower for two years to July 31, 2021;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the agreement.**

**Carried**

## **7. Report of the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services**

### **7.1 Presentation by Larry Baswick regarding Glendon Road**

Mr. Larry Baswick presented to Sub-committee at the August 28, 2019 meeting and expressed concerns with traffic and pedestrian safety on Glendon Road, as outlined in his correspondence.

**Sub-committee Recommendation:** THAT staff review the request to install four-way stops at the Bedford Drive and Glendon Road intersection and at the Graff Avenue and Glendon Road intersection, as well as review options to increase pedestrian safety on Glendon Road.

**Committee Discussion:** When asked whether the studies required for a four-way stop are done in conjunction with pedestrian counts for a pedestrian crossing, the Director confirmed staff can complete them at the same time.

A Council member advised they have spoken with several parents with kids at Bedford School who drive on Glendon Road and only one person thought four-way stops were necessary.

It was noted that Mr. Baswick was in the gallery and available to answer questions.

**Motion by** Councillor Burbach

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Ritsma

**Committee Recommendation:** THAT staff review the request to install four-way stops at the Bedford Drive and Glendon Road intersection and at the Graff Avenue and Glendon Road intersection, as well as review options to increase pedestrian safety on Glendon Road.

**Carried**

### **7.2 Traffic Concerns at West Gore Street and Downie Street**

A Sub-committee member advised that they have been contacted about traffic concerns at the intersection of West Gore Street and Downie Street, related to both vehicles turning and pedestrian crossing.

**Sub-committee Recommendation:** THAT staff review the West Gore Street and Downie Street intersection to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

**Committee Discussion:** The Director advised that staff have information from a previous report on traffic flow and accidents but would have to look at pedestrian counts.

It was suggested that accident reports be obtained from the police prior to staff completing any work on the matter. The Director advised that the previous staff report was done in 2015 but he does receive yearly accident reports from the police. They do not indicate that there are problems at this intersection from a safety perspective.

A Council member suggested that with the addition of the new skate park, pedestrian movement has changed and expressed concern with waiting for an accident to occur prior to investigating.

As to whether Downie Street will be considered as part of the Downtown Traffic Study, the Director confirmed that up to the train tracks is included, as the new skate park was highlighted as an area of concern.

**Motion by** Councillor Gaffney

**Seconded By** Councillor Clifford

**Committee Recommendation:** THAT staff review the West Gore Street and Downie Street intersection to investigate pedestrian safety.

**Carried**

### **7.3 Concerns with Noise from Leaf Blowers**

A Sub-committee member advised that they have received concerns from a resident experiencing problems with a neighbour using a leaf blower for long periods of time every day.

**Sub-committee Recommendation:** THAT staff review the ability to control the use of leaf blowers in the City including investigation of a time or decibel limit.

**Committee Discussion:** Concern was noted with staff spending any time on this matter.

In response to whether there is any way of limiting decibels, the Director

of Infrastructure and Development Services stated that the matter has been looked at previously. Controlling decibels is not commonly added to noise control by-laws as equipment needs to be purchased and kept calibrated and staff trained to measure decibels. Violations must also be proved in court, which can be lengthy and costly.

**Motion by** Councillor Beatty

**Seconded By** Councillor Gaffney

**Committee Recommendation: THAT the matter of requesting staff to review the ability to control the use of leaf blowers in the City including investigation of a time or decibel limit, be filed.**

**Carried**

## **8. For the Information of Committee**

### **8.1 Capital Project Update**

**Sub-committee Discussion:** The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services reviewed the highlights of the capital project update.

The minutes of this item can be found in the August 28, 2019 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee minutes.

## **9. Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes**

The following Advisory Committee/Outside Board minutes were provided for the information of Sub-committee:

Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of May 7, 2019

Energy and Environment Committee minutes of May 9, 2019

Town and Gown Advisory Committee minutes of March 14, 2019

## **10. Adjournment**

**Motion by** Councillor Clifford

**Seconded By** Councillor Beatty

**Committee Decision: THAT the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

Meeting Start Time: 8:29 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 8:46 p.m.