



TOWN OF AJAX REPORT OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

For consideration by the Council of the Town of Ajax on February 23, 2012

The General Government Committee met at 2:00 p.m. on February 23, 2012

Present: Councillor R. Ashby, Chair
Regional Councillor S. Collier
Regional Councillor C. Jordan
Councillor M. Crawford
Councillor J. Dies
Councillor P. Brown
Mayor Parish

1. Call to Order (2:00 p.m.)

Chair Ashby called the meeting to order.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

The General Government Committee recommends as follows:

3. Adoption of In-Camera Minutes

Moved by: J. Dies

That the Minutes of the In-Camera meeting of the General Government Committee held on February 9, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Contract Award-Command Vehicle

Moved by: S. Collier

That Council award the contract for the supply of a Command Vehicle to Boyer GM Pickering Ltd. in the amount of \$ 47,352.65 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Discussion

5.1 Healthy Workplace Award Presentation – verbal

Elizabeth Cullen-Keidann, Public Health Nurse, Durham Region Health Department presented the “Healthy Workplace Award” to the Town.

5.2 Winter Control - Contractor Snow Plowing Services

Moved by: C. Jordan

1. That this report entitled Winter Control – Contractor Snow Plowing Services, be received for information; and,
2. That Council authorize Town staff to Issue a new Tender for Contracted Snow Plowing Services that includes combination salt/plow trucks as the minimum equipment specification.

CARRIED

5.3 Resolution Regarding the Revised Regional Cycling Plan

Moved by: S. Parish

WHEREAS on June 8, 2011 Regional Council requested the area municipalities to provide updates and suggestions for modifications to the existing Regional Cycling Plan (RCP) by September 2011;

AND WHEREAS Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby, Clarington, Brock and Scugog provided updates and suggestions for modifications to the RCP;

AND WHEREAS Regional Report 2011-J-45 dated November 10, 2011 was subsequently prepared with a recommendation that a draft updated RCP be presented to a joint meeting of the Planning and Economic Development, Works, and Finance and Administration Committees (the Tri-committee) on March 22, 2012 and further indicating that on June 14, 2012 a Report to the Tri-committee will be presented recommending adoption of a revised RCP;

AND WHEREAS on November 23, 2011 Regional Council approved the following resolution adopted by the Tri-committee on November 10, 2011:

- a) That the recommendations on the updated Regional Cycling Plan be presented at the March 22, 2012 Joint meeting of the Finance and Administration, Planning and Economic Development, Works and Health and Social Services Committees, to allow for adequate analysis and input by the area municipalities and interested parties;

- b) That an economic analysis of the Waterfront Trail through Durham Region be undertaken to identify local and regional costs and benefits associated with the completion of the trail;
- c) That the Commissioner of Finance report back on funding alternatives for the Cycling Plan, including a review of formulas used in other Southern Ontario Regional Municipalities; and,
- d) That staff develop a work plan that involves a Regional and Area Municipal Senior staff working committee, and a work plan that assesses the items in Attachment No. 4 to Report No. 2011-J-45 plus a comparison of best practices in funding cycling facilities and socio-economic, environmental and health benefits of a Regional Cycling Plan”;

AND WHEREAS Ajax staff, through liaising with staff from various area municipalities including Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby, and Clarington, has learned that the above-noted matters are concerns held in common;

AND WHEREAS it is critical to the successful implementation of an updated RCP that the Region commit to a continuous, sustainable and reliable funding strategy for the RCP, that the area municipalities be given appropriate time to undertake analysis and provide input endorsed by local Councils on a draft updated RCP, and that the Region take ownership of the public consultation process given that the RCP update is a Regional initiative and inter-municipal in scope;

AND WHEREAS the authority to address these matters resides with Regional Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Region direct the appropriate staff to:

- a) modify the current work plan such that the presentation of the draft updated Regional Cycling Plan is made to the May 24, 2012 Joint meeting of the Finance and Administration, Planning and Economic Development, Works and Health and Social Services Committee instead of the March 22, 2012 meeting;
- b) include a funding commitment that will ensure continuous, reliable and sustainable funding to address the construction, repair and maintenance of the Regional Cycling Plan network through the development of an on-going 5-year capital plan as part of the Region’s annual budgeting process, as well as funding for on-going monitoring and promotion of the Regional Cycling Plan;
- c) revise the current Regional policy in order that implementation initiatives of the Regional Cycling Plan are not confined to strictly correspond with road improvement projects, but may also be considered independent of road

construction to close network gaps and facilitate key connections along cycling spines identified in the Regional Cycling Plan;

- d) modify the current work plan to require public and stakeholder consultation by the Region, given that updating the Regional Cycling Plan is a Regional initiative and inter-municipal in scope; and,
- e) modify the current work plan to provide the area municipalities, stakeholders and public with sufficient time to analyze the draft updated Regional Cycling Plan by allowing comments up to September 30, 2012.

THAT this report be circulated to the Region of Durham and all Durham Municipalities.

CARRIED

5.4 DIL Women Workers Tribute Sculpture

S. Parish introduced a referral motion:

Moved by: S. Parish

That staff prepare a comprehensive report regarding the placement of a D.I.L. Women Workers' Tribute in the new Pat Bayly Square project for the May 24, 2012 General Government Committee meeting.

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Moved by: C. Jordan

That Council approve that Regional Councillor Colleen Jordan & Councillor Pat Brown be the Towns representatives to liaise with a community fund raising committee which would organize fundraising events, solicit donations from corporations and individuals and access grants for the purpose of honouring DIL Women workers at Pat Bayly Square.

CARRIED

Moved by: S. Parish

That staff prepare a comprehensive report regarding the placement of a D.I.L. Women Workers' Tribute in the new Pat Bayly Square project for the May 24, 2012 General Government Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Items Added to the Agenda

The following items were added with the consent of all members present.

5.5 Drummond Report Update, L. Barrington, Government Relations Advisor

Moved by: C. Jordan

That the Government of Ontario be urged to notify and consult with all municipalities in the province and with significant municipal government and professional organizations, such as AMO, AMCTO, MFOA and others, at least sixty days prior to the implementation of any of the recommendations resulting from the Drummond Report; and,

That notice of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Joe Dickson - Ajax-Pickering MPP, all other MPPs in Durham Region, the Leaders of the Ontario Opposition Parties, all municipalities in Durham Region, AMO, AMCTO and MFOA.

CARRIED

5.6 'Accountability Starts at the Top' Website, C. McLardie, Communications Manager

The committee questioned and discussed issues relating to this matter.

6. Adjournment (4:25 p.m.)

Moved by: S. Parish

That the February 23, 2012 meeting of the General Government Committee be adjourned.

R. Ashby, Chair