



The Corporation of the City of Stratford Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee MINUTES

Date: August 28, 2019
Time: 4:30 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Sub-committee Present: Councillor Vassilakos - Chair Presiding, Councillor Burbach - Vice Chair, Councillor Gaffney

Regrets: Councillor Ingram, Councillor Sebben

Staff Present: Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Tatiana Dafoe - Deputy Clerk, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary

Also present: Larry Baswick (Item 3.1), Members of the Public, Media

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Meeting to Order.

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 August 28, 2019 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting.

3. Delegations

3.1 Presentation by Larry Baswick

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

THAT the presentation by Larry Baswick regarding Glendon Road, be heard.

Carried

Sub-committee Discussion: Mr. Baswick advised that he has lived in the area since 2005 and referred to the material attached to the agenda, including a map and petition circulated to neighbours.

Several concerns were raised with Glendon Road including a speed limit of 50km on a portion of the street, drop off and pick-up of students at Bedford School, many commercial-type vehicles doing work in the area, a pedestrian walk-way and a bus route. It was suggested that all of these matters are creating chaos on the street and Mr. Baswick expressed concern with the quality of life on Glendon Road and surrounding streets.

Mr. Baswick requested several actions from the City: a reduction of the speed limit to 40km for the whole length of Glendon Road, four-way stops at Bedford and Glendon and at Graff and Glendon, a stop sign at Glendon and Dawson where there is currently a yield sign, regular police presence and a zero-tolerance policy for speeding.

The Chair advised that staff are working on a report with respect to a default 40km speed limit on residential streets and requested that staff advise Mr. Baswick when that report will be brought forward for consideration. Mr. Baswick confirmed that his correspondence could be listed in support of that report.

Concerns with pedestrians crossing Glendon Road were noted.

Options for assessing speed and traffic counts were discussed, including

the portable speed board that flashes the speed, as well as more discreet equipment.

It was requested that the police perform a two or three day count if possible. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised that staff can discuss options with Police Services.

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

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.

Carried

4. Report of the Manager of Environmental Services

4.1 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 Discussion: The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services reviewed the staff report.

Motion by Councillor Burbach

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

Carried

5. Report of the Acting Clerk

5.1 Noise Control By-law Exemption Request for Wellington Street and St. David Street and on St. Patrick Street

Staff Recommendation: THAT an exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79 be granted to Wightman Telecom Ltd., from September 17 to 19, 2019 from 12:00 p.m., to 6:00 a.m., each night and from September 24 to 26, 2019 from 12:00 p.m., to 6:00 a.m., each night.

Sub-committee Discussion: The Acting Clerk reviewed the staff report and advised that staff are recommending an exemption to the noise control by-law.

In response to questions, the Acting Clerk advised that the location of work on St. Patrick is largely near businesses but the work on Wellington and St. David Street is near single family homes. A noise by-law exemption request of this nature was previously granted and staff were not aware of any complaints.

Motion by Councillor Burbach

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Carried

5.2 Romeo and Brunswick Crossing – Request for Elimination

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 Discussion: The Deputy Clerk advised that staff are reviewing crossing locations to ensure they are still warranted.

As there is consistently only one child crossing at this location every other week, staff are recommending elimination of this crossing.

A Sub-committee member provided some background noting that there were two schools in the area previously that are no longer operating.

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

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

Carried

6. Capital Project Update

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

The Quinlan Pump Station is on time and on budget, with road reconstruction underway.

There is one section left to complete for the Concrete Sanitary Sewer Relining project and it has been a very successful project.

The Ballantyne Avenue Watermain replacement project is complete and the low impact design feature for storm water is performing well. Staff will be incorporating them where possible.

With respect to the Erie Street Local Improvement sidewalk project, an open house will be scheduled in October. Staff have not heard back from CN Rail regarding the pedestrian crossing. Their approval is required.

There was a delay in starting asphalt resurfacing as utility companies are taking four weeks or longer to do locates.

The full update is attached to the September 9, 2019 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee agenda.

It was noted that there is a sign downtown listing street closures for September

9, 2019. The Director confirmed that there is a movie filming downtown that day.

In response to a question regarding the crosswalk at Northwestern High School not being installed, the Director advised it would not be ready for the first day of school due to the timing of Council approval. Discussion took place regarding temporary solutions. It was requested that staff contact the school to help mediate issues if possible.

It was noted that there is a bench installed on Ballantyne Avenue and asked whether that was a new design feature that would be included on reconstruction projects. The Director advised that staff are including them where possible and consulting the Accessibility Advisory Committee on locations.

7. Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes

The following Advisory Committee/Outside Board minutes are 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

8. Next Sub-committee Meeting

The next Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting is October 30, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Subsequent information: There is an Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

9. New Business

9.1. Traffic Concerns at West Gore Street and Downie Street

A Sub-committee member advised 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.

Motion by Councillor Burbach

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

Carried

9.2. Concerns with Noise from Leaf Blowers

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

Discussion took place about the Noise Control by-law and whether leaf blowers were an acceptable use. It was questioned whether decibels could be measured to ensure instruments and tools are in compliance with the by-law.

To add the measuring of decibels to the by-law, the Director advised specific equipment would need to be purchased and that staff would need to be trained to ensure the unit is calibrated correctly and is measuring correctly. Legal council would also need to be engaged to review the recommendations.

Motion by Councillor Burbach

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.

Carried

10. Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Sub-committee Decision: THAT the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 4:30 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 5:11 p.m.