



Transportation Committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 12
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation

Present: Chair: Councillor Tim Tierney, Vice-Chair: Councillor Catherine Kitts, Councillor Jessica Bradley, Councillor George Darouze, Councillor Sean Devine, Councillor Laura Dudas, Councillor Glen Gower, Councillor Laine Johnson, Councillor Wilson Lo, Councillor Matt Luloff, Councillor Ariel Troster

Absent: Councillor Steve Desroches

1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public
Notices and meeting information are attached to the agenda and minutes, including: availability of simultaneous interpretation and accessibility accommodations; *in camera* meeting procedures; information items not subject to discussion; personal information disclaimer for correspondents and public speakers; notices regarding minutes; and hybrid participation details.
Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.
Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on May 29, 2024 in Transportation Committee Report 11.
The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on May 22, 2024, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on May 23, 2024.

These “Summary Minutes” indicate the disposition of items and actions taken at the meeting. This document does not include all of the text that

will be included in the full Minutes, such as the record of written and oral submissions. Recorded votes and dissents contained in the Summary Minutes are draft until the full Minutes of the meeting are confirmed by the Committee. The draft of the full Minutes (for confirmation) will be published with the agenda for the next regular Committee meeting and, once confirmed, will replace this document.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 TRC Minutes 11 – Thursday, 28 March 2024

Carried

4. Planning, Development and Building Services

4.1 Minor Amendments to Right of Way By-laws

File No. ACS2024-PRE-RHU-0023 – City-wide

Fiona Mitchell, Specialist, By-law Review, and Rob McLachlan, Program Manager, Right of Way, of the Planning, Development & Building Department answered questions from the Committee.

The following written submission was received by and is filed with the Office of the City Clerk and were distributed to Committee members.

- Jason Burggraaf (GOHBA) – email dated May 22, 2024

Following questions from committee members, the Committee ‘CARRIED’ the report as presented.

Report Recommendation(s)

That Transportation Committee recommend Council:

1. **Approve the proposed amendments to improve administration as well as clarify and harmonize existing regulation for the following By-laws as described in the Report and detailed in Document 1:**
 - a. **Private Approach By-law (By-law No. 2003-447)**
 - b. **Road Activity By-law (By-law No. 2003-445)**

c. Use and Care of Roads By-law (By-law No. 2003-498)

- 2. Delegate authority to the City Solicitor to prepare and finalize the required amending by-laws for enactment by Council.**

Carried

4.2 Cycling Facilities on the Maitland Avenue Bridge over Highway 417

File No. ACS2024-PDB-TP-0002 – Ward: Bay (7); College (8)

Andrew Eagen, Project Manager, Cycling & Walking Programs of the Planning, Development & Building Department spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk and answered questions from the Committee.

Kalle Hakala, Program Manager, Active Transportation Planning of the Planning, Development & Building Department also responded to questions.

The Committee heard from the following delegation:

- Diane Harper (Bike Ottawa) was in support but had some concerns with connectivity.

The following written submissions were received by and are filed with the Office of the City Clerk and were distributed to Committee members.

- Josh Franklin – email dated May 20, 2024
- Chris Hircock – email dated May 20, 2024
- Hans Moor – email dated May 21, 2024
- Cassian Soltykevych – email dated May 21, 2024
- Hollis Carlton – email dated May 21, 2024
- Amy Fallis – email dated May 22, 2024

Following discussion on this item, the Committee 'CARRIED' the report as presented.

Report Recommendation(s)

- 1. That Transportation Committee recommend that Council authorize the General Manager of Planning, Development and Building Services to enter into an agreement (including any**

amendments, extensions, or renewals) with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to build new cycling facilities on the Maitland Avenue bridge over Highway 417; and

2. That Transportation Committee recommend that Council authorize the financial allocation of the City's Major Active Transportation Structures Program budget to be used to reimburse the Province of Ontario up to a maximum amount of \$5,403,185.84 (includes sunk HST) for the construction of these cycling facilities, as described in the report.

Carried

5. Office of the City Clerk

- 5.1 Status Update – Transportation Committee Inquiries and Motions for the period ending May 10, 2024

File No. ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0040 – City-wide

Report Recommendation(s)

That the Transportation Committee receive this report for information.

Received

6. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

7. Information Previously Distributed

- 7.1 Use of Delegated Authority in 2023 by the Public Works Department

File No. ACS2024-PWD-TRF-0004 – Citywide

8. Motions of Which Notice has been Previously Given

- 8.1 Motion – Councillor G. Gower for J. Leiper – Somerset Square temporary encroachment fee allocation for public realm improvements

File No. ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0039 – Kitchissippi (Ward 15)

Moved by Councillor Gower on behalf of Councillor Leiper

Note: The Gower/Leiper Motion of which Notice was previously given at the 28 March 2024, Transportation Committee meeting was replaced with the following revised motion pursuant to Subsection 59(5) of the Procedure By-law.

WHEREAS a portion of the Wellington Street West right of way between Garland Street and Hilda Street fronts on the existing Somerset Square Park; and

WHEREAS the Site Plan Control approval for the properties located at 961-979 Wellington Street West and 26-40 Armstrong Street indicate in a landscape plan that the Wellington Street West right of way between Hilda and Garland is to be regraded and repaved at the developer's own cost, along with other improvements per an approved landscape plan for the site; and

WHEREAS the owners of the properties are subject to the fees outlined in Encroachment By-law 2003-446, in order to stage construction equipment in the Wellington Street ROW for the duration of construction; and

WHEREAS the subject fees are estimated to result in up to \$550,000 of operational revenue; and

WHEREAS the Wellington Street West Community Design Plan design vision, objectives, and policies underscore the protection and uniqueness of Somerset Square Park as a public space in the community; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minutes of Settlement signed on October 20, 2022 in respect of OPA 264 and Zoning By-law 2021-341 for s 26, 36 and 40 Armstrong Street and 961, 967, 969, 973 and 979 Wellington Street West, City staff agreed to recommend that the \$250,000 being provided by the developer in funds pursuant to the former Planning Act, s. 37, be redirected towards the improvement of Somerset Square through a Section 37 agreement; and

WHEREAS a subsequent Council approval will be required to confirm the redirection of the Section 37 funds.

WHEREAS subsequent to the approval of the planning application it has been determined that the interaction of the streetscaping in front

of the development and Somerset Square should be reviewed more holistically to determine in consultation with the community and the Business Improvement Association if there is a greater place-making opportunity; and

WHEREAS this additional design work and any potential project implementation costs is an unfunded proposition; and

WHEREAS the estimated \$550,000 of operational revenue may be considered for reallocation to fund improvements to the right-of-way subject to Council approval;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all temporary construction encroachment fees collected in association with the development, estimated to be approximately \$550,000, be directed to a deferred revenue account, to fund the design and implementation of enhanced public realm improvements in and around Somerset Square; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once sufficient revenue from temporary construction encroachment fees, and other funds has been received to commence the project, a new internal account will be set up for the design and implementation of enhanced public realm improvements in and around Somerset Square with funding from the temporary construction encroachment fees to be limited to expenditures on lands within the right-of-way; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the conclusion of these works any residual temporary construction encroachment revenue in the internal order be returned to Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department general revenues.

Carried

9. Notices of Motions (For Consideration at Subsequent Meeting)

There were no Notices of Motion.

10. Inquiries

10.1 TRC-2024-02 Speed Board Displays

Submitted by Councillor Johnson

Speed display boards are one of the tools available to City Councillors through the Temporary Traffic Calming (TTC) program. Their intended use is to alert drivers of their speed and encourage a speed reduction by displaying it via an LED display board.

A secondary function of a speed display board is to provide the ability to capture speed and volume data in one direction of travel. Staff can manually download data from each unit. Some speed display boards have the additional capability of remotely accessing the collected data via a cloud service with an annual subscription costing \$275 per unit (covered by the applicable Ward TTC budget).

In December of 2023, staff encouraged Councillors to suspend the remote cloud service subscription because the supplier's cloud-based data portal proved to be frequently unavailable and staff could manually extract data on-site upon request and in reasonably short order, resulting in savings for Ward TTC budgets.

Councillors were also advised by staff that speed display boards are not an effective and complete measure of driver behaviour as the data collected has limitations and is influenced by the display. While speed display boards can act as a deterrent to speeding, the data collected from these devices should not be used for engineering-based decisions.

1. Are there suppliers of speed display boards who offer more reliable cloud-based data portals?
2. Are there other tools that can collect speed and volume data on a continuous basis that the City should consider purchasing?
3. Can collected speed and volume data be made available as part of the Open Ottawa data initiative?

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 27, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

Original signed by R. Ramos,
Committee Coordinator

Original signed by Councillor T.
Tierney, Chair