



Transportation Committee

Minutes 3

Monday, 20 April 2015

9:30 am

Champlain Room

- Notes:
1. *Please note that these minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*
 2. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by committee.*
 3. *Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 29 April 2015 in Transportation Committee Report 3.*

* Due to technical difficulties, not all of this meeting was audiocast

Present: Councillors K. Egli (Chair)
C. McKenney (Vice-Chair)
D. Chernushenko, G. Darouze, D. Deans, M. Fleury, J. Mitic,
S. Moffatt, B. Monette, M. Qaqish

Absent: S. Qadri (City Business)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

Response to Inquiries

- TRC 01-15 - Converting Parking Spaces into Public Spaces

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT

1. STATUS UPDATE – TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 10 APRIL 2015

ACS2015-CMR-CCB-0048

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transportation Committee receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

CORPORATE PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2. SEMI-ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL Q2 2014 AND Q3 2014

ACS2015-CMR-OCM-0001

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transportation Committee receive this report for further review and discussion of the service areas' performance results, as outlined in Document 1.

RECEIVED

CITY OPERATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

3. LANSDOWNE TRANSPORTATION MONITORING OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (LTMOC) - 2014 UPDATE

ACS2015-COS-PWS-0006

CAPITAL (17)

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That Transportation Committee receive this report for information.

Phil Landry, Traffic Services Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item. Hassan Madhoun and Bernie Ashe from the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) experience for Lansdowne Revitalization. Copies of each presentation are held on file.

The Committee received the following public delegations, all of which are members of the LTMOC:

Brian Mitchell, Glebe Community Association spoke to a PowerPoint presentation detailing the impact of Lansdowne traffic on the Glebe. Concerns were voiced with regards to traffic congestion and on-street parking. A copy of his presentation is held on file.

Winnie Pietrykowski, Old Ottawa South Community Association voiced a number of concerns affecting the community and put forward some recommendations that should be addressed. A copy of her written submission is held on file.

Ron Rose, Old Ottawa East Community Association appreciated the steps taken by the City to address their concerns, but they still had some outstanding issues with regards to cycling safety across the Bank Street bridge.

Staff and the OSEG representatives responded to questions posed by Committee members. Pat Scrimgeour, A/GM, Customer Systems and Planning, OC Transpo was present and responded to questions related to transit services to and from Lansdowne.

Mr. Landry confirmed that the City will be addressing the safety concerns with regards to cycling movements across the Bank Street Bridge very shortly.

The report recommendation was then put to Committee and RECEIVED, as presented.

PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

4. ELGIN STREET OUTDOOR PATIO PILOT PROJECT

ACS2015-PAI-PGM-0077

SOMERSET (14)

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That Transportation Committee recommend that Council approve the

patios forming the Elgin Street Outdoor Patio Project as part of the regular outdoor patio program pursuant to the conditions set out in this report.

The following correspondence was received and circulated in advance of the meeting

- a. K. MacLeod letters dated October 2014 (expressing concerns in response to the pilot) and April 20
- b. B. Brown e-mailed comments dated 17 April
- c. L. Paul e-mailed comments dated 17 April
- d. Centretown Citizens Community Association e-mailed comments (and resolution) dated 19 Apr
- e. L. Laporte e-mailed comments undated

Chair Egli recognized that some of the public submissions distributed to members of Council were from individuals who were unable to attend the meeting today and he encouraged members to review these submissions before voting on the item.

Derrick Moodie, Manager, Development Review provided a brief verbal overview of the report. Also in attendance was Ermis Durofil, Program Manager, ROW, Permits and Applications.

The Committee received the following public delegations:

Lisa Querido expressed concern with regards to the competing demand for limited space on the sidewalk and the difficulty for seniors and those with mobility devices to travel up and down the sidewalk on Elgin Street.

Linda Paul was concerned that in addition to patios, pedestrians also face a number of other obstacles on the sidewalk, including utility poles and hydrants. She emphasized that the City should ensure that the travelled portion of the sidewalk is maintained to ensure safe passage. Patios should be accessible to all, especially if they are on City property.

Thomas McVeigh, Centretown Citizens Community Association spoke in opposition to patio encroachments that leave less than 2.0 m of clear space for pedestrians.

Hunter McGill spoke in opposition to the report and questioned the monitoring methodology used to determine sidewalk use. He suggested that the reconstruction of Elgin Street in 2018 would be an opportune time to make the street more pedestrian-friendly.

Dino lafelice, Johnny Farina Restaurant supported the report recommendation.

John Woodhouse, Walk Ottawa expressed the willingness to work with staff to address concerns about patios along Elgin Street.

Chris Bradshaw did not agree that a 1.8 m wide unencumbered sidewalk is acceptable for a main street such as Elgin.

Keith Loiselle, Woody's Pub spoke in support of patios and the benefit they bring to the street.

Mr. Moodie and Mr. Durofil responded to a number of questions and concerns raised by Committee members and provided feedback on several suggestions put forward. Mr. Moodie confirmed that many of these issues would be addressed in a report on the broader review of encroachments, which would be brought to Committee this year.

Councillor McKenney indicated her intention to submit an inquiry directing staff to report back on the effects of a minimum sidewalk width, options to increase pedestrian access and the implications of temporary sidewalks on Elgin Street (see Inquiries).

The report recommendation was then put to Committee and CARRIED, as presented, with the following directions to staff:

DIRECTIONS TO STAFF

1. That staff survey the surrounding sidewalk near patios to ensure there are no maintenance issues with the sidewalks to ensure that it is navigable.
2. That staff instruct restaurant owners to advise them when their patios are constructed and that City staff inspect them to ensure the patio allows for the appropriate width of unencumbered sidewalk.

5. OUTDOOR PATIO FEE REVIEW

ACS2015-PAI-PGM-0060

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That Transportation Committee recommend Council approve the amendments to provisions in the Encroachment By-law dealing with fees for outdoor patios as detailed in Document 2.

Derrick Moodie provided a brief overview of the item. Also in attendance to answer questions was Ermis Durofil, Program Manager, ROW, Permits and Applications and Paul Knowlton of Tiree Facility Solutions.

The following public delegations provided their feedback to the staff report:

Steve Monuk, Chair, Ottawa Council of BIAs, expressed support for most of the report, but questioned the formula used to determine the patio fees. He did not agree there was a discount with the seasonal rate charged for outdoor patios.

Lori Mellor, Executive Director, Preston Street BIA noted that patio fees are tied to encroachment fees and they would prefer they be under a separate by-law. She remarked that only restaurants with patios in the downtown core are subject to these fees. She spoke about the benefit of patios, including creating a vibrant living streetscape and having eyes on the street.

Jasna Jennings, Executive Director, ByWard Market BIA made note of the fact that the fees are not in keeping with those applied in other major Canadian cities. She suggested Council re-evaluate the fees charged, to demonstrate its' commitment to the health and vitality of Ottawa's small business community.

Chris Bradshaw suggested that the revenues collected for outdoor patio fees be shared and spent in the area where it is collected for the benefit of all people.

Staff and the consultant responded to questions posed by Committee members.

The report recommendation was then put to Committee and CARRIED, as presented, with the following direction to staff:

DIRECTION TO STAFF

That staff discuss with Finance and report back prior to this item rising to Council on 29 April 2015 with an indication of whether or not it is possible to set a cap, for Patio Fee revenue expectations at 2015 levels for the remainder of this term of Council, and where applicable as a result of growth in the number of patios, reduce the per square meter fee to meet this expectation.

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

- A. REPORT ON THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY DURING 2014 BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS SET OUT IN SCHEDULE 'B' CITY OPERATIONS PORTFOLIO OF BY-LAW 2013-71

ACS2015-COS-PWS-0008

CITY WIDE

- B. USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY DURING 2014 BY THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BRANCH

ACS2015-PAI-PGM-0044

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- C. ON-STREET BIKE PARKING PILOT PROJECT UPDATE

ACS2015-PAI-PGM-0078

CITY WIDE

Staff advised of an error in the memo dated 9 April 2015. The first paragraph at page 3 indicates that the Wellington West BIA had requested the removal of the bike corral at the Clarendon Avenue location, when in fact it was the former ward councillor who had made that request.

INQUIRIES

Councillor McKenney raised the following inquiry:

Based on the community's concerns to have safe accessible sidewalks along Elgin Street during the outdoor patio season; can City staff provide information on the following:

- The effects to widen the minimum sidewalk standard from 1.8 metres to 2.0 metres
- Options to increase pedestrian access not identified during the Elgin Street Outdoor Patio Project
- The implications of installing temporary sidewalks along Elgin Street

Councillor Darouze raised the following inquiry:

- How many complaints has staff received about the gravel section of Earl Armstrong Road, before and after the opening of the Vimy Memorial Bridge?
- What is the total yearly cost to grade this section of road?

Councillor Fleury raised the following inquiry:

During concentrated street sweeping operations, Public Works posts parking restrictions on certain streets, and not on others. How does the department decide whether or not to post signage on one street or another for these operations? Furthermore, on the streets where the regulations are posted, are the crews performing the street sweeping paired with Parking Enforcement Officers?

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.