



Transportation Committee

Draft Minutes 31

Wednesday, 04 September 2013

9:30 am

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

- 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 11 September 2013 in Transportation Committee Report 30.*

Present: Councillors K. Egli (Chair)
A. Hubley (Vice-Chair), R. Bloess, D. Chernushenko, P. Clark,
D. Deans, M. Fleury, S. Moffatt, M. Wilkinson

Absent: T. Tierney

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 29 - 5 July 2013

Minutes 30 - 10 July 2013

CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

Response to Inquiries

- CC 08-13 - Wild Parsnip

MOTION NO. TRC 31\1

Moved by Councillor M. Fleury

That this item be submitted for discussion at the next regular meeting.

CARRIED

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT**

1. STATUS UPDATE – TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 23 AUGUST 2013

ACS2013-CMR-CCB-0058

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transportation Committee receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

CORPORATE PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL, Q2: APRIL 1 – JUNE 30, 2013

ACS2013-CMR-OCM-0015

CITY WIDE

Nancy Schepers, Deputy City Manager agreed to follow up with Councillor Fleury in response to a question he had on the changes in reporting and how comparisons would be drawn.

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.

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**CITY OPERATIONS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

3. 2014 MUNICIPAL VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN
ACS2013-COS-PWS-0017 CITY WIDE
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Transportation Committee recommend that Council receive for information the proposed 2014 Municipal Vehicle and Equipment Capital Replacement Plan.

CARRIED

4. TEMPORARY SURFACE PARKING LOT AT 300 QUEEN STREET
ACS2013-COS-PWS-0019 SOMERSET (14)
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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Transportation Committee recommend that Council:

1. **Approve the establishment of a surface parking lot at 300 Queen Street for the duration of the City's five-year lease of the property, with the rates for 2013 to be in alignment with the attached fee schedule and the rates for 2014 and beyond to be approved by Council on an annual basis as part of the Parking User Fee Schedule;**

2. **Approve a transfer of \$60,000 from the Parking Reserve for the one-time capital cost for the establishment of the parking lot.**

CARRIED

**PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

5. REVISED CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE FRONT-ENDING AGREEMENT FOR THE FERNBANK COMMUNITY NORTH-SOUTH ARTERIAL ROAD BETWEEN FERNBANK ROAD AND ABBOTT STREET

ACS2013-PAI-PGM-0180

STITTSVILLE (6)

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Transportation Committee recommend that Council:

1. **Authorize the City to revise costs associated with the Front-Ending Agreement with the Fernbank Landowners Group approved by Council on September 8, 2010 (ACS2010-ICS-PGM-0169) for the design and construction of two lanes of the north-south arterial road from Fernbank Road to Abbott Street as set forth in Document 2 and the Council-approved Front-Ending Agreement Policy in Document 3, with the final form and content of the Front-Ending Agreement to the satisfaction of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Infrastructure and the City Clerk and Solicitor;**
2. **In accordance with Council approval of the Front-Ending Agreement Policy, authorize an additional \$3,225,757.20 over the already approved \$7,939,350.00 for a total upset limit of \$11,165,107.20 plus applicable taxes from the 2016 Capital Budget, subject to the execution of the Front-Ending Agreement and inclusion of the incremental costs in the 2014 Development Charge By-Law; and**

3. **Authorize expenditure to an upset limit of \$11,165,107.20, plus applicable taxes, in 2016 for the reimbursement to the Fernbank Landowners Group for the design and construction of the north-south arterial road from Fernbank Road to Abbott Street.**

CARRIED

**COUNCILLORS' ITEMS
COUNCILLOR WILKINSON**

6. BEACHBURG SUBDIVISION RAILWAY
ACS2013-CMR-TRC-0005 KANATA NORTH (4) / WEST
CARLETON-MARCH (5) / BAY (7)
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Transportation Committee recommend to Council that the Chair of Transportation Committee send a letter on behalf of City Council to Transport Canada and Canadian National Railway officials asking that the removal of the track on the Beachburg Sub Railway be halted until the Municipality MRC Pontiac has had an additional period of time to conduct its search for a railway partner.

David Jeanes, Transport Action spoke in support of the recommendation, but suggested the City should take a stronger position to protect the rail corridors.

After a brief discussion, the report recommendation was then CARRIED, with the following direction to staff:

DIRECTION TO STAFF

That staff report back by the next meeting on the cost of acquiring the Beachburg Subdivision Railway, including an outline of what responsibilities would be entailed and annual costs.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL ITEM

7. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING STRATEGY

ACS2013-CMR-TRC-0006

CITY WIDE

MOTION TRC 31\2

Moved by Councillor A. Hubley

That the Transportation Committee approve the addition of the following Motion, pursuant to subsection 84(3) of the Procedure By-law, due to timelines.

CARRIED

MOTION TRC No. 31\3

Moved by Councillor M. Fleury

WHEREAS City Council has requested that the Ontario Minister of Transportation amend the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) to provide priority to pedestrians at non-controlled pedestrian crossings, and the Minister of Transportation responded on August 13, 2013 indicating that it would not support such an amendment or permit the City to use such non-signalized crossings; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) has recently pulled out of the Ontario Traffic Council's project on pedestrian crossings, which had representation from MTO and interested Ontario municipalities, including the City of Ottawa; and

WHEREAS the MTO has initiated a new review of pedestrian control devices in line with the Transportation Association of Canada's Pedestrian Facilities guideline, including Pedestrian Crossovers (PXO), which is an approved *Highway Traffic Act* device that facilitates the movement of pedestrians across the road through signs, markings and overhead flashing amber lights, and Pedestrian Crossovers without the overhead flashing amber lights (PXOII) proposed for low volume roads but not yet approved as a device within the *Highway Traffic Act*; and

WHEREAS it is expected that the MTO will invite municipalities to participate in their review; and

WHEREAS staff will be preparing a comprehensive pedestrian crossing report in 2014/2015 that will identify all crossing device types, including pedestrian crossovers and roundabouts, their use, warrants, cost and

supporting funding to support the City of Ottawa's Pedestrian Plan currently under development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to look at the feasibility of reintroducing the PXO model to our crossing tool kit as part of the comprehensive pedestrian crossing report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Transportation Committee recommend that City Council inform the Ontario Ministry of Transportation of the City of Ottawa's desire to participate in the Ministry's review of pedestrian control devices and request that the City's current position be taken into consideration and reflected upon when the review's recommendations are released in December and that Ottawa be prioritized for piloting any new devices that are recommended.

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTIONS (FOR CONSIDERATION AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING)

Moved by Councillor R. Bloess:

WHEREAS the Bradley Estates Community Association has approached the City for permission to make landscape enhancements to a road allowance in the community of Bradley Estates; and,

WHEREAS the proposed enhancements will be in the form of a community gateway sign; and,

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa does not provide approvals or permits for

**road allowance enhancements by private citizens or community groups;
and,**

WHEREAS the Bradley Estates Community Association has agreed to enter into an agreement with the City;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Signs on Roads By-law No.2003-520, as amended, be waived to allow the Bradley Estates Community Association to make landscape enhancements consisting of a community gateway sign, to the grassed portion of the road allowance at the intersection of western approach to the community on Renaud Road.

INQUIRIES

Councillor Clark raised the following inquiries:

1. Are there statistics on the percentage of people in the core city (as opposed to beyond the Greenbelt), that bike to work?

Are there statistics on the percentage of people living outside the Greenbelt that bike to work in the core?
2. Why when you drive west along Rideau Street near Charlotte Street have traffic lights not been adjusted since there is no traffic coming the other way to allow both movements when the light turns green? Similarly, when travelling northbound on Charlotte to turn right onto Rideau Street there is also no traffic conflicts so why can't we allow the right turn movements on a more frequent basis to improve traffic flow.

3. Do we have any regulations on the use of motorized (wheelchair) scooters? Are there other jurisdictions where they have concerns about scooter safety? Does the province have any rules with respect to the use of these vehicles? For example, scooters using bike lanes, sidewalks et cetera, as well as visibility in parking lots.

Councillor Hubley raised the following inquiry:

What is the City doing to provide for and encourage the use of scooters and e-bikes as commuter vehicles?

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Committee Coordinator

Chair