

COMPLETE STREETS IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Transportation Committee recommend Council approve the Complete Streets Implementation Framework.**

The following correspondence in support of the staff recommendation was received and circulated in advance of the meeting:

- a. D. Grant, Ottawa Centre EcoDistrict letter dated 6 October \*
- b. CAFES (Community Associations Forum on Environmental Sustainability) letter dated 6 October and attached list of priorities \*

A letter of support from the Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa\* was received following the meeting and a copy of their submission dated 7 October 2015 is held on file.

Kornel Mucsi, Program Manager, Transportation Strategic Planning acknowledged the presence of the consultant, Brian Hollingworth from the IBI Group, who helped to develop the framework. He then introduced Colin Simpson, Senior Project Manager, Transportation Planning who provided a detailed overview of the item. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is held on file.

The Committee received the following public delegations who spoke in support of the Complete Streets Implementation Framework:

Liz Bernstein, President, Lowertown Community Association also spoke on behalf of 15 community associations and agencies represented under the CAFES umbrella. Their recommendations are contained in the letter addressed to the Mayor and members of the Transportation Committee dated 6 October.

Angela Keller-Herzog, Glebe Community Association together with Wendy Hunter, Dalhousie Community Association\* gave a joint presentation in support of the report recommendations, with particular focus being given to the inclusion of trees in the scope of the Framework.

The Chair agreed to share their PowerPoint presentation with the City Forester.

Steve Harris\* spoke specifically to the issue of noise and the importance of supporting complete streets.

Graham Saul, Ecology Ottawa was concerned about a collision between the Complete Streets agenda and that of Green Streets. He encouraged a conversation between the Transportation Committee and the Environment Committee with regards to how these two can better come together.

Bonnie Mabee, Trees and Green Space Committee of the Centretown Citizens Community Association spoke of the need for integrating trees and green spaces as part of any Complete Street.

Nancy Biggs\* read from her prepared submission.

Ron Rose, Old Ottawa East Community Association encouraged the reconsideration of Council's policy of not paying for the burial of utility wires when streets are being reconstructed.

Espoir Manirambona echoed many of the comments made by the previous delegations.

*[ \* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

Committee members posed questions to staff in response to the presentations made by the delegations, especially as they pertained to the inclusion of trees in the scope of the Framework. Mr. Simpson confirmed that

the Complete Streets Framework recognizes the importance of green infrastructure and he explained that they work in collaboration with the staff in the Environmental Services Department with regards to candidate streets for "Green" Complete Streets.

Discussion arose on the ability for councillors to create 'complete streets' without having to wait for road reconstruction to occur. Mr. Simpson emphasised that all transportation related projects will be used to implement complete streets and that even small projects such as road line painting could include paint markings to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. At the request of the Chair, Mr. Simpson agreed to circulate to members of Council, the list of the main operational programs that will incorporate the Complete Streets Implementation Framework beyond just road reconstruction projects.

MOTION TRC 08/01

Moved by Councillor C. McKenney

**WHEREAS the Complete Streets policy was approved by Council as part of the Transportation Master Plan Update in November 2013; and**

**WHEREAS the process to develop the implementation framework for the policy included a Complete Streets Advisory Committee, with representation from Planning and Growth Management, Public Works, Infrastructure Services, Transit Services, and Public Health; and**

**WHEREAS Complete Streets is a process rather than a prescribed design and that each road will look different depending upon the location and context; and**

**WHEREAS City staff have identified early project scoping for transportation-related projects as beneficial for long-term financial forecasting and planning; and**

**WHEREAS the Transportation Committee and Council have identified Complete Streets as a Term of Council priority.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff report back to the Transportation**

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Committee in Q4 2016 to identify the projects that have been examined and implemented through the Complete Street lens for 2016, and those planned for 2017.

CARRIED

The report was then CARRIED, as amended by Motion 08/01.