



Physical Environment Committee Action Report
of October 6th, 2011 held in the
Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor LeBlanc, Deputy-Mayor Sonnenburg, Councillor Antonakos, Councillor Flynn, Councillor Probert, Councillor Strike, Lisa Young, Director of Planning and Development, Les Reynolds, Director of Protective Services, Duncan Rogers, Clerk, Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer, Dave Young, Director of Public Works

- 1) **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - now or anytime during the meeting**
- 2) **REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK - with the secretary**
- 3) **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS**
- 4) **If there is an addendum, in accordance with Section 15.2.4 (of Striking Report) does the Committee wish to approve this addendum?**

The following items are for information only and will not be discussed unless the Committee chooses to do so. The Chair will entertain a motion to receive and file for those items not pulled out for discussion.

122417 Received from Wollaston Township
 Addressed to Town of Carleton Place
 Date September 21st, 2011
 Topic Solar Panel In Ground Installations

SUMMARY

Wollaston Township is looking for support for a letter they sent to MPP Leona Dombrowsky reflecting their disagreement with the lack of municipal control over in ground solar panel installations.

COMMENT

For Council's Information.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file.

COMMITTEE DECISION

THAT staff forward a letter supporting the motion of the Township of Wollaston.

TO BE DISCUSSED

122150 Received from Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer
Addressed to Physical Environment Committee
Date March 29th, 2011
Topic Snowplowing/Removal Operations

SUMMARY

This past winter, despite issuing a number of tickets, winter parking created some problems for snowplowing/removal operations. Also, there were some complaints from residents.

UPDATE 1

Presently, there is a complete prohibition on overnight parking Nov. 15 – Apr. 1 regardless of weather conditions. This system was put in place over 50 years ago because it was impossible to notify residents in a timely manner when snowplowing or removal was to take place. Today we have multiple communication methods at our disposal and notification can be carried out quickly. A system similar to the City of Ottawa's that imposes a parking ban when certain weather conditions are in place would allow us to target by-law enforcement more effectively and ensure that the streets are clear of vehicles during active operations while allowing residents to park on the street when it doesn't cause any problems.

UPDATE 2

Staff have addressed a number of the logistics of implementing this type of winter parking restrictions through discussions with City of Ottawa personnel.

Towing - During removal operations, staff post temporary signage indicating parking restrictions that are in place for streets having snow removals. The city hires a tow truck to remove vehicles that are impeding operations. Fines are issued to these vehicles but the cost of the towing service is covered by the City.

During plowing operations in Ottawa, cars that are parked on the street are ticketed but not typically towed. Operations staff return to the location when there is an opportunity to clear the snow bank left on the street.

Staff feel that if the Town moves to this type of winter parking restriction that towing should be incorporated into all components of winter maintenance operations as the expectation is that there will be more residents using on street parking.

Communication - The city utilizes the media, web sites and information services to communicate when parking restrictions are imposed and the Town has the ability to utilize similar mediums.

Communication during weekends and non-business hours is still an issue that will create difficulties with the resources available to the Town.

Costs - There will be financial implications with the implementation of this type of winter parking restrictions. Firm costs are difficult to determine as they will be a function of the severity of the winter conditions, but it is anticipated to increase the winter maintenance budget by 3% - 4% or \$10,000 - \$12,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To be discussed

122150 Continued

COMMITTEE DECISION

THAT winter parking restrictions by-law be amended to model City of Ottawa that allows on-street parking other than when plowing or snow removal operations are scheduled.

RECORDED VOTE

Councillor Antonakos	Yea	Councillor Flynn	Nay
Mayor LeBlanc	Nay	Councillor Probert	Yea
Deputy-Mayor Sonnenburg	Yea	Councillor Strike	Yea

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122418 Received from Councillor Flynn
Addressed to Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer
Date September 12th, 2011
Topic Fluoride

SUMMARY

Medical Officer of Health has offered to meet with Council to discuss Fluoride in the water.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To be discussed.

COMMITTEE DECISION

THAT the Medical Officer of Health and an advocate of fluoride removal be invited out to provide Committee with information. Bring forward.

122419 Received from Robert Montgomery
Addressed to Dave Young, Director of Public Works
Date September 21st, 2011
Topic Speeding Concerns on Sarah Street

SUMMARY

Resident is concerned about excessive speed of vehicles on Sarah Street. He has presented his concerns to the OPP and he states that they have acknowledged that there is a speed issue on Sarah and also they indicated that they may be able to install the speed display board. He also believes the new Tim Horton's may be contributing to an increased traffic flow and suggests imposing restrictions on accessing Sarah Street from Arthur Street during select intervals.

COMMENT

Staff have responded to concerns on Sarah Street in the past and one of the initiatives included reducing the speed limit from 50km/hr to 40km/hr. Traffic data was recorded in 2009 and should be updated.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT a formal request for the OPP's electronic speed sign be forwarded to the Police Services Board.

ALSO THAT staff acquire up to data traffic data for review regarding resident's concerns.

COMMITTEE DECISION

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122420 Received from Peter Hart
Addressed to Mayor LeBlanc
Date September 16th, 2011
Topic Traffic Calming in Arklan Public School Zone

SUMMARY

Resident is requesting Council consider the installation of traffic calming measures on Patterson Crescent. He states that police have confirmed that there is, in fact, a speeding issue on Patterson Crescent through the installation of their electronic speed sign. Also, observations of non-compliance at the all way stop at Patterson Crescent and the Arklan School intersection has been documented by residents. He indicated speed humps and/or other roadway modifications have been successful in other municipalities and feels Council should implement similar measures at this location.

COMMENT

The Town's Traffic Calming and Speed Management Policy requires development of data and has a set decision matrix in place based on data that has been collected in a consistent manner. Existing data on Patterson is out of date and as Mr. Hart points out in his communication there has been recent developments which have had impacts on traffic volumes and patterns.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT staff update traffic data on Patterson Crescent as described in the Town's Traffic Calming and Speed Management Policy to determine appropriate action.

COMMITTEE DECISION

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122421 Received from Quinte Waste Solutions
Addressed to Ontario Municipal Councils
Date September 26th, 2011
Topic Request for Support to Lobby the Province to Implement Producer Responsibility for Waste Diversion Program.

SUMMARY

The Centre and South Hastings Waste Services Board, a cooperative of nine municipalities in the Greater Quinte area is requesting support from municipalities across Ontario for the Province to implement full Extended Producer Responsibility for the costs of waste diversion programs.

COMMENT

Currently the EPR programs generate approximately 130 million dollars and this supports municipality operated waste diversion programs. The balance of the cost to operate this program is generated through property taxes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council support resolution.

COMMITTEE DECISION

THAT Council support resolution.

122430 Received from Andrew MacHardy
 Addressed to Dave Young, Director of Public Works
 Date October 4th, 2011
 Topic Access to Municipal Property for Snowmobile Trail

SUMMARY

Mr. Hardy, the representative for the local snowmobile club, has requested permission to access the maintenance platform of the Hooper Drain, east of Hooper Street and north of Cavanagh Road, as part of the official trail system.

COMMENT

An Agreement has been provided that provides the Town with confirmation that the local club is a member in good standing of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and as such are eligible for third party insurance through the OFSC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT staff be authorized to enter into an Agreement with the local snowmobile club to enter onto municipal property.

COMMITTEE DECISION

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122431 Received from Gary O'Meara
 Addressed to Dave Young, Director of Public Works
 Date October 4th, 2011
 Topic Knights of Columbus Request to Adopt-a-Road in Carleton Place

SUMMARY

Mr. O'Meara has indicated that the Knights of Columbus would like to adopt-a-road within the Town of Carleton Place.

COMMENT

The Town does not currently have this type of program as typically the right-of-way is maintained by adjacent property owners or the Town. Staff feel there may be other opportunities at other municipal facilities such as parks or trails.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT staff investigate and develop a suitable facility to accommodate the Knights of Columbus request.

COMMITTEE DECISION

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