



CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 10/30/2024

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Time: 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante (Chairperson)

Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie

PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Jelena Payne, Commissioner, Economic Development

David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer

Phong Nguy, Executive Director of Public Works Operations

Stacey McGuire, ED, Engineer/Deputy City Engineer

Ian Day, Senior Manager Traffic Operations/Parking

Rob Vani, Senior Manager, Deputy CBO/Inspections

Mark Spizzirri, Manager, Performance Measurement & Business Case Development

Kathy Quenneville, Active Transportation Coordinator

Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to order at 4:32 o'clock p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE

3.1. Adoption of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held September 25, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held September 25, 2024 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Decision Number:

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 291/2024

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None presented.

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7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

None presented.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Repeal of By-Law 9-2019 and 140-2020, Passing of New By-Law to Establish Standards for the Maintenance and Occupancy of All Property in the City of Windsor – City Wide

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether there are existing by-laws that could have achieved the same or similar objectives and further, to what extent does this lead to requiring additional resources to implement what is being proposed. Robert Vani, Deputy Chief Building Official, Inspections appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated September 26, 2024, entitled “Repeal of By-Law 9-2019 and 140-2020, Passing of New By-Law to Establish Standards for the Maintenance and Occupancy of All Property in the City of Windsor – City Wide” and indicates that the property standards by-law relates specifically to building condition elements. The only enforcement mechanism would be through the *Building Code Act*. There is no other regulation in the province that would allow you to regulate building standards other than the property standards by-law. Current service delivery standards for requests related to this particular by-law will not be impacted nor will it require additional resources for implementation or enforcement. The amendments proposed are related to housekeeping, language changes, and keeping up to date with current legislation.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether there are any changes related to storage containers in driveways. Mr. Vani responds that storage containers are a land use issue and are dealt with under the zoning by-law.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1029**

THAT By-law XX-2024, “A By-Law Establishing Standards for the Maintenance and Occupancy of All Property in the City of Windsor” draft attached as schedule ‘A’ **BE PASSED** by Council; and,

THAT By-law Number 9-2019 as amended by By-law 140-2020 being “A By-Law Establishing Standards for the Maintenance and Occupancy of All Property in the City of Windsor” **BE REPEALED**.

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8.2. Response to CQ 29-2023 - Policy re: Capital Improvements at City Gateways - City Wide

Councillor Gary Kaschak comments that the five city gateways should be seriously considered to ensure they are welcoming.

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1030**

THAT the report in response to CQ 29-2023 regarding a policy related to capital improvements at city gateways to provide options for further enhancements when budget allotments do not allow for them **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report Number: S 134/2024
Clerk's File: ACO2024 & ACOQ2024

8.3. Response to CQ 23-2024 Winter Control service review to include Transit Windsor School Bus Extra routes

Councillor Kieran McKenzie requests that administration outline the current level of service on any public transit route with respect to snow removal. Phong Nguy, Acting Executive Director of Operations appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 2, 2024, entitled "Response to CQ 23-2024 Winter Control Service Review to include Transit Windsor School Bus Extra routes" and indicates that there is a formal level of service for Transit Windsor bus routes. These extra routes are not Transit Windsor routes and are considered part of regular residential roads.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether there was a consideration of costs to include heightened service levels for snow removal as part of the original discussion. Mr. Nguy responds that they treat these routes as any other school bus and there was no additional consideration.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to who is responsible for funding the extra program. Jelena Payne, Commissioner, Economic Development appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 2, 2024, entitled "Response to CQ 23-2024 Winter Control Service Review to include Transit Windsor School Bus Extra routes" and responds that the City of Windsor fully funds that program.

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Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by: Councilor Gary Kaschak

THAT the administrative report of the Maintenance Coordinator dated October 2, 2024 entitled "Response to CQ 23-2024 Winter Control Service Review to include Transit Windsor School Bus Extra routes" **BE DEFERRED** to a future meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee after the 2025 budget setting process is complete.

Carried.

Report Number: S 142/2024
Clerk's File: ACOQ2024 & SW2024

8.4. Drouillard Road Underpass Recreational Trail Feasibility – Ward 5

Councillor Kieran McKenzie requests that administration explain the reasoning surrounding the prior approval of the Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) and the current infeasibility of the continued connection. David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 14, 2024, entitled "Drouillard Road Underpass Recreational Trail Feasibility – Ward 5" and responds that at the time of the Active Transportation Master Plan it was considered a primary spine of the City and, from an engineering lens, almost anything is possible with enough funding. The level of detailed review was not undertaken at that time. A more fulsome feasibility review has been completed and it was resolved that it would be quite cost prohibitive for the value it might offer. Alternative cross-country solutions in lieu of the Wyandotte corridor for an east/west connection are being considered that come with significantly less cost and resources.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires what the intention was for the stretch of Wyandotte at Drouillard road at the time of the Active Transportation Master Plan. Kathy Quenneville, Active Transportation Coordinator appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 14, 2024, entitled "Drouillard Road Underpass Recreational Trail Feasibility – Ward 5" and responds that the Wyandotte corridor was designated as a multi-modal corridor. By that definition in the Active Transportation Master Plan, currently as the street stands, it is not feasible without significant cost. We have looked at the adjacent streets as a multi-modal bike way through that area.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks inquires what alternative is being proposed as an alternate solution to the lack of connectivity in the short to medium-term. Mr. Simpson responds that the Riverside Drive corridor Vista phase 2A completion timeline is 2028 and Vista phase 3A completion timeline is 2032. Routes further to the south of Wyandotte as outlined in the Active Transportation Master Plan are possible alternatives.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about how we are communicating our plan with the community, where are we with respect to the plan that was passed, and what we are doing to move forward. Mr. Simpson responds that the public was aware of the decision made by Council with the

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Wyandotte corridor. We are working towards delivery of the Riverside Drive corridor pathway. With respect to the alternative pathway to Wyandotte Street, once approved by Council, community education and outreach regarding available routes would be the next step.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks administration if there is a report coming forward regarding the east/west corridor in the near future. Mr. Simpson responds that a report related to another council question will be coming forward regarding the potential feasibility for a fourth alternative multi-use pathway along Riverside Drive concurrently with the vista project implementation.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks administration to confirm that there is no proposed work in the 10-year capital budget to address the intersection of Wyandotte Street and Drouillard Road. Mr. Simpson responds that is correct.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to what the current life cycle of that intersection is. Mr. Simpson responds that more detailed information can be provided offline.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires, when the report comes back, whether it will be part of the budget discussion or if there are available funds to implement small improvements and if there will be discussion surrounding additional features that can be added along the route if necessary. Mr. Simpson responds that we have reviewed the financing and believe that we have sufficient existing funds to do the necessary work that is not substantive that would significantly impact a future budget.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there is a plan in place to fix this underpass or are we waiting until it reaches end of life. Mr. Simpson responds that we want to ensure safety for motorists and pedestrians but must have significant regard for value for money with respect to improvements. It would be a large investment to make significant changes there.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether the rail company would be involved in these improvements. Mr. Simpson responds that there would be an element of cost-sharing, but the timeline of the rail authority would also need to be considered.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether now would be the time to initiate conversation with the rail authority. Mr. Simpson responds that they can initiate the conversation.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether administration has delved into the legislation surrounding active transportation and if we should pause discussion until we have clear direction from the province. Mr. Simpson responds that Bill 212 has gone through its first reading and details have not been communicated with the municipalities. Lane reductions that may negatively impact motorists can be interpreted many ways. Lane reductions can have a net positive impact for motorists and pedestrians alike. There may be a reduction in traffic capacity, but there are enhancements that can be gained with respect to collisions, hazards, etc. The City is awaiting further details from the province.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether the City should be concerned with remediating these bike lanes that have been implemented should the provincial legislation direct us. Mr. Simpson responds that the province is reaching out to municipalities for historical data from example projects to help shape what future regulation will look like. It is not likely that the province will force

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municipalities to undo what's in place and likely will grandfather arterial projects that have undergone a road diet.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether the City should be considering accelerating the cycling infrastructure projects that are being contemplated to have them started prior to the legislation being passed. Mr. Simpson responds that the main focus is on the arterial roads where there may be lane reductions.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires that since the implementation of the Active Transportation Master Plan in 2019, how far has the City come in achieving the objectives and goals of the ATMP as a percentage of completion. Mr. Simpson responds that is something that we can take an in depth look at the status of the ATMP implementation to date. We can bring a report back with regard to the specifics.

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 1031**

THAT the report of the Active Transportation Coordinator dated October 14, 2024, entitled "Drouillard Road Underpass Recreational Trail Feasibility – Ward 5" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back with metrics, benchmarks, percentage of completion and implementation of the Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) regarding the objectives; and,

THAT administration **BE DIRECTED** to include information regarding the current progress of the Active Transportation Master Plan and the potential impact of changing legislation; and,

THAT administration **BE DIRECTED** to identify any different objectives and how they expect to achieve them in the same timeframe as the Active Transportation Master Plan.

Carried.

Report Number: S 143/2024

Clerk's File:MB/5531

8.5. CQ 14-2023 – Use of Rumble Strips in an Urban Environment – City Wide

Councillor Gary Kaschak requests that administration provide comments surrounding the use of rumble strips as a traffic calming measure in residential neighbourhoods. Ian Day, Acting Senior Manager of Traffic and Parking appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 15, 2024, entitled "Response to CQ 14-2023 – Use of Rumble Strips in an Urban Environment – City Wide" and responds that provincial regulatory groups, Transport Association of Canada and the Ontario Traffic Manual have recommended that rumble strips should not be used in an urban environment and their effectiveness under 70 km/h shows to be minimal. With the use of this product in conjunction with other traffic calming methods, it has proven that there has been a reduction in accidents.

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Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether administration has had any discussions with car manufacturers regarding available safety technology. Mr. Day responds that there has been some research undertaken regarding traffic and safety devices. The tactile response in new vehicles does not occur under speeds of 60 km/h.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there is a member of administration actively working on mapping on some of our streets. Mr. Day responds that most of the information is provided to mapping companies through the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO).

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1032** THAT the report of the Acting Senior Manager of Traffic and Parking dated October 15, 2024, entitled "Response to CQ 14-2023 – Use of Rumble Strips in an Urban Environment – City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT administration **BE DIRECTED** to include information related to rumble strips in the coming report related to traffic calming.

Carried.

Report Number: S 144/2024
Clerk's File: ST2023 & ACOQ2024

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

None presented.

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None presented.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

None registered.

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12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:29 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

Carried.

Ward 2 – Councillor Costante
(Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council
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