



## **The Corporation of the City of Stratford Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee MINUTES**

Date: September 25, 2024  
Time: 4:30 P.M.  
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Sub-committee Present: Councillor Burbach - Chair Presiding, Councillor Nijjar - Vice Chair, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe

Staff Present: Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Neil Anderson - Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Audrey Pascual - Deputy Clerk, Miranda Franken - Council Clerk Secretary

Also Present: Member of the public

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the Meeting to Order.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

Respectful Workplace Policy Statement

### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were made by a Member at the September 25, 2024, Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting.

### **3. Delegations**

#### **3.1 Request for Delegation by Steven Elliot**

Motion by Councillor Hunter

**THAT Steven Elliot be heard.**

**Carried**

Steven Elliot requested Sub-committee consider the prohibition of left turns from southbound Veterans Way to eastbound Ontario Street in the study to redesign the intersection of Erie Street, Ontario Street, and Veterans Way. The following information was provided:

- layout and traffic flow directly influencing how people move through the City;
- concern with traffic flow south from Veterans Way due to drivers turning left onto Ontario Street from Veterans Way not pulling out far enough to allow cars behind to continue onto Erie street uninterrupted;
- City Staff having done studies beginning in 2021 regarding traffic and safety issues at this intersection finding the intersection to be safe with no need to prohibit left turns;
- the safety of the intersection and the traffic flow being separate issues;
- disagreeing with the intersection being safe;
- eliminating left turns to improve traffic flow being a cost effective solution; and
- the intersection requiring changes to balance pedestrian convenience and traffic flow.

Discussion on this matter occurred between Sub-committee and the Director of Infrastructure Services. Highlights of the discussion included:

- no recent studies having been completed regarding changes to this intersection;

- 26 collisions having been logged at this intersection between 2014 and 2022 with no collisions related to southbound Veterans Way traffic;
- prohibition of left turns not being warranted at this time;
- only right hand turns being permitted for westbound traffic on York Street due to poor sightlines onto Ontario Street which poses a challenge with prohibiting left hand turns on Veterans Way;
- Huron Street, Ontario Street and Erie Street having been resurfaced or in the process of being resurfaced;
- before resurfacing the downtown watermain work to be done and a review of traffic flow at this intersection to be considered at that time;
- downtown resurfacing predicted to be completed in 2027 with investigation of the work being occurring throughout 2025 and 2026;
- Waterloo Street and Ontario Street intersection improvements to be brought to Council for consideration including bump outs during the Spring of 2025;
- downtown improvements as well as other projects arising from the 2021 Downtown Traffic Study; and
- bump outs being considered traffic calming measures however the Spring 2025 work is designed for pedestrian safety and not specifically intended to calm traffic.

#### **4. Report of the Council Committee Coordinator**

##### **4.1 Avon Trail Blazing Request (ITS24-018)**

Motion by Councillor Hunter

**Sub-committee Recommendation: THAT the request from the Avon Trail to blaze the Stratford Side Trail from the Devon Street playground through the City to the TJ Dolan natural area be considered.**

**Carried**

## **5. Department Update**

**Sub-committee Discussion:** The Director of Infrastructure Services provided the following highlights from the department update:

- Knightsbridge development encountering high groundwater levels requiring additional solution to install watermain on Perth Line 36, this area being closed in coming weeks for this construction;
- asphalt resurfacing underway with many manholes and catch basins having been fixed to allow for the first layer of asphalt, once completed the top layer will be applied before snow starts falling;
- the downtown watermain being old and rust prone and as fall flushing has started complaints of discoloured water are anticipated;
- a notice having been issued to the public to run water taps for one to two minutes until the water clears and a communication video has been released;
- the Environmental Services Division piloting a spraying operation to address invasive phragmites, \$10,000.00 having been budgeted and being that the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority provides spraying service, much work having been completed this year;
- winter preparation having begun with Public Works having received sand and salt for the season and Fleet Division having started preparation options for winter;
- the third hazardous waste event having been held at the landfill in September and was successful;
- hosting the household hazardous waste events at the landfill having saved some money but not as much as anticipated and staff looking at future legislative changes to reduce costs further; and
- 2025 hazardous waste services looking similar to 2024 events.

## **6. Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes**

The following Advisory minutes were provided for the information of Sub-committee:

- Energy and Environment Advisory Committee Minutes of June 6, 2024

**7. Next Sub-committee Meeting**

The next Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting is October 30, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

**8. Adjournment**

Motion by Councillor McCabe

**Sub-committee Decision: THAT the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

Meeting Start Time: 4:30 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 4:47 P.M.