



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

Date: May 28, 2025
Time: 4:32 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

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

Regrets: Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe

Staff Present: Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Neil Anderson - Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Miranda Franken - Council Clerk Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Meeting to Order.

Councillor Hunter and Councillor McCabe provided regrets for the meeting.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

Respectful Conduct 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 May 28, 2025 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting.

3. Delegations

None scheduled.

4. Report of the Project Engineer

4.1 Shakespeare Gardens Island Pedestrian Footbridge Removal (ITS25-009)

Staff Recommendation: THAT the report titled, "Shakespeare Gardens Island Pedestrian Footbridge Removal" (ITS25-009), be received for information.

Sub-committee Discussion: The Director of Infrastructure Services provided an overview of the report noting the following:

- in 2019 the bridge having been closed for disrepair with work done to extend the life of the bridge by 5-10 years;
- deterioration having started after 5 years with concerns raised by the public and the bridge having been closed in July 2024;
- replacement of the bridge costing \$100,000.00 with this not including accessibility of the paths;
- the Parks Board having no desire to replace the bridge at this time and being in support of removal;
- the work to be completed by Public Works at no additional cost and being absorbed into daily services;
- the area having historical status but the bridge itself not having heritage status; and
- the Parks Division intending to naturalize the island.

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Sub-committee Recommendation: THAT the report titled, "Shakespeare Gardens Island Pedestrian Footbridge Removal" (ITS25-009), be received for information.

Carried

5. Department Update

Sub-committee Discussion: The Director of Infrastructure Services provided an update on department activities and ongoing projects. The following items were highlighted:

- staff being busy with tender and reconstruction season;
- an update being provided from OCWA's insurance adjustor on the 2024 digester roof failure with the dollar range being approximately \$400,000-\$500,000;
- an update being provided at the June Sub-committee meeting and will be seeking approval to issue a request for proposal on design and installation for the replacement digester;
- the April Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event serving 419 vehicles with this number being down from previous years and returning to regular volumes;
- the Supervisor of Waste Operations having submitted an application to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) requesting the hours of operation for HHW be extended to allow for more flexibility;
- it being anticipated that the application will be approved by the MECP and following approval staff to bring forward to Council for consideration on how the City might change the service and HHW procedures;
- staff working on the proposal for the Collections Contract for garbage and green bin;
- the timeline being one and a half years away with providers requiring time to source fleet to provide the services;
- staff working on the job description for the Climate Liaison position and expecting to post the position in September following completion of the unionized compensation process;

- Grit Engineering having been formally engaged for the Phase 2 Environmental Assessment for the Erie Street Parking Lot;
- Grit Engineering waiting for work on the parking lot to be finalized which is anticipated potentially as soon as later this week; and
- following completion of the work, Grit Engineering being able to mobilize the site for drilling to obtain data needed for the Assessment which will be used to understand environmental conditions if the site were to be re-developed.

6. Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes

The following Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes were provided for the information of Sub-committee:

- Active Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes of February 26, 2025 and March 26, 2025
- Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of March 4, 2025
- Energy and Environment Advisory Committee Minutes of March 6, 2025 and April 3, 2025

7. Next Sub-committee Meeting

The next Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting is June 25, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Nijjar

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

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 4:32 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 4:41 P.M.