



## **SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 30, 2001**

**8:40 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL**

**To Conduct a Public Hearing on the  
Transportation Planning Study for the City of Welland**

**Members present:** Mayor Cindy Forster

Councillors:

R. Alakas	D. Fortier
D. Beaudoin	J. Irvine
M. Belcastro	J. Mastroianni
N. Dmytrow-Bilboe	S. O'Dell
M. Dzugan	J. Spadafora
T. Eybel	

**Members of the Staff and Others Present:**

City Clerk C.A. Stirtzinger  
City Solicitor G. Banks  
Acting C.A.O. and Director of Development Services T. Fitzpatrick  
Director of Operational Services G. Marcello  
Environmental Services Engineer D. Cook  
Assistant Clerk D. Vettori  
Recording Secretary M. Hughes

**Others Present:** Mr. Nick Palomba, Delcan Consultants  
Mr. Bob Johnson, Region of Niagara, Transportation Department

A Special General Committee Meeting to discuss the Transportation Planning Study for the City of Welland. Mayor Forster called the Special General Committee meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

Mr. Palomba gave a presentation of the Transportation Planning Study. He described some of the methods used to determine present and future traffic problems and solutions. One of the major areas of concern is the downtown area. One method of monitoring traffic in this area was license tagging. People are positioned at certain points and noted license plates at timed intervals (3 minutes, etc). This method provided information on whether the cars were passing through, looking for parking or conducting business in the downtown area. Observations were made by driving through the downtown area to be aware of any signage problems, traffic light timing, turning access, pedestrian problem, cyclists, etc. An impressive computerized program was also developed showing traffic flow in the downtown area. The computer information can be adjusted to other traffic flow situations. Mr. Palomba stated that transport truck operators were also surveyed and the results are included in the Planning Study. The Study includes an immediate plan of action as well as short-term and long-term plans.

Council inquired about keeping the two (2) bridges as one way and East Main Street and Division Street as two way. Mr. Palomba informed Council that this scenario was not analyzed, but he stated that on a quick



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glance of the computer data, that there could be major congestion on King Street between Division and Main Streets.

Mr. Cook, Environment Services Engineer, stated that he would like direction from Council with regards to the Transportation Planning Study.

Mr. Bob Johnson, Region of Niagara – Transportation Department, indicated support for the Study.

It was suggested that City Staff review the Study and provide recommendations to Council. This report from Staff should be prepared and issued to Council for review before the Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for November 23 and 24, 2001.

Mayor Forster suggested that having a computer generated traffic model would be helpful at the Strategic Planning Meeting. Mr. Palomba stated that it could be arranged, however, there may be operational problems if someone qualified is not present to operate the program.

The Special General Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.