



GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2002
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Meeting Number G.C. 2002 - 09

Members present: Mayor Cindy Forster

Councillors:

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

Members of the Staff and Others Present:

City Clerk C.A. Stirtzinger
City Solicitor G. Banks
City Manager T. Fitzpatrick
Manager, Engineering Services L. Ventresca
Manager, Environmental and Traffic Services D. Cook
Recording Secretary M. Hughes

Others Present:

Nick Palomba, Project Manager, Delcan
Greg D'Amico, Chair, Downtown Business Improvement Association
Dave Alexander, Resident

Mayor Forster called the General Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: NIL



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2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Councillor Irvine disclosed an interest in the matter of Item 01-22 – Traffic & Parking and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon as he owns property downtown.

Councillor Mastroianni disclosed an interest in the matter of Item 0-1-22 – Traffic & Parking and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon as he owns property downtown.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF May 28, 2002

Moved by Councillor Dzugan that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of May 28, 2002 be and the same are hereby approved and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

(A) OPERATIONAL SERVICES - Councillor Beaudoin, Chair

Parking Department

01-22 – Staff Comments on Survey, Welland Downtown Improvement Area, Latis Research Consultants, Conversion of East Main Street, Division Street to Two-Way Operation (TRAF 2002-07)

Mr. Palomba and Mr. Cook were available to answer Councillors questions. During discussions, the following was presented:

- Cost to City to convert to a 2-way street in downtown area is estimated at \$250,000 for maintenance of Division Street Bridge and roadways and \$900,000 for signal lights. This does not include replacing 'deck' on Division Street Bridge in 2003 or 2004.
- Conversion of East Main Street and Division Street to 2-way traffic would result in the loss of on-street parking to accommodate turning lanes
- Installing appropriate parking meters/machines could be incorporated over a 3 or 4 year period
- If 2-way traffic were established, the Region would likely transfer jurisdiction of Division Street to City including the Division Street Bridge
- The City should approach Region to reduce speed on East Main Street and Division Street as part of new 'Traffic Signal System'
- Initiating a 2-way street would become confusing to residents



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- The City should approach Region to assist with construction of a new north-south arterial road to alleviate congestion
- Try to make downtown area pedestrian friendly through 'Street Scaping'
- The City should apply for Superbuild Funding as Region has stated 25% of Superbuild Fund will be used towards Smart Growth

Moved by Councillor O'Dell

1. That the Region of Niagara be advised that Welland Council support the recommendations for the upgrading of Traffic Signal Systems, Intersection Improvements, etc., in the East Main Street - Division Street Corridor between Wellington Street and Prince Charles Drive as outlined in the City of Welland Transportation Planning Study dated April 2001, including the continued operation of East Main Street between Burgar Street and Niagara Street and Division Street between Niagara Street and East Main Street as a 'one-way pair'.
2. That the General Manager Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services be requested to enter into discussions with Regional Niagara to ensure that improvements to traffic control systems, intersection improvements, etc., as may be required, are commenced and co-ordinated with City of Welland; and
3. That staff prepare a report with respect to calming traffic on East Main and Division Streets.

CARRIED

01-22 – Parking Equipment, Status Report (TRAF-2001-28)

Council has directed Staff to prepare a report with recommendations to the following principles:

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| 1. Treat Downtown different from other areas of the City? | YES |
| 2. Paid vs No Payment for off street parking | |
| ✍ Free off street parking | NO |
| 3. Parking meters in front of City Hall | |
| ✍ Remove the meters | YES |
| 4. Free Parking on Street? | NO |
| 5. Variable lengths in specific areas. | YES |
| 6. Pay machines in parking lots (off street) - show costs to replace meters versus replacing machines. | YES |



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| 7. More enforcement for fire lanes and handicap spaces?
✍ off hours to enforce winter plowing
and summer parks surveillance | YES |
| 8. Fee Differential On to Off Street (\$1.50 downtown) | YES |
| 9. Residential Permit Parking. | EXPLORE |

(DIRECTION)

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NIL

6. DELEGATIONS: NIL

7. STAFF REPORTS:

(A) COMMUNITY SERVICES - Councillor Irvine, Chair

Public Works Division

02-9 – Proposal for Streetlighting – Moyer Road @ Carl Road
(ENG-2002-30)

Moved by Councillor Irvine

That the request from Ms. Patricia F. Wheaton for the installation of a streetlight onto an existing hydro pole at the northeast corner of Moyer Road and Carl Road be approved and that the estimated expenditure of \$3,277.97 as outlined in REPORT ENG-2002-29 be funded from the approved 2002 Current Budget.

CARRIED



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02-9 – Proposal for Streetlighting – Moyer Road @ Biggar Road (ENG-2002-30)

Moved by Councillor Irvine

That the request from Mr. & Mrs. Brown for the installation of a streetlight onto an existing hydro pole at the northeast corner of Moyer Road and Biggar Road be approved and that the estimated expenditure of \$850 as outlined in REPORT ENG-2002-30 be funded from the approved 2002 Current Budget.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) COMMUNITY SERVICES

01-108 - Downtown Revitalization

T. Fitzpatrick informed Council that a meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2002 to discuss the City's Official Plan amendment for downtown and Council's concerns regarding traffic and parking issues will be revisited.

Council was informed that street line painting has been delayed due to equipment failure.

9. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.