

TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

November 9, 2011

Niagara College, Welland Campus

Members Present: Pat Chiocchio, Chairperson M. Mantesso
Mayor Barry Sharpe D. Neufeld
Councillor M. Carl D. Saint-Laurent
T. DiMarco Collin Stachura
R. DiFelice Constable S. McCurdy
M. Mantesso M. Agnew
D. Sauder Janice Tallis

Others Present : Gokul Kalaimani, Director of Media, N.C. Welland Campus, T. Sliwinski,
Parking & Traffic, Constable D. Watson

Regrets: C. Mintoff, B. Costantini, R. Bissonnette, D. Ferguson, R. Goupil, B. Chiki,
C. Gadula

1. Pat Chiocchio, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Additions or Deletions from the Agenda**
Addition – Berm Update
Addition – Traffic Issues/Patterns
Moved By: Collin Stachura
Seconded By: Diane Sauder
Approved
3. **Approval of the Minutes – September 14, 2011**
Moved by M. Carl
Seconded by D. St. Laurent
Approved
4. **New Business**
- 4.1 **Report from the Traffic and Parking Sub-Committee**
 - The second round of parking surveys were distributed, as follows:
281 surveys out
97 surveys returned
% returned - (33%)
Parking Survey Return Date – November 15th
 - The parking sub-committee will be meeting on November 16, 2011 to go over the results and make recommendations to the Town and Gown Committee (Dec 14, 2011) on any parking restrictions required.
 - Not all committee members were in favour of mail-in surveys as they felt the feel-good-response comes from people who do not have parking issues because they do not have parking on their side of the street
 - It was felt that there have been fewer complaints since the last survey which could be because more students are using u-passes and the seaway mall bus service
 - T. DiMarco stated that he observed the parking lots, farthest from the college, were empty (west side of college)
 - M. Carl stated that surveys are good to show streets that have issues
 - M. Carl stated that the Sub-Committee should meet, make recommendations and take the recommendations to City Council for final approval.
 - It was stated that there has not been a Traffic and Parking Sub-Committee meeting since the surveys were sent out
- 4.2 **Report – Waste Management Sub-Committee**
 - No meeting to report.
 - It was agreed that The Waste Management Sub-Committee be changed to the **Housing Sub-Committee**, which better relates to all aspects of property standards, not just waste.

4.3 Review of survey results

Dealt with previously in 4.1

5. Other Business

- 5.1 An update of the parking survey (sent out and returned) ...college to absorb the \$15 for residence parking permit
- 5.2 Once again complaints from residents about the noise after kids leaving the bars and walking through our subdivision
- The rowdy behaviour of some students walking through the subdivision after leaving bars/parties was discussed. C. Stachura stated that those students should be arrested, but, that not all of the students walking are causing problems.
 - It was pointed out by C. Sachura that campus security is only effective on the grounds of the college
 - Pat informed the committee that he did a drive around one evening with the NRP.
 - D. St. Laurent stated that charges should be made against landlords who do not control the students they rent to.
 - It was pointed out that in London, Ontario, if one student in the house gets arrested, everyone gets evicted as the landlord is held accountable.
 - Constable Watson stated that in Waterloo, there are 30,000 students and 850 tickets were issued in the first month. There is 0 tolerance, i.e., nuisance bylaw, urinating (big fine). However, the courts lessen the fines.
 - T. Slwinski and D. Watson will get together to check the short form wording of the by-law and will return to the Housing Sub-Committee with a clear direction as to where the NRP is going.
 - Constable Watson stated that there are not as many complaints called in as there might be, therefore, statistics are not accurate.
 - Constable Watson will work with Dan and the Housing Sub-Committee to see what other college towns have done, i.e., smaller retribution.
 - D. Sauder stated that residents are probably not calling in to complain because of fear of retaliation.
 - Students and residents need to be educated.
- 5.3 Radar last week at Woodlawn and Trelawn ... 5 cruisers and 7 or 8 cops couldn't keep up... mostly students and traffic conditions around the college in general.
- 5.4 Have pictures of empty parking lots on west side of college from this morning (kids don't want to pay)
- Discussed previously – 4.1
- 5.5 Speed monitor report (we have the results of Trelawn)
- Highest speed (Trelawn) – 61 km
 - Average speed – 33 km
 - Out of 48 vehicles, 8 went over 50 km
- 5.6 Students walking on Quaker Road (understand they live at Days Inn)... very dangerous.
- Short discussion took place on the dangers of the students, who presumably live at the Days Inn on Niagara Street, walking along Quaker Road. It is dangerous with little place to walk. Sidewalks along Quaker Road will be brought up at the Budget Review and placed in the 10-year plan.
 - M. Carl expressed concern that rural roads are now not meeting needs of residents.
- 5.7 Student housing living with families...are these people screened before they are given an international student visa. (**clarification** – should read – student housing living with families...are the families screened before they are given an international student.
- Gokul Kalaimani, Director of Media, (International Student) commented and stated that, due to the number of students, students are not screened as far as genre, age, etc. prior to being placed in a particular residence.

Additions to the Agenda**Berm Update**

- Located – Northern part of Niagara College – Behind the residence and continues half-way through college property
- Complaints from residents that the berm is not being maintained:
 - Eye Sore
 - Different than rest of Niagara College landscaping
- Residents are petitioning
- College says “Sorry” but no changes will be made
- College says to wait until trees grow in

Traffic Issues/Patterns

- Affects residents who live east of the college
- Getting in and out of the area is difficult
- Residents are complaining
- Traffic Light priorities:
 - 2011 – Lincoln and Coventry
 - 2012 – Woodgate and First Avenue
- It was suggested that a traffic study should be requested by the Region

Miscellaneous

It was agreed that the Waste Management Sub-Committee, renamed – Housing Sub-Committee, will meet every month and report back, with recommendations, to the T & G Committee. The next meeting of the Housing Sub-Committee will be held on November 16th at 9:00 p.m.

It was agreed that after the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 14, the T & G Committee will begin meeting every three months, with the first meeting of 2012 scheduled for March 14th.

M. Agnew gave a brief presentation on the decision handed down by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice between the London Property Management Association and The Corporation of the City of London to provide for the licensing and regulation of residential rental writs in the City (the "Licensing By-law"). Mike will provide a copy of the document to C. Mintoff who will email it to all committee members.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Niagara College

P. Chioccio adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.