

# Civic Works Committee

## Report

The 9th Meeting of the Civic Works Committee  
June 22, 2021

PRESENT: Councillors E. Pelozza (Chair), J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner

ABSENT: Mayor E. Holder

ALSO PRESENT: A. Pascual and M. Ribera

Remote Attendance: Councillor S. Hillier; G. Belch, G. Dales, J. Dann, P. Kavcic, S. Maguire, S. Mathers, J. Parsons, A. Rammeloo, J. Raycroft, A. Rozentals, K. Scherr, J. Stanford, and B. Westlake-Power.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM with Councillor E. Pelozza in the Chair; it being noted that the following Members were in remote attendance: Councillors M. Cassidy, J. Helmer, S. Turner, and P. Van Meerbergen.

### 1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### 2. Consent

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
Seconded by: J. Helmer

That Items 2.1 to 2.13, inclusive, BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (5): E. Pelozza, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Turner

Absent: (1): E. Holder

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

#### 2.1 5th Report of the Transportation Advisory Committee

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
Seconded by: J. Helmer

That the 5th Report of the Transportation Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on May 25, 2021, BE RECEIVED.

**Motion Passed**

#### 2.2 Appointment of Consulting Engineer for the Mud Creek Phase 2 Detailed Design

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the appointment of consulting services for the Mud Creek Phase 2 project:

- a) AECOM Canada Ltd. BE APPOINTED consulting engineers to complete the detailed design for the Mud Creek Phase 2 project, in accordance with the estimate on file, at an upset amount of \$564,198.00 (including contingency), excluding HST, in accordance with Section 15.2 (e) of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report as appended to the above-noted staff report;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- d) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract; and,
- e) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2021-T06)

**Motion Passed**

2.3 Pottersburg Sanitary Trunk Sewer Re-Alignment Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Completion

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
 Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the Pottersburg Sanitary Trunk Sewer Re-Alignment Environmental Assessment:

- a) the Pottersburg Sanitary Trunk Sewer Re-Alignment Environmental Assessment Executive Summary, as appended to the above-noted staff report, BE ACCEPTED;
- b) a Notice of Completion BE FILED with the Municipal Clerk; and,
- c) the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Schedule B Project File for the Pottersburg Sanitary Trunk Sewer Re-Alignment BE PLACED on public record for a 30-day review period. (2021-E05)

**Motion Passed**

2.4 Contract Award: Tender RFT21-68 - Mud Creek Flood Reduction and Channel Rehabilitation Phase 1b

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
 Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the award of contract for the Mud Creek Flood Reduction and Channel Rehabilitation Phase 1b Project:

- a) the bid submitted by J-AAR Excavating Limited at its tendered price of \$3,556,553.50, excluding HST, for the Mud Creek Flood Reduction and Channel Rehabilitation Phase 1b Project, BE ACCEPTED; it being noted that the bid submitted by J-AAR Excavating Limited was the lowest of five bids received and meets the City's specifications and requirements in all areas;
- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report as appended to the above-noted staff report;

- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- d) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract, or issuing a purchase order for the material to be supplied and the work to be done, relating to this project (Tender RFT21-68); and,
- e) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2021-T06)

**Motion Passed**

2.5 Appointment of Consulting Engineer for the Dingman Creek Subwatershed Stage 2 Lands: Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
 Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the appointment of consulting services for the Dingman Creek Subwatershed Stage 2 Lands Municipal Class Environmental Assessment project:

- a) Kontzamanis Graumann Smith MacMillan Inc. BE APPOINTED consulting engineers to complete the detailed design for the Dingman Creek Stage 2 EA project, in accordance with the estimate on file, at an upset amount of \$698,529.20 (including contingency), excluding HST, in accordance with Section 15.2 (e) of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report as appended to the above-noted staff report;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- d) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract; and
- e) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2021-E21)

**Motion Passed**

2.6 Appointment of Consulting Engineers for the Infrastructure Renewal Program

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
 Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the appointment of consulting engineers for the Infrastructure Renewal Program:

- a) the following consulting engineers BE APPOINTED to carry out consulting services for the identified Infrastructure Renewal Program funded projects, at the upset amounts identified below, in accordance with

the estimate on file, and in accordance with Section 15.2 (e) of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy:

- i) Stantec Consulting Ltd. BE APPOINTED consulting engineers to complete the pre-design, detailed design and construction administration of Assignment B, Victoria Street Reconstruction from west limit to Lombardo Avenue and Victoria Street Pumping Station Replacement, in the total amount of \$504,180.60 (including contingency), excluding HST;
- ii) Archibald, Gray and McKay Engineering Ltd. (AGM) BE APPOINTED consulting engineers to complete the pre-design and detailed design of Assignment G, Quebec Street Reconstruction Phase 1 from Oxford Street East to the CP railway tracks in the total amount of \$418,000.00 (including contingency), excluding HST;
- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report as appended to the above-noted staff report;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- d) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract; and
- e) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2021-T04)

**Motion Passed**

## 2.7 Appointment of Consulting Engineering - Hyde Park Pumping Station Upgrades

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the appointment of consulting services for the detailed design and contract administration of the Hyde Park Pumping Station Upgrades project:

- a) the proposal submitted by AECOM Canada Ltd., 410-250 York Street, Citi Plaza, London, Ontario N6A 6K2, in the amount of \$130,456.00, including contingency in the amount of \$20,000.00, excluding HST, BE AWARDED in accordance with Section 15.2 (d) of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report as appended to the above-noted staff report;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project; and,
- d) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2021-E03)

**Motion Passed**

2.8 Arva-Huron Water Transmission Main Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan - Notice of Completion

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the Arva-Huron Water Transmission Main Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan:

- a) the Arva-Huron Water Transmission Main Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan Executive Summary, as appended to the above-noted staff report, BE ACCEPTED;
- b) a Notice of Completion BE FILED with the Municipal Clerk; and,
- c) the Project File for the Arva Pumping Station to Huron Street Water Transmission Main Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan BE PLACED on public record for a 45-day review period. (2021-E05/E08)

**Motion Passed**

2.9 Waterloo and Piccadilly Area Traffic Study Recommendations

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the Waterloo and Piccadilly Area Traffic Study:

- a) the above-noted staff report BE RECEIVED;
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to implement the improvements within the Piccadilly Area Neighbourhood as set out in Section 2.4 of the above-noted staff report;
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to consider the recommendations of the study as part of any future planning applications for non-residential uses in the study area; and,
- d) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to continue to monitor the study area as identified the above-noted staff report; it being noted that the communication, as appended to the added agenda, from C. Butler with respect to this matter, was received. (2021-T08)

**Motion Passed**

2.10 2021 Large Diameter Watermain Inspection Phase 2

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the Large Diameter Watermain Inspection Phase 2:

- a) the contract value for Pure Technologies Ltd., 3rd Floor, 705-11 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2R 0E3, in the amount of \$582,867.00, excluding HST, BE APPROVED, in accordance with Section 14.4 (e) of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;

- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report as appended to the above-noted staff report;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project; and,
- d) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2021-E08)

**Motion Passed**

2.11 2021 At-Grade Rail Crossing Improvements RFT 21-54 - Irregular Result

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the tender RFT21-54, 2021 At-Grade Rail Crossing Improvements:

- a) the irregular bid submitted by Dufferin Construction Company, a division of CRH Canada Group Inc., at its tendered price of \$489,889.20, excluding HST, BE ACCEPTED in accordance with Section 8.10 (b) and Section 13.2 (b) of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the financing for this work BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report as appended to the above-noted staff report;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary, to give effect to these recommendations; and,
- d) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, as required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2021-T10)

**Motion Passed**

2.12 Single Source Additional Ravo Street Sweeper

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the single source additional Ravo street sweeper purchase:

- a) the Single Source negotiated price BE ACCEPTED to purchase one (1) 2018 Ravo 5 iSeries Vacuum Street Sweeper for a total estimated price of \$239,333.00, excluding HST, from Cubex Ltd., 189 Garden Avenue, Brantford, Ontario N3S 0A7;
- b) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with these purchases;
- c) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract or having a purchase order, or contract record relating to the above-noted matter, in accordance with Section 14.4 (d) and Section 14.5 (a) (ii) of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy; and,

d) the funding for this purchase BE APPROVED as set out in the Source of Financing Report as appended to the above-noted staff report. (2021-V00)

**Motion Passed**

2.13 RFP 21-33 Supply and Delivery of CNG Front Loading Waste Disposal Trucks

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: J. Helmer

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated June 22, 2021, related to the supply and delivery of CNG Front Loading Waste Disposal Trucks:

- a) the submission from Vision Truck Group, for the supply and delivery of two (2) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Front Loading Waste Disposal Trucks at a total purchase price of \$811,970.00, excluding HST, BE ACCEPTED, in accordance with Section 12.2 (b) of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with these purchases;
- c) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract or having a purchase order, or contract record relating to the above-noted matter; and,
- d) the funding for this purchase BE APPROVED as set out in the Source of Financing Report as appended to the above-noted staff report. (2021-V00)

**Motion Passed**

**3. Scheduled Items**

None.

**4. Items for Direction**

None.

**5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

Moved by: S. Turner

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

That Items 5.1 and 5.2 BE APPROVED.

**Motion Passed**

5.1 Deferred Matters List

That the Civic Works Committee Deferred Matters List as at June 14, 2021, BE RECEIVED.

**Motion Passed**

5.2 (ADDED) 5th Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 5th Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on June 16, 2021:

- a) the attached Sub-Committee Report related to the Draft Masonville Secondary Plan, BE FORWARDED to Civic Administration for consideration; and,
- b) clauses 1.1 to 3.8 and 5.1 to 6.1, BE RECEIVED.

**Motion Passed**

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.

## **Concerns with the Draft Masonville Secondary Plan**

### **Vision and Principles**

We greatly appreciate the Vision and Principles underpinning the draft Masonville Secondary Plan. The idea of an “exceptionally designed” neighborhood balancing recreation and living spaces with shopping and working spaces is quite appealing and we greatly value convenient access to quality public transit. We are disappointed that the vision is not for “safe and convenient” access to public transit.

The most relevant principles for us are Principle 1: Build a connected community that encourages transit use and active transportation and Principle 3: Develop a pedestrian-oriented environment that is safe, comfortable, and animated at street level. We applaud the focus on—and prioritization of—active transportation and a pedestrian-oriented environment at street level. We are concerned about the lack of explicit mention that these principles extend to all users—regardless of age or ability—and that design features promote accessibility for all.

What we are most concerned about here is that we fail to see how these principles are actually providing guidance for the development of this draft Secondary Plan and the General Policies being offered through it. It is well-established—and this group has emphasized it many times—that a key element in prioritizing active transportation is designing road infrastructure around the concerns of the so-called Portland 60, the approximately 60% of road users who are “interested but concerned” about cycling within the urban environment. Their concerns are generally automotive density, speed, and proximity and they generally rate their comfort level and willingness to cycle according to the “weakest link” in their route. For example, a single, complicated and busy intersection where they are forced share the traffic flow with automobiles or are menaced by turning automobiles or being required to ride a single block along a busy, fast multilane street (or turn left off of) is often enough to dissuade them from riding at all regardless of how comfortable they are with the rest of the route.

The “gold standard” design that allows everyone regardless of age or ability to be comfortable cycling is a cycling track that is physically separated from non-cycling road users connecting them with their final destinations. Ideally, each of the major neighborhood destinations (transit hub, Farmers Market locations, primary retail spaces, and significant employers) would have such cycle tracks radiating outward from them. We, however, see no evidence of recommendations or plans for including such road infrastructure in any sections of this in the Masonville Secondary Plan. Indeed, it does not seem that there are any plans to provide streets prioritized in Schedule 5 of the Secondary Plan with painted bike lanes or signage. Given the benefits that cycling infrastructure has been shown to bring to retail districts, we want to emphasize the need to have physically protected, separated cycling infrastructure along with greatly decreased speed limits where such infrastructure cannot be built.

The prioritized streets in Schedule 5 also involved several complicated intersections crossing multiple-lane, high-speed streets with poor sightlines for automobile drivers and cyclists alike. There is no evidence of improvements such as cycling friendly signals or painted lanes through the intersections on Fanshawe or Richmond.

The absence of any real improvements to street infrastructure for cycling users is inconsistent with a prioritization of active transportation, an “exceptionally designed” environment, and valuing safe and accessible access for riders of all ages and abilities.

We also have some concerns with the planned use for private streets. In particular, we are unsure how private owners will be required to “implement the concepts of ‘complete streets’.” More information for how this would be handled and what timelines and resulting road infrastructure would be helpful. We would expect the results to be comparable to the road infrastructure and usability of the public roads. We are also concerned about how the enforcement of traffic laws (such as no parking/no stopping laws, especially where cyclists’ movements are impacted) will be conducted on private streets and the implications for incidents of road violence. We’ve seen at Dundas Place the issues that arise when new road or traffic regulations are placed without any plan for enforcement or educating drivers. We would like to hear more about this and the implications for cyclists being directed to use those streets as thoroughfares.

We are also hoping for clarification on the point that “sidewalks should be separated from the travelled portion of private streets by a buffer area comprised of landscaping, on-street parking areas and/or cycle lanes.” We hope that cycle lanes—and the cyclists who use them are not being looked at as a buffer between cars and pedestrians.

Though “on-street parking may be provided along public and private streets . . . where it does not conflict with pedestrian priority or constrain transit operation,” we are concerned that there is no mention of also prioritizing cyclist safety over on-street parking, especially considering the safety concerns that arise when cars need to cross over bike lanes to park and when car doors are being opened into bike lanes.