

Present: Mayor Mitchell (left at 10:57 p.m.)
Councillor Alexander
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Newman
Councillor Roy
Councillor Shahid
Councillor Yamada

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and By-law Services/Town Solicitor
K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer
T. Painchaud, Manager of Transportation
J. Romano, Acting Commissioner of Community Services
H. Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
C. Harris, Town Clerk
S. Dave, Legislative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Call to Order

Call of the Roll: The Clerk

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Mitchell declared a pecuniary interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act regarding Item 5.7, District Energy North Whitby Recreation Centre and Lakeridge Health Precinct, as the property under discussion abuts or sits upon a portion of 5455 Ashburn Road, a property that is owned by Mayor Mitchell and his family. Mayor Mitchell left the meeting during the discussion and voting of this matter.

General Government

Chair Yamada assumed the Chair.

1. Presentations

1.1 There were no presentations.

2. Delegations

2.1 Brian Currie

Public Works Department Report, PW 25-19

Re: Update to Traffic By-Law 1862- 85, Schedule A - No Stopping

Refer to Item 4.5, PW 25-19

Brian Currie, 19 Nathan Avenue, appeared before the Committee and advised that he and his neighbours were in support of the recommendation, but they were requesting that the No Parking Zone be extended on both sides of Nathan Avenue to St. Augustine Drive. Mr. Currie was also concerned about the path on the south side, leading to the school, as it was currently not regularly plowed in the winter and was hazardous as a result. He requested that the path be extended from the sidewalk to the curb, and be maintained by the Town. He further requested that the speed limit on Nathan Avenue be reduced from 50 km/hour to 40 km/hour for safety reasons.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Mr. Currie with respect to the location of the path that is currently not maintained by the Town or the school staff, and reasons for reducing speed in the area.

2.2 Gerald Foley

Public Works Department Report, PW 25-19

Re: Update to Traffic By-Law 1862- 85, Schedule A - No Stopping

Refer to Item 4.5, PW 25-19

Gerald Foley, 28 Nathan Avenue, appeared before the Committee and advised that due to the location of his property, he and his neighbours had visibility and sightline issues as a result of the number of cars parked on the street in front of their homes. He requested that members of the Committee consider extending the No Parking Zone on Nathan Avenue to St. Augustine Drive.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 4.5, PW 25-19, at this time.

- 2.3** Mamta Shukla
Public Works Department Report, PW 23-19
Re: Update to Traffic By-Law 1862-85, Schedule N

Refer to Item 4.3, PW 23-19

Mamta Shukla, 32 Promenade Drive, appeared before the Committee and raised concerns with respect to Item 2 of the recommendation, that is the All-way stop control to be installed at the intersection of Promenade Drive and Debosky Court. She advised that the stop sign would be located directly in front of her property, which would limit her access to her driveway, increase the noise level near her property as well as raise emission levels due to cars stopping. She further advised that she did not have a lot of time to review the report, and was not aware of any other interventions that had been considered, such as lowering the speed limit on Promenade Drive, prior to considering a stop sign in front of her property. Due to the heavy traffic on Promenade Drive, she suggested lowering the speed limits in order to mitigate the visibility and access issues for the residents of Debosky Court.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Alexander

That the rules of procedure be suspended to allow the delegation to exceed the five minute speaking limit.

Carried

Ms. Shukla further inquired about the level of consideration that had been given to decreasing speed limits in the area, or installing speed bumps to mitigate traffic, prior to installing the stop sign. She requested that Staff take time to review all possible interventions prior to making a decision on what needed to be done.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Ms. Shukla regarding traffic and speed issues in the area.

It was the consensus of Committee to move to Item 4.3, PW 23-19, at

this time.

3. Correspondence

3.1 Memorandum from C. Harris, Town Clerk dated August 30, 2019 regarding the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee's 2019-2022 Work Plan

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Shahid

That the 2019-2022 Work Plan for the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee be received for information.

Carried

4. Staff Reports

4.1 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 24-19
Re: Growing Resilience: Durham Region Agricultural Sector Climate Adaptation Strategy

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- Details on the financial funding available to implement the facets of the strategy;
- How the strategy could be implemented without securing all of the financial funding first; and
- Details on the percentage of lands zoned agricultural but identified for future development.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That "Growing Resilience: Durham Region Agricultural Sector Climate Adaptation Strategy" dated April 2019 (Attachment #1) be endorsed in principle; and,
2. That Town Staff be authorized to support the objectives of the Durham Region Agricultural Sector Climate Adaptation Strategy and bring forward for Council consideration and direction any actions required for implementation that affect the Town of Whitby.

Carried

4.2 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 25-19
Re: Commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM)

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- The current inventory of GHG emissions in place, the types of resources employed to collect and accurately measure GHG emissions, and whether those resources could be improved;
- The importance of addressing the issue of GHG emissions and their impact on climate change as a community;
- Linking the need for enhancing Durham Region Transit (DRT) as a way to improve GHG emissions and reduce the impact on the environment;
- Reporting back to ward councillors on what the Region is doing with respect to reducing DRT's carbon footprint;
- Whether any concrete actionable items for reducing GHGs would be included in 2020 budget;
- The possibility of having a regional representative of Transit provide a high level overview of transit issues, current programming for reducing GHGs including the number of electric vehicles and route changes, and other interventions, to Council;
- Circulating the report to all candidates in the federal election as well as provincial and federal representatives in parliament.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Alexander

1. That Council endorse in principle the commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), including pledging to reduce and avoid GHG emissions, prepare for the impacts of Climate Change, increase access to sustainable energy, and track progress towards these objectives; and,
2. That the Mayor of Whitby endorse the Global Covenant of Mayors on behalf of Council.

Carried later in the meeting [See following motion]

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

That the main motion be amended by adding the following as Item 3:
3. That the Clerk be directed to circulate this resolution and a copy of Report CAO 25-19 to the Region of Durham, Whitby's M.P. and M.P.P and all major party candidates for Whitby in the upcoming federal election.

Carried

The main motion as amended, was then carried as follows:

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Alexander

1. That Council endorse in principle the commitment to the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), including pledging to reduce and avoid GHG emissions, prepare for the impacts of Climate Change, increase access to sustainable energy, and track progress towards these objectives;
2. That the Mayor of Whitby endorse the Global Covenant of Mayors on behalf of Council; and
3. That the Clerk be directed to circulate this resolution and a copy of Report CAO 25-19 to the Region of Durham, Whitby's M.P. and M.P.P and all major party candidates for Whitby in the upcoming federal election.

Carried

4.3 Public Works Department Report, PW 23-19
Re: Update to Traffic By-Law 1862- 85, Schedule N

A detailed question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- Details of the initial request to mitigate traffic issues in this area and the reasoning for installing the All-way stop control as a traffic calming measure;
- Whether residents had been consulted in the type of traffic calming measures that were being proposed, and the value in doing so;
- Reviewing other speed and traffic calming measures such as pedestrian crossovers, bollards, speed bumps, and lowering the speed limit prior to installing an All-way stop control;
- Location of the stop signs in the area;

- The level of liability for the Town in the event that the stop sign is not installed and an accident occurs in the area;
- The potential for noise level increases as a result of installing stop signs in this area;
- Whether pilot programs for traffic calming such as the one on Scott Street have been conducted in other areas, and the value of doing so;
- How much lower would speed limits have to be in order to make this intersection safe for residents; and
- The timeframe for reporting back, should the report be referred.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Promenade Drive and Rushlands Crescent/Sandgate Street;
2. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Promenade Drive and Debosky Court;
3. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Bradley Drive and Robinson Crescent/Evensong Drive;
4. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Bassett Boulevard and Stargell Drive;
5. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Winterberry Drive and Fencerow Drive;
6. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Michael Boulevard and Calais Street;
7. That the cost for signage and installation, in the order of \$18,000, be funded from the Public Works Traffic and Transportation Capital Account, for the installation of additional stop signs, pavement markings and temporary advance stop ahead warning signage;
8. That Council authorize the Clerk to bring forward the necessary By-law amendment to Traffic By-law 1862-85, for Council approval; and,
9. That a copy of the Report PW 23-19 be provided to the Durham Regional Police Service.

See following motions

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Roy

That the main recommendation be divided to consider Items 1 and 2 as a separate motion.

Carried

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

3. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Bradley Drive and Robinson Crescent/Evensong Drive;
4. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Bassett Boulevard and Stargell Drive;
5. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Winterberry Drive and Fencerow Drive;
6. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Michael Boulevard and Calais Street;
7. That the cost for signage and installation, in the order of \$18,000, be funded from the Public Works Traffic and Transportation Capital Account, for the installation of additional stop signs, pavement markings and temporary advance stop ahead warning signage;
8. That Council authorize the Clerk to bring forward the necessary By-law amendment to Traffic By-law 1862-85, for Council approval; and,
9. That a copy of the Report PW 23-19 be provided to the Durham Regional Police Service.

Carried

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Promenade Drive and Rushlands Crescent/Sandgate Street;
2. That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Promenade Drive and Debosky Court;

The disposition of this matter, Items 1 and 2 of Item 4.3, was determined through the referral motion below.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Roy

That Items 1 and 2 of the main motion be referred to Staff to be incorporated into the traffic calming study for Promenade Drive and Robert Attersley Drive and brought back to Committee for consideration in fall 2019.

Carried

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 3.1, Memorandum from C. Harris, Town Clerk, at this time.

4.4 Public Works Department Report, PW 24-19
Re: Community Safety Zone, EA Fairman Public School

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- Options for the Town to ensure that fines would be doubled in community safety zones;
- The need to review community safety zones near other schools that are not on the list;
- Whether automated speeding enforcement around schools would equate it to becoming a community safety zone; and
- The timeline for direction from the Province on this matter.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Alexander

1. That Council approves the Community Safety Zones for EA Fairman Public School as identified in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2;
2. That Council authorize an expenditure of \$2,000 to be funded from the Public Works Traffic and Transportation Capital Account, for the installation of Community Safety Zones signage;
3. That Traffic By-law 1862-85 be amended to alphabetically incorporate the proposed changes to Schedule W: Community Safety Zones;
4. That Council authorize the Clerk to bring forward the necessary By-law amendment regarding Community Safety Zones on Town of Whitby roadways; and,
5. That the Public Works Report PW 24-19 regarding designation of Community Safety Zones in the vicinity of EA Fairman Public School be forwarded to the administration of EA Fairman Public School, the Durham District School Board, Durham Regional

Police Service and Durham Student Transportation Services for their information and action.

Carried

4.5 Public Works Department Report, PW 25-19
Re: Update to Traffic By-Law 1862- 85, Schedule A - No Stopping

A detailed question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- Reporting back on No Stopping/No Parking restrictions, sightline, safety and visibility issues on streets surrounding other schools in Whitby;
- List of schools that have No Stopping restrictions in Whitby;
- Reporting back on snow clearing on critical pathways near the school, as well as reducing the speed on Nathan Avenue;
- Liability issues around clearing certain portions of the path when the school board would not be clearing the sections that were their property;
- Provincial guidelines for reducing speeds on residential streets located near schools, and options for the Town to reduce the speed in certain areas; and
- Reporting back to Committee via memo on reviewing the options for reducing the speed near schools in the area.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Lee

1. Update Schedule A of the Traffic By-law 1862-85, No Stopping restrictions (August to June, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 9:00am, 11:15am to 12:25pm and 3:00pm to 4:00pm) on both sides of Nathan Avenue between 30m east of the pedestrian walkway to 30m west of the pedestrian walkway leading to Winchester Public School;
2. That the cost for signage and installation, in the order of \$2,500, be funded from the Public Works Traffic and Transportation Capital Account;
3. That Council authorize the Clerk to bring forward the necessary By-law amendment to Traffic By-law 1862-85, for Council approval; and,
4. That the Clerk be authorized to forward Report PW 25-19 to Winchester Public School, the Durham District School Board, Durham Student Transportation Services and Durham Region

Police Service for their information.

Carried later in the meeting [See following motion]

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Lee

That Item 1 of the main motion be amended to read as follows:

1. Update Schedule A of the Traffic By-law 1862-85, No Stopping restrictions (August to June, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) on both sides of Nathan Avenue between 30m east of the pedestrian walkway leading to Winchester Public School and St. Augustine Drive.

Carried

The main motion, as amended, was then carried as follows:

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Lee

1. Update Schedule A of the Traffic By-law 1862-85, No Stopping restrictions (August to June, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) on both sides of Nathan Avenue between 30m east of the pedestrian walkway leading to Winchester Public School and St. Augustine Drive;
2. That the cost for signage and installation, in the order of \$2,500, be funded from the Public Works Traffic and Transportation Capital Account;
3. That Council authorize the Clerk to bring forward the necessary By-law amendment to Traffic By-law 1862-85, for Council approval; and,
4. That the Clerk be authorized to forward Report PW 25-19 to Winchester Public School, the Durham District School Board, Durham Student Transportation Services and Durham Region Police Service for their information.

Carried

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 2.3, Delegations, at

this time.

4.6 Office of the Town Clerk Report, CLK 09-19

Re: Committee of the Whole Pilot Update and 2020 Committee, Council, and Public Meetings Schedule

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- Potentially receiving feedback from the consultant organizing the upcoming Council workshop prior to making a decision on this structure;
- Whether the schedule as proposed would allow sufficient time to complete Town business; and
- Whether another full or half cycle could be added to the schedule to allow for more items to be brought to Council for consideration.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

1. That Council adopt the Committee of the Whole Standing Committee structure of Council going forward; and,
2. That Council adopt the Standing Committee, Council, and Public Meetings schedule for 2020 as shown in Attachment 1.

Carried later in the meeting [See following motion]

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Roy

That Item 2 of the main motion be amended to read as follows:

2. That Council adopt the Standing Committee, Council and Public Meetings schedule for 2020 as shown in Attachment 1, save and except that the December 14th Committee of the Whole meeting be eliminated and the December 21st Council meeting advanced to December 14th.

Carried

The main motion, as amended, was then carried as follows:

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

1. That Council adopt the Committee of the Whole Standing Committee structure of Council going forward; and,
2. That Council adopt the Standing Committee, Council and Public Meetings schedule for 2020 as shown in Attachment 1, save and except that the December 14th Committee of the Whole meeting be eliminated and the December 21st Council meeting advanced to December 14th.

Carried

4.7 Office of the Town Clerk Report, CLK 10-19
Re: Enhanced Live Streaming – Council Chambers

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- The number of requests received for enhanced video viewing;
- The capabilities of the current system and whether that could be enhanced as opposed to purchasing new automated equipment;
- Whether other Durham municipalities were also considering such enhanced capabilities for livestream and archived viewing;
- The level of automation of the proposed equipment and operational costs; and
- Other possible solutions that were less expensive.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That Council endorse in principal enhanced live streaming in the Council Chambers; and,
2. That funding for enhanced live streaming equipment in the amount of \$70,000 be referred to the 2020 budget for consideration.

Note: The disposition of this matter, Item 4.7 was determined through the referral motion below.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Shahid

That CLK 10-19 be referred to staff to investigate enhancements for the

existing system or less expensive options.

Carried

4.8 Office of the Town Clerk Report, CLK 11-19
Re: 2022 Municipal Election - Method of Voting

Detailed discussion ensued between Members of Council with respect to:

- The possibility of incorporating internet voting as a method of voting after its success in the 2016 Whitby North Ward 1 By-election, as well as its adoption by other Durham municipalities such as Pickering;
- The issues with internet voting in 2018 being attributed to human error as opposed to a failure of the system;
- The importance of having a secure, accessible electoral process that is free from outside intervention;
- Conducting consultations with the broader public as well as advisory groups on their preferred methods of voting and reporting back to Council prior to making a decision on the method of voting;
- The correlation between voter turnout and internet voting;
- Budget implications for having a hybrid of internet and paper-based voting;
- The importance of incorporating technology in future elections;
- Increasing voter turnout by engaging the community through public debates, social media, etc. in order to have a more informed elector who is civically engaged;
- Reviewing the policy for holding public debates so that electors may have a better idea on where candidates stand on certain issues; and
- Cost implications for ranked ballots.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That further to By-law #7241-17 authorizing the use of optical scan vote tabulators for municipal elections in the Town of Whitby, Council hereby reaffirms the use of vote tabulators for the 2022 Municipal Election;
2. That Council hereby authorizes an alternative voting option of Special Mail-in Ballots for the 2022 Municipal Election and directs the Clerk to bring forward the necessary by-law:

3. That the Clerk and Treasurer shall have the authority to procure goods and services and enter into contracts and agreements necessary for the conduct of elections, in order to ensure the timely conduct of elections; and,
4. That the Clerk be directed to update the Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy G 020 accordingly.

Carried later in the meeting [See following motion]

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Lee

That Report CLK 11-19 be referred to staff to research options for a hybrid system of voting that incorporates internet and paper-based ballots, as well as conducting community consultations on the preferred methods of voting.

Motion Lost

The main motion was then carried.

**4.9 Corporate Services Department Report, CS 33-19
Re: Annual Insured Claims Report**

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

That report CS 33-19 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer be received as information.

Carried

**4.10 Corporate Services Department Report, CS 46-19
Re: Prudent Investor Standard for Municipal Investments: Options
Analysis**

A detailed question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- Details on the approach to investing and the potential for returns over the next five years;
- Anticipated cost to implement the program;

- Anticipated cost to implement the Joint Investment Board (JIB) and where those funds will come from;
- Reasoning for participating in this program as opposed to maintaining the status quo;
- Risk implications of participating in the program as well as anticipated returns on investment;
- Whether the program would operate within the parameters for investment set out by Council; and
- Whether the program would only invest in the Canadian market.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

1. That Report No. CS 46-19 Prudent Investor Standard for Municipal Investments: Options Analysis of the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer be received for information;
2. That Council endorse Town staff working with ONE Investment to establish a new Joint Investment Board and implement the Prudent Investor regime, including a new Investment Policy Statement for the Town and any other related agreements; and,
3. That staff report back on the new Investment Policy incorporating the Prudent Investor opportunities prior to bringing forward a final recommendation related to adopting a Prudent Investor by-law.

Carried

4.11 Corporate Services Department Report, CS 47-19
Re: Development Charge Background Study, Community Benefits
Charge Strategy and Long Range Financial Plan

A detailed question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- Financial implications of those items not covered in the Development Charge study such as parks;
- Determining financial implications once the final regulations are released by the Province;
- Reasoning for completing this study prior to the release of Provincial regulations;
- Whether the Town anticipates receiving a schedule from the Province that sets out the amounts for Development Charges and Community Benefit Charges; and
- Implications on long range planning without having a clear picture of Provincial priorities with respect to this matter.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approves the advancement of the Development Charge Background Study and Long Range Financial Plan Update project to permit the undertaking of an update to the Development Charge Background Study, a Community Benefits Strategy and a Long Range Financial Plan;
2. That Council approves a total budget of \$337,750 for these studies;
3. That Council approves the sole source for Hemson Consulting Ltd to undertake these studies; and,
4. That Council approves the temporary Financial Analyst position for a period of up to 18 months.

Carried

- 4.12** Corporate Services Department Report, CS 48-19
Re: Financial Update Report – Uncommitted Reserve and Reserve Fund Projection and Year to Date Development Charge Forecast

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

That report CS 48-19 is received for information.

Carried

- 4.13** Corporate Services Department Report, CS 49-19
Re: Financial Policies Update

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approves the updated Disposition of Operating Surplus Policy F 010 included in Attachment 1 of this report;
2. That Council approves the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy included in Attachment 2 of this report;
3. That Council approves the Corporate Development Reserve

- Policy included in Attachment 3 of this report;
4. That MD 4979 regarding the Corporate Development Reserve Policy be deemed complete and removed from the New and Unfinished Business list;
 5. That Council approves the updated Growth Reserve Fund Policy F 050 included in Attachment 4 of this report;
 6. That Council approves the conversion of the Asset Management Reserve into a Reserve Fund;
 7. That Council approves the updated Asset Management Reserve Fund Policy F 040 included in Attachment 5 of this report;
 8. That Council approves the conversion of the Long Term Finance Reserve Fund into a Reserve; and,
 9. That Council approves the updated Long Term Finance Reserve Policy F 030 included in Attachment 6 of this report.

Carried

- 4.14** Corporate Services Department and Public Works Department Joint Report, CS 50-19
Re: Acquisition of Easement for Multi Use Path – South-East Corner of Brock Street North and Taunton Road East

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Alexander

1. That the Town obtain an easement over Part 1, Plan 40R-30630, at the southeast corner of Brock Street North and Taunton Road East, (the “Easement”) as shown on Attachment 1 to this report;
2. That a by-law be brought forward authorizing the acquisition of the Easement; and,
3. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to give effect thereto.

Carried

- 4.15** Corporate Services Department Report, CS 51-19
Re: 2019 Operating Projections Report as at July 31, 2019

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- Details of the operating costs, specifically on what was driving the net salary and benefit costs;
- Savings related to group benefits; and

- The types of pressures on savings.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

1. That report No. CS 51-19 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer is received as information; and,
2. That the Treasurer be authorized to draw from reserves/reserve funds as required for the purposes of addressing the actual year-end position.

Carried

4.16 Legal and By-law Services Department Report, LS 14-19
Re: Metrolinx – Whitby GO Station Naming Rights

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- Whether the Town would receive any funds from the proceeds of naming rights;
- Whether the Town would have any input on what the GO Station is named, and whether consideration would be given to choosing a name that is reflective of Whitby and has a positive impact on the community;
- How the Town could ensure that the word "Whitby" was prominently displayed in the naming rights; and
- Whether Metrolinx was willing to work with the Town on ensuring that the name of the Whitby GO Station was satisfactory to all parties.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Shahid

1. That Council endorses the comments to Metrolinx contained in Report LS 14-19 regarding Metrolinx's attempt to sell naming rights to GO Stations, including the Whitby GO Station; and,
2. That Council direct staff to send to Metrolinx and the Minister of Transportation a copy of this report and a letter highlighting Council's endorsed position regarding the sale of GO Station naming rights.

Carried

4.17 Legal and By-law Services Department Report, LS 16-19
Re: GO Station Parking Lot Lease Extension – N/E Corner of Henry Street and Victoria Street West

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff regarding the possibility of requesting an additional amount to the CPI for lost usage of land for the next two years.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

1. That Council approve the request by Metrolinx for a two year extension to the existing parking lot lease on Town property at the northeast corner of Henry Street and Victoria Street West; and,
2. That the Town Solicitor and the Treasurer be delegated the authority to execute any such agreement or document on behalf of the Town which may be necessary to give effect to the extension of the lease term.

Carried

4.18 Community Services Department Report, CMS 24-19
Re: Accessible Signage and Wayfinding Study

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

1. That Council approve the budget of \$139,900 for the Accessible Signage and Wayfinding Study be advanced to Q4, 2019;
2. That staff be directed to initiate an RFP for an Accessible Signage and Wayfinding Study; and,
3. That Staff be directed to report to Council with a recommended Accessible Signage and Wayfinding Standard upon completion of the study.

Carried

4.19 Community Services Department Report, CMS 23-19
Re: Comments for the Proposed Recommendations for the Accessible

Information and Communications Standards

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Alexander

1. That Council receive report CMS 23-19 as information;
2. That Council endorse the comments in report CMS 23-19 as the Town of Whitby's response to the call for comments from the Province of Ontario; and,
3. That Council direct the Accessibility Staff to submit comments to the Province on behalf of the Town and to meet the public comment deadline of September 27, 2019.

Carried

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1 Lake Ontario Flooding

Discussion ensued between Members of Council with respect to:

- The erosion of soil near the lake and the importance of mitigating the impact of climate change; and
- Concerns regarding raised water and flooding in the Crystal Beach area.

Recommendation:

Moved By Mayor Mitchell

Whereas flooding along Lake Ontario's shoreline has adverse environmental, social and financial effects to the Town of Whitby;

And whereas the Town of Whitby has experienced flooding events in 2017 and 2019;

And whereas lake levels will continue to become more unpredictable as a result of climate change and related severe weather events, aging infrastructure in communities surrounding the Great Lakes, and pressures from population growth, resulting in a higher likelihood of reoccurring flooding;

And whereas the property tax base does not provide an adequate source of funding to carry out effective flood management and response

measures including the rebuilding of existing infrastructure to ensure the resiliency of our community and those located along the shorelines of the Great Lakes;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the Council of The Town of Whitby requests that the Provincial and Federal governments provide additional resources to municipalities and conservation authorities to construct flood resilient infrastructure and undertake flood management and mitigation measures designed to withstand future climate change concerns; and,

That the Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Ministers of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Natural Resources and Forestry, Infrastructure, Finance, and Municipal Affairs and Housing; Federal Ministers of Environment and Climate Change, Oceans and Fisheries Canada, Transport, Finance, and Infrastructure and Communities; Durham Region M.P.s and M.P.P.s; Central Lake Conservation Authority; Great Lakes St Lawrence Cities Initiative, and Durham Local Area Municipalities.

Carried

5.2 Thickson Road Beautification

Discussion ensued with respect to the lack of beautification on Thickson Road compared to Brock Street, and the need for there to be a welcome sign.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Shahid

That the Region of Durham be requested to provide information to Whitby Council on opportunities for beautification of Thickson Road south of Dundas Street and north of Highway 401;

That Town Staff, in consultation with the Region of Durham, investigate the placement of a "Welcome to Whitby" sign visible to those exiting Highway 401 at Thickson Road; and,

That the Clerk be directed to circulate this resolution to Durham Region's Clerk and Commissioner of Public Works.

Carried

5.3 Federation of Canadian Municipalities' 2019 Election Advocacy

Brief discussion ensued with respect to the importance of securing more permanent and reliable funding for municipalities.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Leahy

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) advocates for municipalities to ensure that local needs and priorities are reflected in federal policies and programs; and

Whereas residents rely on municipal governments every day to provide quality, round-the-clock services; and

Whereas municipal governments have three choices when seeking to increase revenues – ask the provincial and federal governments for more, raise user fees, or raise property taxes;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved:

1. That Whitby Council endorse the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' 2019 municipal vision for the 2019 federal election: Building Better Lives, which includes the following recommendations to address funding challenges:
 - a. Renew Canada's core infrastructure. Permanently double the Gas Tax Fund transfer to renew the roads, bridges, water systems and other infrastructure that supports our quality of life. Then boost its annual growth to 3.5 percent to keep pace with construction costs.
 - b. Build tomorrow's public transit. Launch a permanent, direct federal funding mechanism for 21st century public transit – unlocking local expertise to cut commutes, lower emissions and provide affordable access to everything our communities have to offer.
 - c. Tackle housing affordability. Continue boosting access to social and affordable housing for low-income Canadians, while engaging directly with municipalities to tackle the wider disconnect between rents, home prices and income levels.
 - d. Protect Canadians from climate change. Invest in local adaptation projects to protect families and businesses from

extreme weather events, while continuing to scale up support for local projects that can significantly help reduce Canada's greenhouse gas emissions.

e. Champion rural and northern communities. Modernize programs and funding tools to recognize the realities and expertise of smaller communities, while committing to close the Internet access gap and promote local economic development.

That the Clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Whitby candidates representing the Conservative Party, Liberal Party, NDP, Green Party and the Peoples Party.

Carried

5.4 Improved Effectiveness of Noise By-law

Discussion ensued with respect to clarifying definitions within the Whitby noise by-law and reviewing existing gaps in the by-law. Further discussion ensued with respect to enhancing the effectiveness of the Town's noise by-law by reviewing best practices from other municipalities and providing recommendations to Council.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

Whereas By-law #6917-14 is a By-law to prohibit and regulate noise within the Town of Whitby; and,

Whereas the Council of The Town of Whitby considers the prohibition and regulation of noise within the Town to be in the interest of the community as set out in the preamble of the by-law;

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

That the Staff be directed to review the by-laws of the Town of Ajax, City of Oshawa, City of Toronto and the City of Penticton, British Columbia and to provide recommendations to Council to amend Noise By-law #6917-14 to enhance its effectiveness in addressing the issue of unreasonable noise.

Carried

5.5 Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Detailed discussion ensued with respect to:

- The impact on local businesses and the importance of easing the transition to banning single-use plastics;
- Reviewing the possibility of pilot programs and other measures to prepare the community for the upcoming federal ban on single use plastics in 2021;
- Determining whether the Town has the legal authority to undertake such a project;
- Legal implications of the ban, definitive timelines for the project, and potential risk of litigation should a Town-wide ban be implemented;
- Conducting a fulsome review, which includes accessibility issues, and reporting back to Council with options, alternatives, costs, legal implications, and impacts of a single-use plastics ban;
- Reviewing best practices from other municipalities and provinces that have implemented such a ban and the subsequent impacts on GHG emissions; and
- Working with other municipalities, the province and the federal government on imposing such a ban.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

Whereas Whitby has declared a Climate Emergency; and,

Whereas Single Use Plastics continue to pollute the planet; and,

Whereas the Federal Government is issuing a ban of all single use plastic by 2021;

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That Council direct Staff to report back by the end of Q1 2020 with a phased in plan to ban single use plastics, identifying budgetary impacts for pilot projects in aiding our small business community with the transition, and Staff should work directly with Staff at the Region of Durham, where appropriate, to ensure consistency throughout the plan.

Carried later in the meeting [See following motion]

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Newman

That Item 1 of the main motion be amended to read as follows:

1. That Council direct Staff to report back by the end of Q1 2020 with a phased in plan to review the merits of banning single use plastics, identifying budgetary impacts for pilot projects in aiding our small business community with the transition, and Staff should work directly with Staff at the Region of Durham, Province of Ontario and Federal Government, where appropriate, to ensure consistency throughout the plan.

Motion Lost

The main motion was then carried.

5.6 Automated Speed Enforcement in Community Safety Zones

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Staff with respect to:

- The need to expand Community Safety Zones around school areas for safety and visibility reasons;
- Implications of such a project on existing and future Town projects; and
- Timelines for reporting back.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Lee

Whereas community safety is a concern throughout the municipality; and,

Whereas the province is considering the limits of Community Safety Zones related to schools as part of their safety initiative;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved:

That following anticipated changes to provincial legislation, staff are to review Community Safety Zones regarding zone boundaries surrounding all elementary schools and high schools and report back in Q3 of 2020.

Carried

5.7 District Energy North Whitby Recreation Centre and Lakeridge Health Precinct

Having previously declared a conflict, Mayor Mitchell left the room and did not participate in the discussion or voting on this matter.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the importance of including district energy in the proposal for the Health Precinct and green solutions when designing the Recreation Centre.

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Mulcahy

Whereas the Town of Whitby has declared a climate emergency; and,

Whereas District Energy is an initiative that can be rooted in renewable energies and provides a resilient and reliable energy system;

Now Therefore it be Resolved:

That Council direct Staff to complete a pre-feasibility study with the assistance of outside parties such as Enbridge to allow for consideration of District Energy and renewable energies to be features included in the design for the future North Whitby Recreation Centre, the proposed Lakeridge Health Precinct, and the surrounding appropriate infrastructure.

Carried

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Councillor Lee

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.