



The Corporation of the City of Stratford Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee MINUTES

Date: January 27, 2021

Time: 3:30 P.M.

Location: Electronic Meeting

Sub-committee Present: Councillor Vassilakos - Chair Presiding, Councillor Burbach - Vice Chair, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Sebben

Regrets: Councillor Ingram

Staff Present: Ed Dujlovic - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Jodi Akins - Council Clerk Secretary, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Meeting to Order.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were made by a Member at the January 27, 2021 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting.

3. Delegations

None scheduled.

4. Report of the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services

4.1 Proposed Closure of T. J. Dolan Drive from St. Vincent Street South to St. David Street (ITS21-002)

Staff Recommendation: THAT Council approve the permanent closure of T.J. Dolan Drive from St. Vincent Street South to St. David Street;

THAT Staff prepare a road closure by-law for T.J. Dolan Drive from St. Vincent Street South to St. David Street to be presented at a future Council meeting.

AND THAT Staff proceed to give public notice that Council is to consider a by-law to permanently close T.J. Dolan Drive from St. David Street to Centre Street for conversion to a multi use trail.

Sub-committee Discussion: The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services reviewed the staff report and advised this project was delayed as a result of COVID-19. There was a public meeting in October 2019 and there was general support from the residents, although several wanted occasional use of the trail for access to their backyards. There was an issue with a home on the corner that has a garage that requires access. Staff are recommending proceeding with the closure and accommodating that owner by placing the bollards farther back and designing the access to look like a driveway ramp, instead of a street.

Staff will carry out design work and then schedule a public open house for members of the public to provide feedback. The Director also noted that there is a policy and process for the remaining owners to access their properties as needed.

In late November, the City received Investing in Canada Infrastructure program funding and it will be used for this project. As this project was already budgeted, staff are recommending extending the trail even further to Centre Street. It was noted that there are only two residences that front that section of St. David and the street would be ended in a cul de sac should it be closed.

It was stated by a Sub-committee member that there is a concrete block off the railway pass in this area and suggested that staff contact the

railway company about it as it is a safety hazard. Staff confirmed they would look into it.

It was also requested that in the future, an active transportation trail be considered for the continuation of TJ Dolan Drive in the area of the frontages off Douglas and that it be made a one-way trail. The Director advised that staff have reviewed and there is concern with the number of driveways in that area for properties that do not have access off Douglas Street.

Concern was noted with the extension to Centre Street as there are often many cars parked there using the TJ Dolan natural area and surrounding areas. The Director advised that the City owns enough land on St. David that could accommodate on-street parking in the cul de sac.

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

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Carried

5. Capital Project Update

Sub-committee Discussion: The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services provided the following overview:

- Staff plan to tender the Queen Street sewer project in the spring.
- Bridge improvements are soon to be completed.
- Asphalt resurfacing will be completed on a section of Romeo Street from Arden Park to McCarthy Road. There will be an open house in March.
- Sidewalk projects on West Gore and Mornington Street will be completed.
- Argyle Street reconstruction will be presented to Committee at the end of February.

- Work was completed at the wastewater treatment plant. All discharge requirements were met during the work.

With respect to public works activities, the Director advised:

- Police ticketed almost 150 vehicles for overnight parking to assist with snow clearing.
- Design is complete on the next phase of the methane collection system at the landfill and it will be tendered and constructed in 2021.

In response to whether Romeo Street could be widened to accommodate cycling infrastructure, the Director responded that there is sufficient room to add bike lanes from Delamere Avenue to Vivian Street. It was suggested signs could be added to direct cyclists down Delamere to safer routes than along Ontario Street. Discussion took place with respect to closing a number of gaps in cycling infrastructure. The Director also noted that staff will be completing an update to the Transportation Master Plan.

The Director advised that the City received \$1 million in Ontario Community Infrastructure funding from the Province and staff will be bringing forward a recommendation for using those funds.

In response to a question regarding Romeo Street and a sidewalk that ends abruptly mid-street, the Director advised that as per City policy there are sidewalks on both sides. The long term plan is to continue that sidewalk however there are some issues to be resolved.

It was questioned whether there would be a multi-use trail on McCarthy Road between Romeo and Mornington Streets. The Director confirmed staff have discussed it and noted it would more likely be a two-way bike trail, as the shoulder is wide and the sidewalk would be retained.

It was noted that a resident is looking for an update on speed issues and possible reconfiguration of Lakeside Drive. The Director noted that with staff turnover it has not been completed but remains on the list of projects to be completed.

It was suggested that the amount of land retained on McCarthy Road between Romeo to Mornington Streets was to widen it at some point.

6. Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes

There were no Advisory Committee/Outside Board minutes to be provided to Sub-committee.

7. Next Sub-committee Meeting

The next Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting is Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Sub-committee Decision: THAT the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:30 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 4:00 P.M.