



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

Date: October 30, 2024
Time: 4:30 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Sub-committee Present: Councillor Burbach - Chair Presiding, Councillor Nijjar - Vice Chair, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Hunter

Regrets: Councillor McCabe

Staff Present: Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Chris Van Barga - Deputy Fire Chief, Miranda Franken - Council Clerk Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Meeting to Order.

Councillor McCabe provided regrets for this meeting.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

Respectful Workplace Policy Statement

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 October 30, 2024, Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting.

3. Delegations

None scheduled.

4. Report of the Events Coordinator

4.1 Request an Exemption to Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the Winter Wander-land Event (ITS24-019)

Staff Recommendation: THAT direction be given on the Noise Control By-law Exemption requested from the Downtown Stratford BIA for the Winter Wander-land event on Sunday, December 1, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from the following provisions:

- Unreasonable Noise [Schedule 1, clause 8];
- The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 clause 2];
- Loading and unloading [Schedule 2 clause 4].

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Sub-committee Recommendation: THAT approval be granted to the Downtown Stratford BIA, for an exemption to Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the Winter Wander-land event located in Market Square, Stratford, on Sunday, December 1, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from the following provisions:

- Unreasonable Noise [Schedule 1, clause 8];
- The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 clause 2];
- Loading and unloading [Schedule 2 clause 4].

Carried

5. Department Update

Sub-committee Discussion: The Director of Infrastructure Services provided the following highlights from the department update:

- a new staff member having begun in the administration role for both Infrastructure Services and Building and Planning Services;
- the 5 year review of the Water and Wastewater Rate study being near completion and being brought for Council approval in November or December 2024;
- moderate increases to water and wastewater rates being expected to reflect inflationary costs, with more information coming to Council in November;
- 2024 Capital Projects being nearly finished, with paving anticipated over the coming 1-2 weeks or 3 dependent on weather and the final Capital Project being the Neil-Glendon walkway watermain replacement;
- proposed legislative changes regarding bike lanes for new projects and the implications to the City being noted;
- the back up generator having been installed at the Taylor Street Pumping Station;
- all wastewater pumping stations now having back up generator power, meaning should staff be delayed to a station in an outage, the generators will engage to keep sewage from backing up in residents basements;
- in April 2024, due to gas expansion into one of the digestors and no emergency relief available, the digester roof at the water pollution control plant lifted off releasing all expanding materials;
- the release of materials not being an issue but the digester being inoperable until fixed;
- a draft assessment having been received with the cost of the repair likely having to be covered in the 2025 Capital Budget with a fulsome report coming to Sub-committee in November;
- there being an increased use of grinding asphalt equipment for asphalt repairs and an overview of this process being provided;
- October 26 having been the last 2024 Household Hazardous Waste event at the landfill with 425 cars participating in the event, diverting 17 tons of material from the landfill;
- a Landfill Consultant having been engaged to audit the City's Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA), doing a detailed review of

what adjustments are possible to the ECA to allow other options for household hazardous waste, and this review being ongoing;

- staff to review dates for household hazardous waste events in 2025 under the current system;
- on January 1, 2026, the blue box system will be transitioned for residents to one in which the producer pays for the system;
- as part of the transition, staff are considering how recycling will be provided, if recycling services will be provided to small businesses, and how green bins and garbage will be provided; and
- staff will be laying groundwork for this transition over the next 6 months, with considerations from Council and residents on services they want to see post 2026.

6. Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes

No Advisory Committee/ Outside Board minutes were provided to Sub-committee.

7. Next Sub-committee Meeting

The next Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting is November 27, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Beatty

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

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 4:30 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 4:43 P.M.