

DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

MEETING NO. 02-2017

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: COUNCILLOR I. ANGUS

PRESENT:

Councillor I. Angus
Mr. E. Cameron
Mr. C. Gaudet
Mayor K. Hobbs
Councillor B. McKinnon
Ms. A. Ostrom
Councillor A. Ruberto
Councillor J. Virdiramo

OFFICIALS:

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations
Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services
Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces
Mr. J. Coady, Manager – Licensing & Enforcement
Mr. J. Paske, Supervisor – Parking Authority
Ms. L. Douglas, Committee Coordinator – Office of the City Clerk

REGRETS:

Mr. D. Fisk
Ms. D. Gilhooly

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Ms. Anne Ostrom was congratulated on her re-appointment to the WDC and new member Mr. Cory Gaudet was welcomed to the Committee. Mr. Cory Halvorsen was congratulated on being chosen as the new Manager of Parks and Open Spaces.

There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time. A roundtable of introductions followed.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Councillor J. Virdiramo
SECONDED BY: Mr. E. Cameron

With respect to Meeting No. 02-2017 of the Waterfront Development Committee held on April 6, 2017, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

On January 30, 2017, City Council appointed Ms. Anne Ostrom and Mr. Cory Gaudet to the Waterfront Development Committee for the remainder of four-year terms expiring on November 30, 2020.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2017 (Open) of the Waterfront Development Committee held on January 18, 2017, to be approved.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2017 (Closed) of the Waterfront Development Committee held on January 18, 2017, distributed separately on desks at the meeting, to be approved.

MOVED BY: Councillor A. Ruberto

SECONDED BY: Mayor K. Hobbs

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2017 (Open & Closed) of the Waterfront Development Committee, held on January 18, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED

5.0 PAID PARKING AT PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING

A public open house was held at Mariner's Hall on Thursday, March 2nd, relative to gathering feedback from residents about the City's plan for parking at Prince Arthur's Landing.

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, provided an overview of activity at waterfront. Administration is in the process of developing a parking strategy that will be presented to City Council, tentatively for June, 2017. The WDC will be able to review the draft report before it is presented to Council.

Mr. J. Coady, Manager of Licensing & Enforcement, provided an overview of north core parking using a map on the projection screen. The proposed parking strategy will include a good mix of options for the general public, including free parking areas as well as paid parking.

Mr. J. Paske, Supervisor – Parking Authority, noted that parking rates will remain at the current levels used for downtown cores. A brief overview of a multi-space meter (a parking machine that dispenses a slip for the dashboard) was provided.

Mr. Paske provided an overview of the March 2nd stakeholders meeting. He noted that feedback was also received from on-line surveys.

Long term parking, especially for the boating community and large trailers, will be part of the strategy.

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, noted that the report going to Council will reflect consultation with the boating community, public feedback from the surveys, as well as input from the Waterfront Development Committee.

There is a wayfinding sign initiative currently underway, which could assist tourists.

The following comments were provided by WDC members:

- Parking D (on the north core parking map) needs to be resurfaced, or the potholes filled as a temporary solution, or made into a green space.
- The waterfront needs drop-off zones for seniors/persons with disabilities.
- Zone N (on the north core parking map) should be free parking after 6:00 p.m.
- There should be free parking for areas where there are activities for daily users of the waterfront.
- Bike parking should be included in the parking strategy, especially near busy areas (i.e. Festival Area).
- Include time limits for free parking at various parks throughout the City. It was confirmed that no other parks in the City charge for parking.
- Consult with the Waterfront BIA about parking; they may be a good source of information for long term parking.
- Wait until the dynamics change at the waterfront and then revisit a parking strategy.
- Shuttle visitors (who would park at the Intercity Shopping Centre) to the waterfront several times a day.

Discussion was held relative to the Market Square building.

Discussion was held relative to monitoring people who abuse the free parking at the waterfront. There was a suggestion to tow the abusers and then word will get out about parking at the waterfront. Discussion was also held relative to a double-ticket system whereby the first 2 hours are free and then payment is required after 2 hours (or a set amount of time). It was noted that there is no current significant revenue stream from fines related to parking.

Discussion was held relative to allowing buses into Prince Arthur's Landing, especially shuttle buses for bigger events at the waterfront.

The Chair requested Administration arrange a meeting for the WDC and the consultants for the Transportation Master Plan. Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, will follow up on this request.

Three members of the Waterfront Development Committee advised that they were opposed to any type of paid parking at the waterfront.

At 5:07 p.m., the presentation finished and Mr. Coady and Mr. Paske were thanked for appearing before the WDC.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Divestiture of Current River Facility – No Update

6.2 Water Street - Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic and Parking

At the April 7, 2016 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, discussion was held relative to traffic and parking on Water Street, and the location of past studies and reports on this area of the City.

At the January 18, 2017 WDC meeting, copies of the memorandum from Mike Vogrig, Project Engineer, to the WDC, dated January 11, 2017, relative to the Marina Park Pedestrian Overpass, were provided for information. Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, advised that Engineering is performing an inspection of the overpass and will be doing an analysis of the inspection. A report will be presented to the WDC upon completion.

At the January 18, 2017 WDC meeting, Ms. A. Ostrom asked if there has been a pedestrian count of people using the overpass.

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, reported that Administration investigated if any counts had been conducted, and no information could be found.

In response to a question, Ms. Marshall did note that the overpass is regularly cleaned.

7.0 2-YEAR WORK PLAN

At the January 18, 2017 WDC meeting, copies of a draft work plan were distributed to members.

An updated work plan was delivered electronically to WDC on January 20, 2017 for additional feedback.

Copies of the WDC Work Plan 2017 – 2018 were reviewed.

Councillor A. Ruberto felt strongly that the Committee's Number One Priority should be the recreation trail at the waterfront. Ms. Marshall noted that there are short term and long term plans for the trail; however, there currently is no funding. As funding becomes available, sections of the trail will be addressed.

It was noted by a member of the Committee that there may be federal funding available once the next phase of the Infrastructure program is announced and criteria developed.

MOVED BY: Mayor K. Hobbs
SECONDED BY: Mr. E. Cameron

THAT the 2017 – 2018 Work Plan, as presented at the April 6, 2017 meeting of the Waterfront Development Committee, be adopted.

CARRIED

Work Plan Item – Governance of the Waterfront & Prince Arthur’s Landing was discussed. Ms. K. Marshall did not anticipate completion of the Governance Model until 2018.

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, added completion of the private development to the Work Plan.

The Work Plan will be updated accordingly.

8.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference are to be reviewed by the Committee on an annual basis. The last updates were presented to Committee of the Whole in 2012.

Accordingly, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to:

- review and update the current WDC Terms of Reference, including the objectives and deliverables; and
- present the proposed revisions to the Waterfront Development Committee for approval before the revisions are presented to Committee of the Whole for acceptance.

MOVED BY: Mayor K. Hobbs
SECONDED BY: Councillor J. Virdiramo

THAT Ms. Anne Ostrom and Councillor I. Angus be appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee to review and update the Terms of Reference for the Waterfront Development Committee.

CARRIED

9.0 PARK PLANNING PROJECTS

9.1 Chapples Recreation Area – Redevelopment Plan

Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces, provided an overview of the report being

presented to City Council on April 10, 2017. The report will include a recommendation to approve the Chapples Park Master Plan in principle, developed in line with the fundamental principles, strategies and recommendations of the broader Recreation and Facilities Master Plan.

An overview of the preferred option was provided.

Option Two: City-wide Sports Park

Providing high quality sports fields that serve the recreation needs of the city. The central area of the park would be devoted to high quality sports fields and supporting amenities.

The Final Concept Plan is characterized by nine key nodes or “hubs”, each varying in the degree of development (or redevelopment) that is required to fulfill the overall vision for Chapples Park.

- Friendship Gardens
- Track and Field Hub
- Delaney Arena
- Active Day Use Hub
- Centennial Botanical Conservatory
- Passive Day Use Hub
- Sport Field Hub
- Indoor Sports Hub
- Golf Hub

It was noted that the plan includes the conversion of 2 baseball diamonds into turf and artificial/synthetic turf fields. Councillor Angus noted that Chapples Golf Course will remain intact with 18 holes.

Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations, provided an overview of the funding included in the 2017 budget.

9.2 Boulevard Lake Area Improvement Plan – No Update

9.3 Chippewa Park Visioning – No Update

10.0 PHASE 2 UPDATE

Mr. C. Halvorsen, Manager - Parks & Open Spaces, will provide updates going forward.

11.0 PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. M. Smith, General Manager – Development & Emergency Services, provided an update on the private development at the waterfront.

A media conference is tentatively being planned by the developer for April 25th to provide an

update on the hotel.

No further updates are required going forward unless there is specific information the WDC needs to be apprised up.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Bike Parking

Further to earlier discussion about paid parking at the waterfront and a parking strategy, the Mobility Coordinator will be invited to the next meeting of the WDC to discuss bike parking at the waterfront.

13.0 NEXT MEETING

Meetings of the WDC are scheduled on the first Thursday of every second month, except in July and August, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, 3rd Floor of City Hall (unless otherwise notified), as follows:

- Thursday, June 1, 2017
- Thursday, September 7, 2017
- Thursday, November 2, 2017

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.