



**Minutes of the
General Government Committee Meeting
Held in the River Plate Room, Ajax Town Hall
At 1:00 p.m. on October 13, 2020**

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Present:	Chair - Councillor Regional Councillors	R. Tyler Morin, Chair M. Crawford S. Lee J. Dies
	Councillors	R. Tyler Morin A. Khan L. Bower
	Mayor	S. Collier

1. Call to Order

Chair Tyler Morin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and provided an overview of the electronic meeting format.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests.

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Regular Meeting

Moved by: L. Bower

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the General Government Committee held on September 14, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2 Closed Session

Moved by: S. Lee

That the Minutes of the Closed Session of the General Government Committee held on September 14, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **Consent Agenda**

Members separated items 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.8 for discussion.

Moved by: M. Crawford

That items 4.2 and 4.7 of the consent agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4.1 **Residential Boulevard Encroachments**

Members of the Committee asked questions regarding contraventions and sought clarification regarding enforcement of simple and complex encroachment agreements. Committee members asked questions regarding localization of application of the policy, monitoring the amount of encroachments and hard-scaping impacts on runoff and street trees. K. Cruciano, Grants & Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, D. Hannan, Manager of By-law Services, and D. Meredith, Director of Operations & Environmental Services responded to questions from the Committee.

Motion

1. That Council approve the Residential Boulevards Encroachment policy;
2. That Council approve the discontinuation of the Apron Widening application and approval process;
3. That Council direct Planning & Development Services to undertake a Town-initiated Zoning By-Law amendment relating to residential driveway standards to align with the intent of the Residential Boulevards Encroachment policy; and
4. That Council direct By-Law Services to use discretionary practices for the enforcement of driveway widenings and parking on private property to uphold the intent of the forthcoming Zoning By-Law Amendment.

CARRIED

Motion to Amend

Moved by: S. Collier

That the motion be amended to add the following clause:

5. That staff be directed to implement a zero tolerance approach for contraventions of any executed complex encroachment agreement, including parking infractions, to result in the termination of the agreement by the Town.

CARRIED

Main Motion as Amended

Moved by: S. Lee

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4. That Council direct By-Law Services to use discretionary practices for the enforcement of driveway widenings and parking on private property to uphold the intent of the forthcoming Zoning By-Law Amendment; and
5. That staff be directed to implement a zero tolerance approach for contraventions of any executed complex encroachment agreement, including parking infractions, to result in the termination of the agreement by the Town.

CARRIED

4.2 **AMO 2020 Debrief**

Moved by: M. Crawford

That this report be received for information.

CARRIED

4.3 **Insurance Renewal – July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

Committee members ask for a detailed breakdown of insurance claims made. D. Valentim, Director of Finance/Treasurer responded to questions from the Committee and provided an overview of claims submitted.

Moved by: A. Khan

1. That the report on the Insurance Renewal – July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 be received for information;
2. That a new Insurance reserve be established to segregate Insurance dividends to be utilized for risk mitigation projects; and;
3. That the 2020 dividend of \$111,016 be transferred to the new insurance reserve.

CARRIED

4.4 **2021 User Fees & Charges**

Committee Members asked questions relating to the impacts of maintaining 2021 user fees at current 2020 rates, and impacts on future fees and charges. D. Valentim, Director of Finance / Treasurer and A. Harras, Acting Director of Legislative & Information Services / Clerk responded to questions from the Committee.

Committee members asked questions relative to opportunities for increasing specific departmental user fees within the schedule, including Fire training tower rentals,

commissioner of oath services, tree and bench dedications, marriage ceremony cancellation fees, event vendor fees, and tiered pricing for recreation fees and services. Fire Chief Lang, Ajax Fire & Emergency Services, A. Harras, Acting Manager of Legislative & Information Services, D. Meredith, Director of Operations & Environmental Services, C. Vida, Acting Director of Recreation, Culture and Community Development responded to questions from the Committee.

Motion

1. That the recommended fees schedule (ATT-1) be approved, effective January 1, 2021; and
2. That the appropriate General Fees By-law be presented to Council for approval.

CARRIED

Motion to Amend

Moved by: S. Collier

That recommendation 1 be amended to read as follows:

1. That the recommended fees schedule (ATT-1) be approved, effective January 1, 2021, excluding any increases in accordance with the Municipal Price Index (MPI); and
2. That each year thereafter commencing on January 1, 2022, the recommended fees schedule for all departments be automatically incremented in accordance with the Municipal Price Index (MPI) unless modified by Council

Recorded Vote:

In favour: Mayor Collier, Councillor Bower, Regional Councillor Crawford, Councillor Khan, Regional Councillor Lee, Councillor Tyler Morin

Opposed: Regional Councillor Dies

CARRIED

Main Motion as Amended

Moved by: S. Lee

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3. That the appropriate General Fees By-law be presented to Council for approval.

CARRIED

4.5 Municipal Elections Contribution Rebate Program Review: Public Consultation Results

Committee Members asked questions regarding participation in the program and program cost over previous elections. A. Harras, Acting Director of Legislative & Information Services / Clerk responded to questions from the Committee.

Motion

Moved by: S. Collier

That the municipal election contribution rebate program be discontinued.

Motion to Refer

Moved by: J. Dies

That the Municipal Elections Contribution Rebate Program matter be referred back to staff for further examination of introducing the Contribution Rebate Program in 2022 and a review of the rules of the program.

Recorded Vote

In Favour: Councillor Bower, Regional Councillor Crawford, Regional Councillor Dies, Regional Councillor Lee

Opposed: Mayor Collier, Councillor Khan, Councillor Tyler Morin

CARRIED

4.6 Contract Award – Delivery of Winter Control Services

Committee Members asked questions relative to contingency planning and opportunities for staff re-deployment to winter control services should the need arise, as well as the duration of the contract award. D. Meredith, Director of Operations & Environmental Services and D. Smith, Manager of Operations & Fleet Services responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved by: S. Collier

1. That Council award the contract for Delivery of Winter Control Services, to 614128 Ontario Ltd o/a Trisan Construction in the amount of \$1,050,730.95 (inclusive of all taxes) for a period of one year.
2. That Council authorize Staff to renew the Contract for an additional nine, one year periods, pending analysis and satisfactory performance review at the anniversary date of the Contract, in the estimated amount of \$9,456,578.57 (inclusive of all taxes).

CARRIED

4.7 Final Report – Westney Storm Sewer Outlet Retrofit

Moved by: M. Crawford

1. That the report on the net over-expenditure of \$163,393.14 (net of HST rebate) on the Westney Storm Sewer Outlet Retrofit project, Capital Account No. 992711, previously awarded to Ratcliff Excavating and Grading, be received for information.
2. That Council approve additional funding of \$25,640.68 to be allocated to Capital Account No. 992711 from the Capital Contingency Reserve.

CARRIED

4.8 Renaming of Graf Spee Lane

Committee Members asked questions regarding the process for changing an address from a resident perspective. Committee Members discussed the street naming policy and their positions with the proposed renaming. M. Sawchuck, Senior Planner responded to questions from the Committee and provided an overview of the street naming process.

Moved by: S. Collier

That staff be directed to proceed with changing the name of Graf Spee Lane to Hassard-Short Lane, and notify all residents accordingly.

Recorded Vote:

In Favour: Mayor Collier, Councillor Bower, Regional Councillor Crawford, Regional Councillor Lee, Councillor Tyler Morin

Opposed: Regional Councillor Dies, Councillor Khan

CARRIED

5. Discussion

None

The Committee recessed for five minutes (3:25 – 3:30 p.m.).

6. Presentations

6.1 2020 Traffic Calming Warrant Update

J. Grieve, Supervisor of Transportation, delivered a presentation reviewing the contents of the written report and the recommendations contained therein. He discussed the background of the traffic calming warrant policy tool, updated framework, new warrant evaluation process, evaluation criteria, the traffic calming process timeline, and next steps.

Members of the Committee asked questions regarding the correlation between lowering speed limits and increasing traffic and the impact of less commuting on traffic volumes with more people working from home due to the pandemic. John Grieve, Supervisor of Transportation, responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved by: S. Lee

That the 2020 Traffic Calming Warrant Update be endorsed by Council for use by staff to evaluate and address traffic calming related requests in the Town of Ajax.

CARRIED

6.2 Traffic Calming Implementation Plan

J. Grieve, Supervisor of Transportation, delivered a presentation reviewing the contents of the written report and the recommendations contained therein. He discussed the background of implementing traffic calming measures, existing capital projects, warranted projects, an overview of the implementation plan and financial implications, and reviewed next steps.

Members of the Committee asked questions regarding how projects would be prioritized for implementation within the timeline presented and how one-off requests for items such as signage installation could be implemented. John Grieve, Supervisor of Transportation, responded to questions from the Committee.

Committee Members asked questions regarding

Moved by: L. Bower

1. That the report entitled "Traffic Calming Implementation Plan" be received for information; and
2. That staff be given the direction to utilize unused budget from open Traffic Calming Capital Projects to implement as many projects identified in 2021 as possible

CARRIED

7. Closed Session

None.

8. Adjournment (4:15 p.m.)

Moved by: M. Crawford

That the October 13, 2020 meeting of the General Government Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

Chair

Acting D-Clerk