

Location:	Committee Room C-12, Tom Davies Square
Commencement:	4:00 PM
Adjournment:	6:00 PM

Minutes

**For the 1st Traffic Committee Meeting held
Monday, March 21, 2011**

ANGIE HACHÉ, CITY CLERK, IN THE CHAIR

Councillors

Councillors Kett, Landry-Altmann, Rivest
Councillor Caldarelli, Kilgour

Staff

D. Shelsted, Roads Engineer; D. Kivi, Co-ordinator of Transportation & Traffic Engineering Services; R. Falcioni, Director of Roads & Transportation; D. Kalviainen, Roads Engineer; A. Haché, City Clerk; L. Collin, Planning Committee Secretary

Downtown Village Development Corporation

Susan Thompson, Maureen Luoma, John Arnold, Jeff MacIntyre

Media

Sudbury Star, Northern Life, EastLink

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None Declared

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Nominations were held for the position of Chair of the Traffic Committee.

Nominator

Nominee

Councillor Landry-Altmann

Councillor Rivest

Nominations were closed by Councillor Kett.

Nominations were held for the position of Vice-Chair of the Traffic Committee.

Nominator

Nominee

Councillor Rivest

Councillor Landry-Altmann

Nominations were closed by Councillor Kett.

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair (cont'd)

The following recommendation was presented:

2011-01 : That Councillor Rivest be appointed Chair of the Traffic Committee for the term ending November 30, 2011 or until his successor is appointed, whichever occurs later;

That Councillor Landry-Altmann be appointed Vice-Chair of the Traffic

Committee for the term ending November 30, 2011 or until her successor is appointed, whichever occurs later.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR RIVEST, IN THE CHAIR

Community Delegations

- 1 . Letter dated March 21, 2011 was received from the Downtown Village Development Corporation (DVCC) regarding Resolution #02-16-06, Parking on Elm Street recommending that the City of Greater Sudbury implement a pilot project to establish on-street parking on Elm Street to facilitate business and residential development in the downtown core.

Documentation from Downtown Village Development Corporation including letters from Downtown business owners supporting on street parking.

Susan Thompson, Managing Director, Downtown Village Development Corporation gave an electronic presentation regarding parking on Elm Street on behalf of the Downtown property owners. She advised that the DVCC were working in collaboration with Downtown Sudbury Business Improvement Area. She requested the Committee consider allowing on street parking on Elm Street. She advised that downtown property owners are experiencing difficulty in leasing and businesses will not relocate downtown because of parking. She stated the project is an incremental step towards the Downtown Master Plan and believes it is important to the revitalization of the downtown. She outlined two options to be considered: 1) On street parking from Lorne Street to Paris Street with pay and display stations or 2) On street parking from Elgin Street to Paris Street at off peak hours. She indicated it is a small and inexpensive step to moving the downtown in the direction of becoming a people place and can help trigger millions of dollars in investments in the downtown. She outlined the benefits of on street parking and the consequences of nothing being done. Ms. Thompson stated she has a petition of support signed by 65 business owners, including the Rainbow Centre.

The Director of Roads and Transportation suggested that staff review the request and come back with a report regarding parking on Elm Street. There are over 16, 000 vehicles that use Elm Street every day which needs to be considered. He feels there could be negative impacts should the project go ahead without being studied.

Jeff McIntyre stated it is about parking spaces and traffic calming and reducing the amount of traffic on Elm Street.

John Arnold stated there are issues of safety along Elm Street due to the increase of transport trucks using this corridor. He asked if vehicle weight restrictions could be implemented.

Rules of Procedure

The Committee agreed, by two thirds majority, to dispense with the Rules of Procedure to allow Kathleen Poulin, Elm Street property owner, the opportunity to address the Committee.

Ms. Poulin stated she has lost three potential tenants due to the lack of parking on Elm Street and in the downtown area. She has participated in the Downtown Master Plan Forums and is waiting for the results. She believes should parking on Elm Street be implemented immediately it will not affect the Downtown Master Plan in a negative way.

The Committee directed staff to prepare a report regarding the proposal to allow on-street parking on Elm Street as proposed by DDCV and Downtown Sudbury BIA, including bicycle lanes and brought back in May 2011.

Rules of Procedure

The Committee, by-two thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure to deal with Manager's Report Agenda Item #4, Speed Limit – Paris Street, John Street to York Street, Sudbury at this time.

Managers' Reports

- 4 . Report dated March 10, 2011 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding the Speed Limit – Paris Street, John Street to York Street, Sudbury.

The Coordinator of Transportation & Traffic Engineering Services reviewed the report.

The following recommendation was presented:

2011-04 Kett – Landry-Altmann: That the maximum speed limit on Paris Street, Sudbury from John Street to York Street remain at 40 km/h in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated March 10, 2011.

CARRIED

- 2 . Report dated March 10, 2011 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding the maximum posted speed limit – Spanish River Road, Whitefish.

The Coordinator of Transportation & Traffic Engineering Services reviewed the report.

The following recommendation was presented:

2011-02 Landry-Altmann – Rivest: That the speed limit on Spanish River Road, Whitefish, from Fairbank Lake Road to the City limits be 60 km/h; and

That a by-law be passed by City Council to amend Traffic and Parking By-law 2010-1 in the City of Greater Sudbury to implement the recommended change in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated March 10, 2011.

CARRIED

- 3 . Report dated March 10, 2011 was received from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding all-way stop control 1) Bouchard Street, at Marcel Street, Sudbury and 2) Balsam Street at Garrow Road and Power Street, Copper Cliff.

The Coordinator of Transportation & Traffic Engineering Services reviewed the report. He stated the request for the all way stop at Bouchard Street was received from Councillor Cimino. He believes the high traffic volume is due to the ongoing road construction on Regent Street. The all way stop is not recommended at this time but recounts of the traffic volume will be done at the completion of the Regent Street construction.

The Committee agreed to defer this matter until the Regent Street construction is completed.

The following recommendation was presented:

2011-03 Kett - Rivest: That the intersection of Balsam Street, Copper Cliff at Garrow Road and Power Street be controlled by an all-way stop; and

That a by-law be passed by City Council to amend Traffic and Parking By-law 2010-1 in the City of Greater Sudbury to implement the recommended change in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated March 10, 2011.

CARRIED

PETITIONS SUBMITTED

Traffic Light at Barrydowne Road and Woodbine Avenue, Sudbury Councillor Landry-Altmann submitted a petition signed by 16 area residents requesting a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Barrydowne Road and Woodbine Avenue, Sudbury.

Three Way Stops at Madeleine Avenue and Main Street Sudbury, and Madeleine Avenue and Alexander Street, Sudbury Councillor Landry-Altmann submitted a petition signed by 109 area residents requesting three way stops at Madeleine Avenue and Main Street Sudbury, and Madeleine Avenue and Alexander Street, Sudbury.

NEW BUSINESS

Pedestrian Crossing Notre Dame Avenue at Kathleen Street, Sudbury Councillor Landry-Altmann requested the timing of the pedestrian crossing light and left turning arrow on Notre Dame Avenue at Kathleen Street, Sudbury be adjusted to allow pedestrians time to cross. Complaints have been received regarding vehicles "bullying" pedestrians while they are

crossing the street. She also requested a refuge island for pedestrians when they are not able to cross Notre Dame Avenue on time.

The Coordinator of Transportation and Traffic advised he does not encourage the use of pedestrian refuges as they can be dangerous to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The Roads Engineer stated pedestrians do have the right away at this crossing. He informed a countdown pedestrian crossing light will be installed at this intersection. The current crossing light will be looked at and changed to allow a four or five second advance walk.

Speed Limit Municipal Road 80, Val Caron

Councillor Dupuis, through the Coordinator of Transportation and Traffic requested a study of the speed limit along Municipal Road 80, Val Caron from Yorkshire Drive to Josephine Drive, Val Caron.

The Committee by consensus agreed that the traffic study be undertaken and a report provided to the Committee.

Speed Limit Jeanne D'Arc Street, Hanmer

Councillor Rivest requested a study and preliminary report to reduce the speed limit on Jeanne D'Arc Street, Hanmer.

The Committee by consensus agreed that the traffic study be undertaken and a report provided to the Committee.

Jacobson Drive at Cavarzan Road, Lively

The Coordinator of Traffic and Transportation advised that a request was received for an all-way stop review at Jacobson Drive at Cavarzan Road, Lively.

The Committee by consensus agreed that the traffic study be undertaken and a report provided to the Committee.

Intersection of Radar Road and Skead Road, Garson

Councillor Kilgour requested the intersection of Radar Road and Skead Road, Garson be studied for the installation of traffic lights due to the recent accidents and the increase in vehicular traffic.

The Committee by consensus agreed that the traffic study be undertaken and a report provided to the Committee.

Traffic Calming

The Coordinator of Traffic and Transportation Services informed the Committee that Atlee Street, Sudbury is being reviewed for traffic calming and 50% agreement of the residents must be in favour of the traffic calming measures. Input will be received from the residents regarding what they would like to have on the street for traffic calming.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

The Committee agreed that should a meeting be required before June 6, 2011, it will be at the call of the Chair.

The Committee also agreed that future meetings would be held on the first Monday of every second month unless it is a holiday.

Adjournment

2011-05 Landry-Altmann – Kett: That this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 5:42 p.m.

CARRIED