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At the July 28, 2020 Council meeting, through Report 20-176(CD), Council authorized the execution of all necessary agreements and renewals with the Region of Waterloo for the administration and operation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) on City roads, and approved four sites for the implementation of ASE. In order of preference the four sites included:

- Main Street (at Central Public School)
- Guelph Avenue (at St. Gabriel Elementary School)
- Elgin Street North (at Elgin Street Public School)
- Winston Boulevard (at Hespeler Public School)

The phased ASE program launch consists of the implementation of ASE within eight school zones (one school zone per municipality) across the Region (on both Regional and area municipality roadways). Each area municipality, at their discretion, were asked to select four proposed school zone sites on area municipality roadways most in need of ASE. As approved by Council, the City provided the above locations to the Region.

As part of the program, signs will be posted at all selected school zone sites planned for ASE in accordance with Ministry of Transportation agreements. In preparation for the installation of signage and ASE equipment, the vendor Redflex Traffic Systems (Canada) Limited has reviewed the locations and advised the Region that the City's Main Street site is not suitable due to the curvature of the road and sight line requirements. A straight section of roadway is required for the radar to operate accurately.
Given this information and moving down the City’s list of locations in order of preference, ASE will be implemented on Guelph Avenue (at St. Gabriel Elementary School). Signs indicating “Municipal Speed Camera Coming Soon” will be posted at the site within the next 2-3 weeks.

**Attachments**

N/A

**Approvals:**

☒ Manager/Supervisor ☒ Deputy City Manager ☒ City Manager
November 24, 2020

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Energy, Northern Development & Mines and Minister of Indigenous Affairs
Whitney Block, Room 5630
5th Floor, 99 Wellesley St. W.
Toronto, ON M7A 1W1

Dear Minister Rickford:

At its meeting of November 11, 2020, Hamilton City Council approved Item 10 of the General Issues Committee Report 20-018, which reads as follows:


WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario is planning to increase reliance on gas-fired electricity generation from Ontario’s gas-fired power plants, which is anticipated to increase greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution by more than 300% by 2025 and by more than 400% by 2040;

WHEREAS, Canada’s temperature is rising more than double the rate of the rest of the world (which is in alignment with climate models and projections impacting northern climates most significantly);

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario will adversely impact more than a third of the greenhouse gas reductions it achieved by phasing-out its dirty coal-fired power plants, due to a power plan built around ramping up gas-fired generation to replace the output of the Pickering Nuclear Station (scheduled to close in 2024);

WHEREAS, alternative options are available to reversing short sighted cuts to energy efficiency programs and stop under-investing in this quick to deploy and low-cost resource, which include maximizing our energy efficiency efforts by paying up to the same price per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for energy efficiency measures as we are currently paying for power from nuclear plants (e.g., up to 9.5 cents per kWh);

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario should continue to support renewable energy projects that have costs that are below what we are paying for nuclear power and work with communities to make the most of these economic opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has alternative options to increasing gas-fired electricity generation, such as the Province of Quebec’s offer to receive low-cost 24/7 power from its water powered reservoir system as a possible alternative;
WHEREAS, a fossil-free electricity system is critically important to Hamilton’s efforts to reduce GHG emissions by replacing fossil fuel use with electric vehicles, electric buses, electric heat pumps, and other steps dependent on a fossil-free electricity supply; and,

WHEREAS, our staff have noted this problem in their report on Updated Timelines and SMART Corporate Goals and Areas of Focus for Climate Mitigation and Adaptation where they warn that “Unless the Province of Ontario changes direction on Ontario’s fuel supply mix, it is expected natural gas, and therefore GHG emissions, may continue to increase as the nuclear facilities are refurbished and the Province of Ontario further supplements the electricity grid with natural gas inputs”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Hamilton request the Government of Ontario to place an interim cap of 2.5 mega tonnes per year on our gas plant and greenhouse gas pollution and develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to ensure that Ontario meets its climate targets; and,

(b) That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, to the local MPP’s, to the Region of Waterloo and local area municipalities.

Therefore, there City of Hamilton respectfully requests your consideration of this matter and looks forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

Copied: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Andrea Horwath, Opposition Party Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario, M.P.P Hamilton Centre
Monique Taylor, M.P.P. Hamilton Mountain
Paul Miller, M.P.P. Hamilton East-Stoney Creek
Donna Skelly, M.P.P. Flamborough-Glanbrook
Sandy Shaw, M.P.P. Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas
Region of Waterloo
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
November 24, 2020

Dear Premier Ford and Members of Provincial Parliament,

At its meeting of November 11, 2020, Hamilton City Council approved Item 8 of the General Issues Committee Report 20-018, which reads as follows:

9. **Temporary Cap on Food Delivery Service Charges (Item 10.1)**

WHEREAS, the restaurant industry plays a crucial role in the City’s economy, as well as the livelihoods of residents, families and communities;

WHEREAS, the restaurant industry has been severely impacted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly due to substantially decreased indoor dining;

WHEREAS, restaurant owners have become increasingly dependent on delivery and take-out services for the viability of their businesses;

WHEREAS, restaurants are under pressure from high commission fees being charged by the major food delivery service apps;
WHEREAS, major cities throughout the United States have implemented temporary caps on the fees charged by food delivery service apps, as an option to assist the restaurant industry throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton does not have the authority to regulate food delivery service company fees or cap the fees that they charge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Mayor correspond with the Premier of Ontario, and local Members of Provincial Parliament to ask that the Province implement a temporary cap on commissions for food service delivery companies; and,

(b) That a copy of that request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.

Therefore, the City of Hamilton respectfully requests your timely consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

Copied: Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
December 8th, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P  
Premier of Ontario  
Office of the Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

RE: Resolution in Support of retaining Conservation Authority role in local planning

Dear Premier Doug Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its Council meeting held on Monday, December 7th, 2020 approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role to manage watershed natural resources and ensure people and property are safe from natural hazards

WHEREAS the Province has designated this City as a place to grow; much of this growth is on or near flood plain areas; and climate change is anticipated to result in more extreme flood events

WHEREAS this City relies on groundwater for all its residents and commercial interests, and the conservation authority is a trusted partner in protecting this resource for future generations

AND WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority’s work to ensure safe drinking water
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by repealing changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act; or deferring the changes for a separate consideration and debate

THAT the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns

THAT the Province respect the conservation authority/municipal relationships, and invest in the future value of these relationships by providing the tools and resources to effectively implement and facilitate watershed management

AND THAT this motion be circulated to all councils and provincial representatives in Waterloo Region and the surrounding local area, and AMO.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Natalia Chebel
Deputy Acting City Clerk, City of Waterloo

CC:

Catherine Fife, M.P.P (Waterloo)  Ashley Sage, Clerk, Township of North Dumfries
Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P (Kitchener Centre)  Grace Kosch, Clerk, Township of Wellesley
Belinda C. Karahalios, M.P.P (Cambridge)  Dawn Mittleholtz, Clerk, Township of Wilmot
Amy Fee, M.P.P (Kitchener-South Hespeler)  Val Hummel, Clerk, Township of Woolwich
Mike Harris, M.P.P (Kitchener-Conestoga)  Grand River Conservation Authority
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Danielle Manton, Clerk, City of Cambridge and Housing
Christine Tarling, Clerk, City of Kitchener  Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
Kris Fletcher, Regional Clerk, Regional  Municipality of Waterloo
Municipality of Waterloo
November 25, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
823 Albion Road  
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Mr. Ford:

Re: Motion regarding – Notice to withdraw from Schedule 6 from Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act

The following resolution #CC2020-272 was passed by the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on November 24, 2020:

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance of the Province of Ontario has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the critical role of Ontario’s conservation authorities in regulating development, in the permit appeal process and when engaging in planning applications;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury relies on the watershed expertise provided by the Nickel District Conservation Authority (operating as Conservation Sudbury) to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis. The Authority reduces risks to our community from hazards such as flooding in low-lying neighbourhoods, erosion of the banks of rivers such as the Vermilion and the Whitson, the dynamic shorelines of Wanapitei Lake and our more than 300 other lakes, and unstable ground near wetlands and steep valley slopes, which is achieved by regulating development and by engaging in reviews of proposals subject to the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to make decisions without the benefit of a conservation authority’s science based watershed data and expertise;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation provides the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks with the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs, which locally could impact the education offerings that include school field trips to the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area. This would also apply to events such as the popular family fishing days and to the public’s access to Camp Bitobig that runs in July and August. These are and must be local-level agreements between the City of Greater Sudbury and Conservation Sudbury to serve demands in our community;
AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury believes that the appointment of representatives to the Conservation Sudbury Board should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair should be duly elected annually;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a Conservation Sudbury board Member. Our appointed Members serve our residents by acting in the best interests of Conservation Sudbury and invariably its member municipality, as it carries out its responsibilities to the watershed;

AND WHEREAS all conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, the land development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

AND WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more “red tape”, increasing costs for both Conservation Sudbury and therefore the taxpayers in the City of Greater Sudbury and will potentially result in delays and greater uncertainty in the development-approval process;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury values and relies on our natural spaces and water resources for the health and well-being of residents; we value Conservation Sudbury’s work to prevent and reduce the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and we value our conservation authority’s contributions to ensure safe drinking water;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury, with the support of Conservation Sudbury, requests the following:

• THAT the Minister of Finance withdraws Schedule 6 from Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act and,

• THAT the Province of Ontario works with all conservation authorities to find viable solutions to reduce “red tape” and create conditions for growth,

• AND THAT the Province support its long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities by providing them with the tools and financial resources needed to effectively implement their watershed management role.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jamie West MPP for Sudbury, France Gelinas MPP for Nickel Belt, to Conservation Sudbury and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

Eric Labelle
City Solicitor and Clerk