



## **MINUTES**

### **Strategic Priorities Committee**

August 17, 2021

9:00 am

Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee (in-person)  
Councillor Craigmile (video conference)  
Councillor Edney (video conference)  
Councillor Hainer (video conference)  
Councillor Luna (video conference)  
Councillor Pridham (video conference)  
Councillor Winter (in-person)

Staff Present: **In-Person**  
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer

**Conference Line**  
Jenna McCartney, Clerk  
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development  
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works  
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer  
Jeff Wolfe, Asset Management Specialist  
Mark Stone, Planner

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Strathdee called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

#### **3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

##### **Resolution 2021-08-17-01**

**Moved By:** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the August 17, 2021 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

#### 4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

##### 4.1 Paradigm Transportation Solutions Ltd. re: Town of St. Marys Comprehensive Parking Review

Jill Juhlke of Paradigm Transportation Solutions Ltd. presented the comprehensive parking review.

The Committee raised a number of comments as feedback for staff:

- additional parking that was not listed in the review
  - land at Station Street and James Street North
  - Milt Dunnell Field (Flats)
  - Bell Canada parking lot
  - parking lot north of Garnett House (Church Street North)
- does the VIA station parking lot offer enough parking for future business needs?
- comparators used for parking review not necessarily reflective of St. Marys needs
- quantify the need for parking in St. Marys
- what is the development cost impact of newly proposed parking standards?
- ensure that accessible parking standards reflect best practices, and integrate the Accessibility Advisory Committee into the review.
- quantify the need for parking in St. Marys
- provide examples of cash-in-lieu policies, and how they work

##### **Resolution 2021-08-17-02**

**Moved By:** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By:** Councillor Edney

**THAT** the presentation from Paradigm Transportation Solutions Ltd. regarding the Town of St. Marys Comprehensive Parking Review be received.

**5. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW**

**5.1 DEV 32-2021 Recommendations: Comprehensive Parking Review Study**

Grant Brouwer and Jed Kelly presented DEV 32-2021 report.

The Committee continued the discussion about the comprehensive parking review.

Chair Strathdee passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Edney.

Deputy Mayor Edney assumed the role of Chair.

**Resolution 2021-08-17-03**

**Moved By:** Mayor Strathdee

**Seconded By:** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** the Comprehensive Parking Review Study and recommendations from staff report DEV 32-2021 be tabled to a future Strategic Priorities Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Edney passed the gavel back to Chair Strathdee.

Chair Strathdee assumed the role of Chair.

Brent Kittmer elaborated on the comparators that were selected for this project and identified possible limitations that the comparators present.

Mr. Kittmer identified that staff and the consultant will compile a list of potential comparators and will present the list to Council at a later date for review and approval.

**5.2 PW 56-2021 Sidewalk Needs Assessment Update and Review**

Jeff Wolfe presented PW 56-2021 report.

Councillor Hainer departed the meeting at 10:26 am and returned at 10:29 am.

The Committee was of the consensus that where no sidewalk currently exists on either side of the public highway, the priority for construction should be elevated especially if there is a connection to the trail system.

#### **Resolution 2021-08-17-04**

**Moved By:** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By:** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the 2020 Sidewalk Infrastructure Review be amended to change the "new sidewalk" prioritization approach to:

- Prefer "large scope" projects rather than annual "small scope projects";
- prefer projects where new sidewalk is added to streets where sidewalk exists on either side;
- prefer projects where new sidewalks create a connection to the trail network;
- prefer projects where a new sidewalk will complete a full corridor on one side of the street; and
- account for a project's impact on the neighbourhood.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.3 PW 60-2021 East Ward Traffic Study**

Jed Kelly presented PW 60-2021 report.

#### **Resolution 2021-08-17-05**

**Moved By:** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Luna

**THAT** PW 60-2021 East Ward Traffic Study report be received; and,

**THAT** the Strategic Priorities Committee Recommends to Council:

**THAT** Council direct staff to include a traffic study for the East Ward with a focus on Huron Street South, Waterloo Street South, and Maxwell Street to be considered in the 2022 budget deliberations.

**CARRIED**

The Committee took a brief recess at 11:24 am.

Chair Strathee called the meeting back to order at 11:33 am.

#### **5.4 PW 57-2021 Road Condition Assessment and Pavement Management Program**

Jeff Wolfe presented PW 57-2021 report.

**Resolution 2021-08-17-06**

**Moved By:** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By:** Councillor Luna

**THAT** PW 57-2021 Road Condition Assessment and Pavement Management Program be received; and

**THAT** the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council:

**THAT**, in the short term, staff use a pavement condition index target of “fair” and the current approach to project prioritization be maintained when determining which pavement management projects to include in the annual capital plan; and

**THAT** staff report back on the funding implications of increasing the PCI service level from “fair” to “good”

**THAT** the Town complete road condition assessments on a bi-annual basis to monitor condition trends and the effectiveness of investment strategies.

**CARRIED**

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Chair Stratthdee reviewed the upcoming meeting as presented on the agenda.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 2021-08-17-07**

**Moved By:** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By:** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee adjourns at 12:09 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Al Stratthdee, Mayor

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Jenna McCartney, Clerk