



**MINUTES**  
**Strategic Priorities Committee**

August 15, 2017  
9:00 am  
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee  
Councillor Osborne  
Councillor Van Galen  
Councillor Winter  
Councillor Pope  
Councillor Hainer  
Councillor Craigmile

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk  
Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services / Deputy Clerk  
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works  
Jenna McCartney, Corporate Administrative Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

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

The committee determined agenda items 5.2 and 5.3 would be switched in the presentation order.

**Resolution 2017-08-15-01**

**Moved By:** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By:** Councillor Osborne

THAT the August 15, 2017 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **5. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW**

### **5.1 CAO 30-2017 Proposed Traffic By-Law Amendments**

Brent Kittmer addressed CAO 30-2017 and presented the information related to the truck traffic amendments.

#### **Resolution 2017-08-15-02**

**Moved By:** Councillor Hainer

**Seconded By:** Councillor Pope

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council that the Traffic By-law be amended to implement a reduced speed school zone on James Street South in the area of DCVI.

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution 2017-08-15-03**

**Moved By:** Councillor Pope

**Seconded By:** Councillor Winter

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council that the Traffic By-law be amended to extend the Community Safety Zone on James Street South from Elgin Street to the Southern Entrance to the Pyramid Recreation Centre.

**CARRIED**

The Committee requested the following additional information to be presented in Staff's report when these recommendations are raised to Council:

- Statistics regarding speeding, collision rates, and other safety concerns on James Street in the area of DCVI.
- Information regarding the plan to provide advance warning to drivers of the new Community Safety zone location at the PRC.
- That staff give consideration to installing "Watch for Pedestrians" signage in the area of the Hospital and the Loop Trail crossing at Ingersoll Street.

The Committee considered the further requests Submitted by the Citizens Concerned About Heavy Truck Traffic.

**Resolution 2017-08-15-04**

**Moved By:** Councillor Pope

**Seconded By:** No seconder

THAT Council defer consideration of the remaining CCAHTT requests until the Stratford Police Service is in place.

**FAILED**

There was consensus that the Town not pursue a red light camera for the downtown.

There was consensus from the Committee that the review of the External to External Truck Ban be deferred until the Stratford Police Service is working in St. Marys.

There consensus to not pursue a reduction of the speed limit in the downtown core to 40 km/h.

Jed Kelly addressed CAO 30-2017 and presented the information related to all other amendments to the proposed Traffic By-law.

The Committee requested that the definition of “Scooter” provide in the by-law be updated, and requested that staff review how other municipalities allowed for motorized mobility scooters to be used on sidewalks.

The Committee requested that staff report back on the pre-construction and post-construction configuration of parking spots located in front of Tim Hortons.

**Resolution 2017-08-15-05**

**Moved By:** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By:** Councillor Pope

THAT CAO 30-2017 regarding proposed traffic by-law amendments be received for discussion; and

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee Recommends to Council:

THAT the Victoria Bridge and Church Street Bridge not be load posted at this time; and

THAT the Town defer consideration of a ban on external to external truck traffic and review enforcement options of a possible ban with the Stratford Police Service; and

THAT staff continue to focus on implementing traffic safety and calming solutions that will result in an overall improvement in the safe use of Town roadways by all vehicles

THAT the proposed amendments related to the administrative review of the existing Traffic By-Law provisions be approved and staff be directed to present a final by-law for Council's consideration and approval

**CARRIED**

Committee took a brief break at 10:21am.

Chair Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 10:30am.

**5.3 COR 32-2017 Heritage Property Tax Rebate Bylaw**

Trisha McKibbin spoke to COR 32-2017 report and responded to questions from Council.

The Committee came to a consensus that it would like the by-law to clearly reflect that the funds available for the Heritage Property Tax Rebate will be as per the budget has been allocated each year.

Staff clarified that the rebate program is on a "first come, first served" basis.

**Resolution 2017-08-15-06**

**Moved By:** Councillor Van Galen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Pope

THAT Report COR 32-2017 Heritage Property Tax Rebate Bylaw be received for discussion; and THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council the approval of draft By-Law XX-2017, being a bylaw to establish a Heritage Property Tax Rebate Program for the Heritage Conservation District.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 COR 31-2017 Refreshment Vehicle Bylaw**

Trisha McKibbin spoke to COR 31-2017 report and responded to questions from Council.

The Committee came to a consensus that:

- clarity is required around application priority for existing licence holders
- clarity is required regarding the services that a Refreshment Vehicle can hook up to on private property and the need for Refreshment Vehicles to be self-sufficient.
- consideration should be made about waiving the licence fee at events of municipal significance that are organized by Service Clubs and Charities

Staff will report back to Council at a meeting in September with a revised by-law.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Chair Strathdee reviewed the schedule of next meetings as presented in the agenda.

Staff noted that the agenda items for the September Strategic Priorities Committee will include the Corporate Communications Plan Implementation Strategy and the Draft Recreation Master Plan.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 2017-08-15-07**

**Moved By:** Councillor Osborne

**Seconded By:** Councillor Pope

That this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee adjourn at 11:25am.

**CARRIED**

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Al Strathdee, Mayor

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk