



Hamilton

MINUTES

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 25, 2006

2:00 p.m.

**Committee Room 110, 1st Floor
Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Councillor B. McHattie (Chairman), Councillor B. Bratina
CPR Staff: R. Marsh, Director, Government & Public Affairs
D. Elen, Road Manager, Technical
M. Fitzpatrick, Constable, Ontario South District
K. Paul, Manager – Sales, Real Estate Ontario
G. Day-Myron, L. Daylor, R. Dubois, C. Feaver, K. Kippen, B. Zelic

City Staff: B. Montgomery, Air Quality Co-ordinator, Planning Department
D. Brown, Assistant to Councillor B. McHattie
I. Sturgeon, Legislative Assistant

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Councillor McHattie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Approval of Minutes

(Bratina/Feaver)

That the Minutes of the CP Railway Liaison Sub-Committee meeting held on April 10, 2006 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

4. Anatomy of a Train

Doug Ellen made a presentation to members of committee regarding the Anatomy of a Train & Fuel Conservation Technology.

He provided an overview on how trains operate, general terminology of rail equipment, Smart Start Technology, Green Goat Technology and Go Transit Wayside Power. A copy of Mr. Ellen's presentation was circulated to members of Committee.

Members of Committee thanked Mr. Ellen for his presentation and for his continued efforts to reduce noise levels within the community.

5. Citizen Communications

Mr. Marsh advised that he wanted to speak to City staff in order to determine if there was an opportunity to utilize the City's system, but that he hadn't made the contact as yet. Mr. Marsh reiterated the importance of citizens calling the "Community Connect" number when they had concerns.

General concern was raised in not being able to contact CPR staff 24/7 and CPR advised that community agencies (ie. fire and police) were available 24/7 if there was an emergency during the weekend.

Mr. Marsh noted that he would continue working on this initiative.

6. Golf Ball Issue at Chedoke

Doug Ellen advised that he had met with City staff last week and discussed several options such as adding netting to the City's fence or extending the fence line. He noted that City staff will review the situation and respond back.

Mr. Ellen also noted that a window in the Aberdeen office had been broken today and stressed the importance of resolving this issue quickly.

7. Federal Regulations

Randy Marsh provided a hand-out respecting Federal Regulations. He advised that C.P.R. has internal Policies & Procedures in place in addition to those regulations enforced by the Canadian Transportation Agency (C.T.A.)

Kimberly Kippen advised that the C.T.A. no longer deals with nuisance issues, so there is currently no where for citizens to go with their complaints regarding noise or emissions etc. Ms. Kippen also advised that a Federal Arbitration Tribunal Committee is currently being set-up and could possibly be a future avenue for citizens to utilize.

Ray Dubois re-iterated the importance of having Federal representation on this Committee and confirmed with the Committee Clerk that an invitation had been sent to the area M.P., Mr. David Christopherson.

Chair McHattie requested that the Federal Environmental Assessment Process be added onto the next agenda as a discussion item.

8. Anti Idling By-law

Brian Montgomery, Air Quality Co-ordinator for the City of Hamilton, provided an update to the Committee regarding the implementation of an Anti-Idling By-law. He advised that in January, staff had proposed that the City hire a full-time officer, enact a by-law and implement an Anti-Idling Awareness Campaign. To date, he noted that only the education component has been approved.

In response to a question by the Committee, Mr. Montgomery confirmed that locomotives are not included in the City's by-law. He explained that most municipalities exclude rails and boats in their by-laws as they are regulated by other Acts. Mr. Montgomery concluded his presentation by noting that he had recently read a news article regarding two municipalities in the United States who include locomotive idling in their regulation and agreed to forward a copy of this article to members of Committee.

9. Other Business

9.1 Correspondence from D. Johnson

Randy Marsh provided a brief history regarding the property with respect to both the City and C.P.R. opposing the townhouse development on Beddoe Drive. He explained that the development was approved by Ontario Municipal Board with the provision that the developer was supposed to mitigate esthetic measures. Mr. Marsh noted that C.P.R. would work with the City in this regard but not in a financial way.

Christine Feaver suggested that the area was an entrance to the City and with the McMaster Innovation Park moving into the area, the City of Hamilton might consider adding a barrier or gateway.

General discussion ensued regarding the conditions of the roads, garbage on the streets, vehicles exceeding the speed limit etc. and Councillor McHattie suggested that this might be more of a Ward One issue and that he would schedule a walk-through the area.

9.2 Dundurn Street Overhead Bridge Replacement – Schedule Update

Randy Marsh advised that due to supply issues, the project would be delayed until fall or possibly even next spring.

9.3 Illegal Dumping on CPR Lands

Mike Fitzpatrick noted that illegal dumping on railway property is a huge problem within the industry. He advised that C.P.R. is continually working on this problem and suggested that it wasn't just the responsibility of the railway companies but the community as well.

Mr. Fitzpatrick also advised the members of Committee that Phil Homerski, Public Works Public Affairs Co-ordinator for the City of Hamilton had contacted and requested C.P.R. to participate on the "Keep Hamilton Clean" Task Force. As a result, C.P.R. was asked and has agreed to provide 2 full days of railway clean up during both the spring and the fall.

10. Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to schedule the next meeting in September.

Chair McHattie asked members of Committee to contact him directly if they had any items they would like to add to that agenda.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. McHattie
Chairman

Irene Sturgeon
Legislative Assistant
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