STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

INFRASTRUCURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 503
Councillor Gerbasi referenced a decision made regarding a pedestrian corridor and questioned if the Chairperson felt that there should be administrative reports going forward with every pedestrian corridor before it was approved to go in at a specific site.

Councillor Vandal stated that he was confident that with the funding identified for the traffic corridor, that the Administration would do all things necessary to implement what was approved this morning. He further stated that he was confident that if there were any safety issues that were not apparent, that the Administration would identify and deal with them.

Councillor Gerbasi stated that given Councillors were now using monies designated for parks and green space improvements in their ward to pay for traffic signals, did the Chairperson support the notion of additional funding in the Capital Budget next year.

Councillor Vandal replied that in terms of infrastructure funding, there were a lot of issues that needed to be addressed through the Capital Budget.

Councillor Eadie stated that when the solid waste plan comes forward, would there be consideration of not having one contract to do bulk pick up with any one corporation, but to allow for a process of hiring or contracting with more than one supplier for bulk pick up service for different areas of the City. Councillor Eadie further added that in those processes for negotiating new bulk pick up contracts, would there be consideration to contracting with businesses that not only offered a good business case but also offered some social benefit to it.

Councillor Vandal replied that he was in favour of a system where competition was rewarded and the more competition the better, but wanted to wait until the entire Waste Minimization Strategy moved forward because that was the key consideration that drives what was occurring. Councillor Vandal noted that the goal was to collect less garbage and do more recycling, more composting, and put policies in place to produce less garbage; and that was going to be the values that drove the plan.

Councillor Eadie questioned if the Chairperson felt there was a business case to have an organization provide a socially good service as well, to which Councillor Vandal noted that would have to be part of the procurement process, but that it was certainly worth looking at.

Councillor Eadie questioned if the Chairperson would help champion the cause to involve all Councillors in workshop type facilities before actually bringing the waste plan to Council; to which Councillor Vandal replied in the affirmative.