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Item No. 5 Wilkes Avenue Alignment to William R. Clement Parkway Extension

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee laid over the matter to its meeting on November 29, 2017.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,

That the matter be laid over to the meeting of the Executive Policy Committee on November 29, 2017.

The motion for layover was put.

His Worship Mayor Bowman called for the yeas and nays as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow. 5

Nay: Councillors Morantz and Pagtakhan. 2

and the motion for layover was declared carried.

The following persons submitted communications in support of the matter:

Les Wiebe	Michelle Maurice	Ayla and Ty Unruh
Carol-Ann Swayzie	Paul Maurice	Jean Kanne
Leney Richardson	Wendy Robinson	David Ames
Mike Maskell	Marissa Knight	Ed and Lesley Weselak
Ayla Unruh	Jason Swaile	James A. Richardson
Elizabeth Knight	Patricia Wiebe	Ainsley Price
Ken Knight	Alison Filuk	Rick Pluchinski
Anthony Shay	Christy Warawa	Theresa Johnson
Katherine Shay	Dr. James Nagy	Tyeba Cox
Mack Shay	Jane Redhead	Karen Bernier
Joseph Shay	Joseph Moskal	Mark Bernier
Mike D'Ottavio	Rick Josephson	Sung Joon Kim
Nigel Dawes	Kelly Beattie	Jennifer Anhalt
Cassandra Dawes	Jayson Bellingham	Ryan Anhalt

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

David Derwin
Ian Macdonald
Anne Macdonald
Noreen Kolesar
Wayne Loeppky
Joe Borges
Robert Kanne
Tony Pesce
Jerrod Cox
Maria Stachiw
Caroline Josephson
John and Shelagh Hare
Blair Bonner
Mark Kelly
Melanie Derwin
Bruce Johnson
Richard Hooker and Patricia Woodman Hooker
Larry Rempel
Charlie Albiani
Judy Albiani
Nicole Kaminski
Sheldon Nimetz
Vera Banias
David Johnson
Nevin Stachiw
John Cunningham
Jeff Hannesson
Julie Anne Trenholm
Anna Zurzolo
Grace Stevens
Stavros Iacovides
Rick House
Rosemary Cappellano
Joe Cappellano
Sam Zurzolo
Chris Prodaehl
Bill Elliott, President and CEO, Fort Whyte Alive
Jodie Nimetz
Kevin Spillett
Alex Stobbe
Tim Bertram
Max Waddell
Kristel Arnold
Patrizia Malizia

Paula Havixbeck, Consultant to South Wilkes Community Association, submitted the following, in support of the matter:

- Presentation dated November 8, 2017
- Petition purporting to contain the signatures of 225 area residents
- Aerial photograph titled "Property owners in support of the twinning of Wilkes Avenue as of November 7, 2017
- Aerial photograph titled "ARKO Enterprises Ltd. property holdings south of Wilkes Avenue as of November 7, 2017 (on public record)
- A timeline for design and consultation events related to William R. Clement Parkway – Sterling Lyon Parkway Extension Project
- Communications dated November 6, 2017 in support of the matter from the following:
    - C. Leny and James A. Richardson,
    - R. H. Hooker
    - Shelagh Hare
    - John Hare
    - Keneth Lee
    - Jay Kravetsky

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

Brett Ferguson, submitted a presentation in support of the matter titled ".South Wilkes Consultation Examination of Property Acquisition Costs Associated with Alignment Options for William R. Clement Parkway Extension

Lori Dobbie, submitted a presentation in support of the matter.

Darla Rettie, Legal Counsel to South Wilkes Community Association, submitted a presentation in support of the matter titled "Submission of South Wilkes Community Association Inc. ("Sw Community Association").

Councillor Morantz, submitted the following items in support of the matter:

- Communication dated September 19, 2017,from the Transportation Facilities Planning Engineer, Public Works Department
- Extracts of the Summary of Public Engagement Phase Two for the William R. Clement Parkway and Sterling Lyon Parkway Extensions Functional & Preliminary Design Study, dated September 2016
- Two drawings of the Functional Design Study & Public Consultation for the Sterling Lyon Parkway dated May 13, 2016
- Communication dated May 27, 2016 from WSP/MMM Group
- Communication dated July 27, 2017 from Danette Sahulka, Senior Ecologist, WSP

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 31, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

WHEREAS the Public Service has been engaged in a planning and design process for the extension of the William R. Clement Parkway (WRCP) from Grant Avenue to Wilkes Avenue;

AND WHEREAS the proposed WRCP project also includes an east/west connection from Shaftesbury Boulevard on the east to the Perimeter highway on the west;

AND WHEREAS the current proposed configuration of an east/west connection put forward by WSP Global Inc. contemplates an alignment of this connection to the south of Wilkes Avenue (the South of Wilkes alignment);

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the South of Wilkes alignment would result in expropriations of an entire neighborhood including many homes on McCreary Road, Loudon Road, Liberty Street as well as other residential streets, directly impacting almost 100 properties and indirectly impacting many more property owners by decreasing the values of their properties;

AND WHEREAS the homeowners in the area have voiced serious and significant concerns about their property values after the South of Wilkes alignment was presented to certain homeowners who were notified of the proposal in the summer of 2017;

AND WHEREAS it is preferable that the east/west connection should be consistent with the existing Wilkes right-of-way (the along Wilkes alignment) in order to minimize disruption to properties south of Wilkes Avenue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the committee recommend that Council direct the public service to ensure that any planning and design of a future roadway for the east/west connection of the William R. Clement Parkway extension project utilize only the existing Wilkes Avenue right-of-way and property directly contiguous thereto (the along Wilkes alignment), to minimize disruption to existing property owners south of Wilkes. It is recognized that the only exception to this resolution is that portions of the east/west connection may have to be south of the Along Wilkes alignment where it is not feasible to move certain infrastructure such as gas lines and hydro stations. In the event that this infrastructure cannot be moved, those portions of the east/west connection that may be positioned south of Wilkes Avenue, shall minimize property acquisitions to the greatest extent possible. In addition, if property acquisitions are required in the vicinity of the gas lines and hydro stations, those may be permitted subject to Council approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee recommend that Council direct the public service to ensure that any future planning and design of the William R. Clement Parkway extension project does not contemplate, in any way, shape or form, a new road south of Wilkes Avenue that is not contiguous with the existing Wilkes Avenue right-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee direct the public service to report back on a quarterly basis on the progress made with respect to the planning of the William R. Clement Parkway extension project.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wilkes Avenue alignment to the William R. Clement Parkway extension project be reevaluated through the infrastructure planning office processes.

Further on October 31, 2017, the following persons submitted communications in support of the matter:

Murray Morien
Ainsley Price
Cecilia and Jayson Bellingham
Kim Robinson
Sheldon Nimetz
Krista Ginter
Rick Pluchinski
Olga Smith
Gary Smith
Patricia Wiebe
Les Wiebe
Lori Dobbie
Wayne Loeppky
Judy Albiani
Melanie Derwin
David Derwin
Max Waddell
Eugene T. Romaniuk
Sam Zurzolo
Stavros Iacovides
Ted Charne
Kelly Beattie
Kevin Sharpe
Jodi Sharpe
Rick House
Melanie Armstrong
Murray Burkett
Karen Burkett
Carol-Ann Swayzie
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Councillor Morantz, submitted a communication dated July 27, 2017 from Danette Sahulka, WSP, with respect to the matter.