

September 28, 2021

Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration Report #2021-09-07

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

Your Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on September 7, 2021:

12.2.1 Vision Zero Road Safety Committee Report #2021-08-25: Red Light Camera Feasibility Study Update [Financial Impact – None]

- A. THAT Report No. 2021-544 titled “Red Light Camera Feasibility Study Update” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to engage with the Red Light Camera (RLC) contractor, Joint Processing Centre, and Province of Ontario to begin the process for entering the RLC program with the 6 proposed locations; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to include the operating costs of the RLC program as an unmet need in the 2022 operating budget and included the software purchase and site preparation costs in the capital budget; and
- D. THAT subject to Council approval of the RLC program, staff BE DIRECTED to establish a RLC reserve for net revenues collected from RLC violations for the sole use of Road Safety Initiatives.
- E. THAT the remaining funding in the amount of \$20,210 in the Vision Zero Road Safety capital project (CP2103) BE APPROVED to complete a communications campaign and community consultations regarding the locations of Community Safety Zones in support of Council Resolution Community Safety Zones, passed on June 22, 2021; and
- F. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to report back to the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee with further analysis of the costs of the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

12.2.2 2021 Asset Management Plan, Core Assets [Financial Impact-None], 2021-426

- A. THAT Report No. 2021-426 titled “2021 Asset Management Plan, Core Assets” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Chief Administrative Officer BE APPOINTED as the executive lead of the municipality, to ensure compliance with Ontario Regulation 588/17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure; and
- C. THAT the necessary By-law to amend By-law 70-2010 to amend Corporate 045 – Strategic Asset Management Policy be updated to reflect

the appointment of the Chief Administrative Officer as the executive lead of the municipality BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

12.2.3 Echo Place Neighbourhood – All Way Stop Control [Financial Impact – None], 2021-552

- A. THAT report no. 2021-552 “Echo Place Neighbourhood – All Way Stop Control” BE RECEIVED.
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to change the intersections of Hamilton Avenue at Avondale Street, Hamilton Avenue at Albemarle Street, and Hampton Street at Rowanwood Avenue to All-way Stop controls; and
- C. THAT any necessary by-laws BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

12.2.4 Edge Street and Delamere Street Urbanization [Financial Impact – None], 2021-550

- A. THAT Report No. 2021-550 regarding “Edge Street and Delamere Street Urbanization” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to include Alternative 5, which includes the items below, of the Edge Street and Delamere Urbanization project in the development of the 2022 Capital Forecast to BE PRESENTED to the Estimates Committee.
 - i. Installing a multi-use trail along the north side of Edge Street, connecting the Gilkison Street multi-use trail to Delamere Street bus pad;
 - ii. Extending Edge Street curbs from Delamere Street to Gilkison Street and installing parking bays along both sides of Edge Street;
 - iii. Installing a sidewalk along the east side of Delamere Street between Charles Street and Edge Street.

12.2.5 COVID-19 Support System – Community Forum Report [Financial Impact: None], 2021-484

THAT Report 2021-484 COVID-19 Support System – Community Forum Report BE RECEIVED.

12.2.6 City of Brantford’s Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan By-Law Update [No Financial Impact], 2021-546

- A. THAT report 2021-546 titled City of Brantford’s Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan By-Law Update BE RECEIVED; and

B. THAT a by-law to repeal by-law 11-2013 and enact the City's Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan as contained in Appendix 1 BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption.

12.2.7 Climate Change Action Plan Update [Financial Impact - None], 2021-538

THAT Report No. 2021-538 titled "Climate Change Action Plan Update" BE RECEIVED.

12.2.8 Wastewater Allocation Policy – Annual Report for 2021 [Financial Impact - None], 2021-490

THAT Report No. 2021-490, titled "Wastewater Allocation Policy – Annual Report 2021" BE RECEIVED.

12.2.9 Bell Canada Damage Repair

WHEREAS Bell Canada has undertaken work to improve its telecommunications infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the contractors hired to complete the work by Bell Canada have caused property damage to private property, which has not been repaired as a result of this work; and

WHEREAS requests for remediation of that property damage have not been answered;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT The Corporation of the City of Brantford create a list of addresses adversely impacted by Bell Canada activities; and
- B. THAT the list be forwarded to a Bell Canada from time to time to advise of the property damage and request that the damage be repaired; and
- C. THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Canadian Heritage requesting changes to the law to require Bell Canada to take responsibility for the restoration of properties affected by this work to the condition pre-existing the work undertaken by Bell Canada.

12.2.10 Trail Audit Safety

WHEREAS The City of Brantford and its residents can be rightfully proud of our first rate trail system; and

WHEREAS non-residents also recognize the importance and quality of our trails; and

WHEREAS our trail system is part of a greater regional trail system; and

WHEREAS our trail system also is a significant regional transportation corridor; and

WHEREAS over the course of the last 2 years, usage of our trails has increased exponentially; and

WHEREAS the surge in usage includes many different types of users including recreational walkers, dog walkers, parents and young children, recreational and competitive runners, photographers, young cyclists, recreational cyclists, competitive cyclists, scooter riders, wheelchair users, blind users, deaf users, illegal users on motorized vehicles, parks and public works vehicles and equipment and park patrollers vehicles; and

WHEREAS not all of these uses are complementary to one another; and

WHEREAS the conflicting uses are compounded by the physical nature of much of our trail system; and

WHEREAS the increased usage over the last 2 years has demonstrated previously unrecognized safety hazards which remain undocumented except in anecdotal fashion; and

WHEREAS areas of concern include but are not limited to the following conditions:

- Natural narrowing of the width of unpaved trails;
- Dangerous loose trail surface materials;
- Erosion;
- Dangerous 90 degree blind corners;
- Lack of daylight triangles;
- Inherently dangerous local conditions;
- Deteriorated asphalt surfaces;
- Plant material encroachment;
- Poor drainage; and
- Forced rerouting of out of service trails;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the CAO BE DIRECTED to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to engage a consulting firm with appropriate experience to deliver a Trail Safety Audit that includes the City's entire off-road and non-road right of way trail network located in City property and that the work BE FUNDED from RF0537 (Roads and Related) in the amount of \$100,000; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to include the following as part of the Safety Trail Audit RFP:

- i. A full walking or cycling tour of all off-road and non-road right of way trails;
- ii. Consultation with members of council;
- iii. Recommendations on the remediation that is required for locations requiring safety improvements and cost estimates for each;
- iv. An interim update report to Council in December 2021
- v. Identification of City Policies, on-going maintenance practices, staff requirement and public education program that are required to ensure continued safe usage;
- vi. Prioritizing and creating a schedule and budget to implement the improvements
- vii. A report and presentation to Council no later than January 31, 2022; and

C. THAT the CAO BE DIRECTED to include in the Capital Budgets an annual item for trail safety improvements in the amount of \$200,000 to implement improvements as recommended by the Trail Safety Audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Carpenter, Chair