

MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE



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Subject / Objet	Report on Use of Delegated Authority during 2011 by Public Works as set out in Schedule 'B' City Operations Portfolio of By-Law 2011-28/ Rapport sur l'utilisation de la délégation de pouvoirs en 2011 par Travaux publics, comme il est indiqué à l'annexe B du portefeuille des Opérations municipales, du règlement 2011-28	Date: March 27, 2012/le 27 mars 2012

By-Law No. 2011-28, “a by-law of the City of Ottawa respecting the delegation of authority to various officers of the City” was enacted by Council at its meeting of January 26, 2011.

This By-Law provides delegated authority to officers within the Public Works Department and requires that use of delegated authority be reported to the appropriate standing committee at least once per year.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this IPD Memo is to report to the Transportation Committee on the use of delegated authority for 2011 under Schedule 'B' – City Operations Portfolio of By-Law No. 2011-28 by the Roads and Traffic Operations and Maintenance and Traffic Management and Operational Support Branches respectively, of the Public Works Department specific to the following sections:

- B 26 (1) – Erection of Signs and Signals; and,
- B 27(1) – Temporary Traffic and Parking Control.

Schedule 'B' – City Operations Portfolio of By-Law No. 2011-28 also delegates authority to the appropriate officers within the Public Works Department for the following sections, however, this authority was not used in 2011:

- B 24 (1) – Maintenance and Liability Agreements
- B 25 (1) – Intersection and Road Modifications
- B 28(1) – Controlled Access Roads

Uses of the following sections of Schedule 'B' – City Operations Portfolio By-Law No. 2011-28 will be reported to the Transportation Committee as part of the 2011 Annual Municipal Parking Management Report:

- B 29 (1) – Traffic and Parking By-Law
- B 30 (1) and (2) – Municipally-Managed Parking Rates – Off-Street
- B 31 (1) – Municipally-Managed Parking Rates – On-Street

BACKGROUND:

The Roads and Traffic Operations and Maintenance Branch of the Public Works Department provides integrated, safe and efficient management and maintenance of the City's road right of way and transportation system network including 5,650 km of paved roads, 640 km of gravel roads, 2,067 km of sidewalks and 211 km of Transitway and Highway 174. The Branch is committed to the operational integrity of the road network for all road users through regular monitoring and maintenance programs and the application of traffic control devices including 1,107 signalized intersections, of which 52% are equipped with audible signals, 15 red light cameras rotated through 33 sites across the City, 174 traffic cameras, and 63,000 street lights.

Roads and Traffic Operations and Maintenance functions as a one stop shop for proactive operations and maintenance of the City's street, sidewalk, pathway, and trail system and includes the following four Divisions:

- Roads Operations and Maintenance (Areas East, West, Core and South)
- Roads Special Operations
- Traffic Operations and Maintenance
- Street Lighting.

The mandate of the Traffic Operations and Maintenance Division is to manage, operate and maintain all City traffic systems and traffic control devices, including the erection of signs and signals to ensure the safe, efficient movement of people and goods within the community.

The Traffic Management and Operational Support Branch provides operations, engineering, and technical support to the Department. The Branch reviews 15 high collision locations/year under the Safety Improvement Program, assesses over 235 Traffic Management Plans and 700 construction detour plans. The branch processes 100,000 service requests annually and develops, tracks and reports on the maintenance plan for the City's road network.

The Branch includes the following five Divisions:

- Training, Health and Safety
- Business Support and Performance Management
- Operational Research
- Operational Support Services
- Traffic, Safety and Mobility.

Part of the mandate of the Traffic, Engineering and Technical Services Division is to provide engineering technical services; support traffic management for unplanned traffic problems to assist with continued mobility across the City during any incident such as motor vehicle accidents, water main breaks and/or road infrastructure failure; and support planned events on the transportation network such as parades, demonstrations, marathons, etc.

Section B 26 (1) – Erection of Signs and Signals:

Specific to signs and signals, Section B 26 (1) – Erection of Signs and Signals delegates individual authority to the Deputy City Manager – City Operations, the General Manager – Public Works Department and the Manager – Roads and Traffic Operations and Maintenance Branch to erect and maintain such signs, traffic controls signals and other traffic control devices as may be required to regulate and direct pedestrian and vehicular traffic for the safety and convenience of the public.

Section B 27 (1) – Temporary Traffic and Parking Control:

With regard to traffic and parking control, Section B 27 (1) – Temporary Traffic and Parking Control of delegates individual authority to the Deputy City Manager – City Operations, the General Manager – Public Works Department and the Manager – Traffic Management and Operational Support to prohibit and regulate the movement, parking or stopping of vehicles for a temporary period, including the temporary closing of a City street during such times and days as deemed proper and necessary for the safe operation of the street and the safe performance of a vital City function and to erect appropriate signs to provide reasonable notice thereof.

Sections B 26 (1) – Erection of Signs and Signals and B 27 (1) - Temporary Traffic and Parking Control respectively, identifies that use of delegated authority under these sections be reported to the Transportation Committee at least once per year.

DISCUSSION:

Due to the integrated approach to traffic management and operations taken by the Roads and Traffic Operations and Maintenance and Traffic Management and Operational Support Branches specific to intersection and road modifications, signs and signals and temporary traffic and parking control, the uses of delegated authority under the sections referenced above is provided in a consolidated listing attached as Document 1.

The following summary for the use of delegated authority under Sections B 26 (1) – Erections of Signs and Signals and B 27 (1) – Temporary Traffic and Parking Control as described above is provided.

Section B 26 (1) – Erection of Signs and Signals:

In 2011, Section B 26 (1) – Erection of Signs and Signals was used to install, operate and maintain the following:

- 20,000 signs;
- 1,107 signalized intersections, of which 52% were equipped with audible signals;
- 15 red light cameras rotated through 33 sites across the City; and
- 174 traffic cameras.

As described in Document 1 attached, the work noted above totaled \$3,314,183.3 for sign installation and maintenance and \$3,445,087.83 for signals production and maintenance.

Section B 27 (1) – Temporary Traffic and Parking Control:

In 2011, Section B 27 (1) – Temporary Traffic and Parking Control was used to respond and manage the following:

- Over 100 traffic accidents managed;
- 606 Special Event Permits, which include demonstrations, festivals, parades, etc.
- 176 temporary road closures

As described in Document 1 attached, the work noted above totaled \$110,562.27 for temporary traffic and parking control.

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Attach. 1 - Document 1 – Section B 26 (1) – 2011 Erection of Signs and Signals/Section B 27
(1) – 2011 Temporary Traffic and Parking Control

c.c. Deputy City Manager, City Operations
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Delegated Authority for 2011 Under Schedule 'B' – City Operations Portfolio of By-Law No. 2011-28

Section B 26 (1) – Erection of Signs and Signals:

Sign Work for Others	\$159,178.87
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 911 Signage • Work for others (internal) • Work of others (external) • Subdivision Signs and Securities • Directional Farm Signs 	\$39,578.21 \$26,887.66 \$92,713.00 \$0.00 \$0.00
Sign Maintenance	\$3,155,004.50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign Production • Signs – Central • Signs – East • Signs – West • Safety Studies Signs (Central) • Safety Studies Signs (East) • Safety Studies Signs (West) 	\$84,246.12 \$976,789.18 \$897,408.41 \$646,454.40 \$252,103.85 \$133,043.44 \$164,959.20
Signals	\$3,445,087.83
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance • Production 	\$3,381,848.83 \$63,239.00

Section B 27 (1) – Temporary Traffic and Parking Control

Special Events and Temporary Road Closures	\$110,562.27
Traffic and parking control work related to special events including demonstrations, festivals, parades and temporary road closures/emergency events.	