

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 12-2004**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, May 12, 2004, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Martin, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Eke; Goulbourne; Heit; Leavens; Saracino; Zimmerman.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, C.A.O.; Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff  
(Part-time): Mr. Banting, Director, Legal Services; Ms. Chamberlain, Fixed Assets Analyst; Ms. Gilroy, Acting Regional Clerk; Ms. Hepplewhite, Records Manager/Deputy Clerk; Mr. Schlange, Manager of Partnership Development.

**CLERK'S DEPARTMENT**

115. Information and Privacy Commissioner –  
Decision regarding Frivolous and Vexatious Requests  
for Access to Records of Regional Niagara
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Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CLK 05-2004, May 12, 2004, respecting Information and Privacy Commissioner – Decision regarding Frivolous and Vexatious Requests for Access to Records of Regional Niagara, be received for information.

Carried.

**ADMINISTRATION**

116. Shared Services Agreements – The Regional Municipality of Niagara and Niagara Regional Housing: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority; and Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CAO 11-2004, May 12, 2004, respecting Shared Services Agreements – The Regional Municipality of Niagara and Niagara Regional Housing: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority; and Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to sign the Shared Service Agreements, one between the Regional Municipality of Niagara (Region) and Niagara Regional Housing (NRH), two with the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA), and one with the Regional Municipality of Niagara and Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation (NETC).

Carried.

117. OMBI – Ontario Municipal Benchmarking Initiative

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CAO 12-2004, May 12, 2004, respecting OMBI – Ontario Municipal Benchmarking Initiative, be received; and

That Regional Council endorse the attached proposal.

Carried.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

118. Authorization for the Issue of Debentures For the City of St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report CSD 68-2004, May 12, 2004, respecting Authorization for the Issue of Debentures for the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That debenture financing in the amount of \$32,559,062 for the City of St. Catharines be approved for the funding of various projects as identified in Appendix B.

Carried.

119. Expropriations – Title/Ownership Defect  
Humberstone Landfill Site, City of Welland

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 69-2004, May 12, 2004 (PWA 84-2004, May 11, 2004) respecting Expropriations – Title/Ownership Defect Humberstone Landfill Site, City of Welland, be received.

That Regional Council approve the expropriation of Lot 267, Plan 984 and Lot 375, Plan 984, both in the City of Welland and authorize staff to obtain and register an expropriation plan and pursue the remaining steps in the expropriation process.

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure the necessary by-laws are prepared and presented to Council to authorize these steps.

Carried.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

120. Redevelopment of the Seniors Services  
Central Laundry: A Business Case \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services, apprised Committee that the Redevelopment of the Seniors Services Central Laundry project was not included in the approved Capital Budget and as a result it would be necessary, under Section 291 of the New Municipal Act, to amend the Capital Budget. Mr. Bacchus outlined the process with respect to public notice and advertisement.

Committee discussed Report COM 32-2004 and requested the following information:

- How efficient is the system we are using and are there other cost saving alternatives (i.e. shared services)?
- Is there a way to avoid amending the Capital Budget - how could this project fit within the existing Capital Budget?

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That Report COM 32-2004, May 10, 2004, respecting the Redevelopment of the Seniors Services Central Laundry: A Business Case, be referred to staff for further information as requested by Committee.

Carried.

### **MINUTES**

121. Report 2-2004

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report 2-2004, being the minutes of the Regional Development Charges Task Force meeting of Monday, April 19, 2004, be approved.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

122. Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Communication CFS 23-2004, from Nancy Naylor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of finance (April 30, 2004) regarding the assessment of residential trailers for the 2003 taxation year, be received.

Carried.

### **ACCOUNTS**

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest to any accounts/matters relating to wireless communication, as he is employed by a wireless company; and to modern landfill, as they are a client of his; and to any matters relating to Community Care, as his wife is employed by that corporation; and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting, on these matters.

123. Moved by Regional Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the period ending March 31, 2004  
in the following amounts be approved:

Administration & Corporate Services	\$ 1,542,322.73
Community Services	2,962,325.92
Planning & Development	4,800.47
Public Health	1,454,041.18
Public Works	4,571,500.85
Police Service	1,526,328.81
Outside Board's & Agencies	0.00
Non Departmental	<u>21,961,695.50</u>
Total	34,023,015.46
G.S.T. Rebate	<u>719,482.70</u>
Total Expense Payable	34,742,498.16
Holdback Amount	<u>8,405,195.45</u>
Total Expenses Paid	<u>\$ 26,337,302.71</u>

Carried.

### ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to meet in a special Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. (prior to Regional Council meeting) in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin  
Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Acting Regional Clerk