

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 14-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, commencing at 10:05 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Staff
(Part-time): Mr. Bowles, Executive Assistant; Ms. Barrow, Process Engineer, Operations; Ms. Chamberlain, Fixed Assets Analyst;

128. **“REGIONAL CHAIR FOR A DAY” EVENT**

Regional Chair Partington introduced Jesse Hale-Tuckwell, as this year’s eleventh annual “Regional Chair for a Day”, as part of the Region’s ongoing participation in the Adopt-a-School Partnership with Kernahan Park Secondary School. As “Regional Chair for a Day”, his day will include several tours of Regional facilities, including the Welland Water Plant, the Service Centre and Sign Shop, and Niagara Regional Police Headquarters. The Regional Chair presented Jesse with several mementos in recognition of his appointment.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

129. Tender Award for Contract RN 04-03
Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant
Dewatering Facility, City of Niagara Falls
Project ID ZSW0302/SW0327

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 74-2004, May 26, 2004 (PWA 87-2004, May 25, 2004), respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 04-03, Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plan Dewatering Facility, be received.

That Contract RN 04-03, Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Facility be awarded to T.R. Hinan Contractors Inc. at their bid price of \$5,649,000.00 excluding GST.

That a contingency amount of \$540,000.00 be provided for this project.

That approval be given to increase the gross budget for Project ZSW0302 / SW0327 Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Facility for the equivalent of the Provincial SuperBuild Contribution of \$2.5 million.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for submission to Regional Council, including authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Project SW0327 Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Facility.

Carried.

130. Retention of Consulting Services for the Oxford Atlas
Wellington Sanitary Sewer in the City of Welland
Project ZSW0204/SW0416

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 75-2004, May 26, 2004 (PWA 88-2004, May 25, 2004), respecting the Retention of Consulting Services, Oxford Atlas Wellington Sanitary Sewer in the City of Welland, be received.

That the consulting firm of Associated Engineering Limited be retained to provide engineering services for the new Oxford Atlas Wellington Sanitary Sewer in the City of Welland.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$579,729.00 exclusive of GST. The cost of the engineering fees is to be shared between the Region and the City of Welland as estimated in Table 1. The Region's share of the engineering fee will be \$318,850.95 (55%) and the City's share will be \$260,878.05 (45%).

That approval be given to increase the gross budget by \$269,000.00 including net GST to reflect the cost sharing with the City of Welland.

Total estimated project costs, including construction costs and applicable SuperBuild funding, are shown on Table 1 for informational purposes only. The construction phase of this project is not expected to be tendered until

early 2005, at which time a separate PWA Report regarding award of tender will be prepared. The basis of the cost sharing arrangement between the Region and City, including the application of SuperBuild funding, is shown on Table 1. The City has agreed to this cost sharing formula as per the attached letter from the City. The Regional Chair and Clerk have executed the SuperBuild Funding agreement under the Millennium Partnerships Initiatives Program and forwarded it to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. It is expected that the Region will receive the executed agreement back from the Province by June, 2004.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project SW0416. This reports requests authorization to retain consulting services for the new Oxford Atlas Wellington Sanitary Sewer in the City of Welland.

Carried.

131. Dominion Road Sewage Pumping Station
Emergency Replacement of the Variable Frequency Drives

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 76-2004, May 26, 2004 (PWA 86-2004, May 25, 2004), respecting the Dominion Road Sewage Pumping Station, Emergency Replacement of the Variable Frequency Drives, be received.

That financing in the gross and net amount of \$793,000 be approved for Project ZSW0008 Infrastructure Improvement Program included in the 2004 Wastewater Capital Budget.

That financing for the project include debentures (1-10 years) in the amount of \$393,000 and Development Charge Reserve Fund financing of \$400,000.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

132. Transfer of Funds for Waste Management Capital Programs (Amended)

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 79-2004, May 26, 2004 (PWA 89-2004, May 25, 2004) (Amended), respecting Transfer of Funds for Waste Management Capital Programs, be received.

That previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$180,500 be transferred from Project ZGL0304 / GL0304 Site Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 / GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site.

That previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$192,700 be transferred from Project ZGL0124 / GL0124 New Cell at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 / GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site.

That previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$75,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0125 / GL0125 Relocation of Stockpile at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 / GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site.

That previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$70,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0126 / GL0126 Pump Station Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 / GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site.

That previously approved financing (Waste Management Reserve) in the amount of \$161,800 be transferred from Project ZGL0127 / GL0127 Closure Works at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 / GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site.

That the previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$60,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0127 / GL0127 Closure Works at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 / GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site.

That the previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$40,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0128 / GL0128 New Biosolids Pad at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 / GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site

That the previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$161,200 be transferred from Project ZGL0217 / GL0217 Site Improvements (Entrance & Fencing) at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 / GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site.

That the previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$100,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0218 / GL0218 Pilot Organic Processing Investigation at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 / GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site.

That previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$62,600 be transferred from Project ZGL0222 Miscellaneous Pump Station

Improvements to Project ZGL0014 / GL0014 Stormwater Flowmeter Installation at Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site.

That the projects included within this project be subsequently closed following the transfer of the financing.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on June 3, 2003.

Carried.

133. Current Status of OMEIFA Loan

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 77-2004, May 26, 2004, respecting Current Status of Ontario Municipal Economic Infrastructure Financing Loan, be received for information.

Carried.

134. Capital Projects
March Variance Analysis Report

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report CSD 78-2004, May 26, 2004, respecting Capital Projects March Variance Analysis Report, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CFS 77.)

135. 2004 Ontario Budget

Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 80-2004, May 26, 2004, respecting 2004 Ontario Budget be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CFS 78.)

CORRESPONDENCE

136. Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the following communications be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee:

CFS 25-2004 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (May 10, 2004) regarding Niagara Police Services Board NRPS Financial Variance Report to March 31, 2004

--Received.

CFS 26-2004 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (May 10, 2004) regarding Niagara Police Services Board NRPS Capital Project PO0415-HQ/11 Division Renovation/Security Project

--Received.

CFS 27-2004 Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie, Peter Senese, Director of Community and Corporate Services/City Treasurer, City of Port Colborne, and Craig Stirtzinger, Clerk, City of Welland, regarding Assessment for Trailers.

--Received.

CFS 28-2004 Peter Partington, Regional Chair, to the Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance, (May 18, 2004) requesting the province to lower the 2004 tax burden for the industrial class in Niagara.

--Received.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Prepare a report, similar to the Projects Variance Analysis Report that identifies capital projects which have been over-funded and have resulted in a surplus. (Minute item 134.)

- (ii) Provide further information as available, following the Regional Chair's letter (as directed by Regional Council) to the Province requesting that the Province revisit its proposal to dedicate 1.0 cent to 2.0 cents per litre of provincial gas tax for public transit in order to expand the application of these monies for other purposes and following staff's consultation with municipal organizations, regarding the "application of the gas tax" issue. (Minute item 135.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m. to meet on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Acting Regional Clerk