

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

**REPORT 22-2004**

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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, October 27, 2004, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Martin, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Burroughs; Eke; Hildreth; Leavens; Saracino.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director of Financial Management & Planning; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff  
(Part-time): Mr. Banting, Director, Legal Services; Ms. Chamberlain, Fixed Assets Analyst; Ms. Murphy, Manager, Current and Capital Budgets; Mr. Roach, Manager, Financial Services, P.W..

**JOINT REPORTS**

233. Wastewater Site & Building Improvements

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report CSD 148-2004, October 27, 2004 (PWA 184-2004, October 26, 2004), respecting Wastewater Site & Building Improvements, be received and forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

*(Please note that Report CSD 148-2004 (PWA 184-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

234. Transmission Line Relocation  
Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) Extension  
From Book Road to Nelles Road  
In the Town of Grimsby  
Project ZRC0319 / RC0319

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 149-2004, October 27, 2004 (PWA 185-2004, October 26, 2004), respecting Transmission Line Relocation, Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) Extension, from Book Road to Nelles Road in the Town of Grimsby, Project ZRC0319/RC0319, be received and forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

*(Please note that Report CSD 149-2004 (PWA 185-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

### **CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

235. Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations  
Third Quarter 2004

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 145-2004, October 27, 2004, respecting Summary of quotations, Tenders and Authorizations Third Quarter 2004, be received for information.

Carried.

236. Forecast of Year-End Results and Budget to Actual Comparison  
For the Month Ended September 30, 2004 Current Budget

Councillor Burroughs requested that timing issues (i.e. tax levy) should be shown in an accrual column to better reflect variances. Mr. Bacchus advised that the format of this report will be revised as requested.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 147-2004, October 27, 2004, respecting Forecast of Year-End Results and Budget to Actual Comparison for the Month Ended September 30, 2004 Current, Budget, be received for information.

Carried.

237. Proposed 2005 Capital Program and Memorandum regarding Water and Wastewater Budget Changes

Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services, advised that Report CSD 136-2004 respecting the proposed 2005 Capital Program and the memorandum outlining the water and wastewater budget changes is being reviewed by all standing committees. The proposed 2005 Capital Program and forecast will be presented for consideration of approval at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for November 4, 2004.

Ms. Murphy, Manager, Current and Capital Budgets, provided clarification with respect to the criteria and rating process that was undertaken by the Capital Budget team that led to a reduction of the proposed projects of \$7.186 million gross and \$8.686 net.

Committee members expressed their concerns on the large projects proposed in the 2005 Capital Budget and subsequent impact on Regional Niagara's debt levels. Messrs. Trojan and Bacchus outlined the capital spending strategies that are in place to address those concerns, noting that a detailed review and analysis in 2005 will take place and further reports will be presented to Committee and Council.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 136-2004, respecting Proposed 2005 Capital Program and memorandum from Shafee Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services regarding water and wastewater budget changes be received and referred to the Committee of the Whole Capital Budget Meeting on November 4, 2004.

Carried.

*Councillor Saracino wished to be recorded as opposed to the foregoing motion.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

238. Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Communication CFS 59-2004 from Hector Macmillan, Mayor, Municipality of Trent Hills (September 14, 2004) seeking endorsement of their resolution regarding an "alternative to the MPAC System that doesn't work", be received and referred to staff for report.

Carried.

239. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the following communications be received:

- CFS 55-2004      Deb Morton, Executive Director, RMON Police Services Board (October 6, 2004) regarding NRPS Capital Project #ZPO0409 Voice Radio system Infrastructure and Equipment.
- CFS 56-2004      Deb Morton, Executive Director, RMON Police Services Board (October 6, 2004) regarding Niagara Regional Police Service financial Variance Report – August 31, 2004.
- CFS 61-2004      Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto, addressed to Chairman Peter Partington (September 29, 2004) with respect to the Hub City Mayors' Summit communiqué which calls on the Federal government to begin sharing revenues from federal fuel (gas and diesel) excise taxes.

Carried.

240. Moved by Regional Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Communication CFS 60-2004 from Carolyn Bones, President, Chamber of Commerce (September 22, 2004) requesting the Region implement a three year moratorium on industrial development charges, be received and referred to the Staff Task Force on Development Charges for report.

Carried.

### **TILE DRAINAGE**

241. Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

WHEREAS By-law No. 5988-90 authorizes the Regional Municipality of Niagara to borrow an amount not exceeding \$4,657,000 and to issue debentures therefor, payable to the Treasurer of Ontario pursuant to The Tile Drainage Act, 1971, as may be directed by resolution of the Regional Council upon application of an area municipality from time to time;

BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE THAT the Regional Chair and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to issue a debenture of The Regional Municipality of Niagara payable to the Treasurer of the Province of Ontario to borrow on behalf of the area municipalities listed below the amounts specified for such area municipalities respectively, for the purpose of The Tile Drainage Act.

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	\$15,800.00
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Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

242. The Corporal Fred Topham VC Project

Councillor Saracino apprised Committee of a letter he received on behalf of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parachute Battalion, requesting financial support for the Corporal Fred Topham VC Project which was established to prevent the sale of Corporal Topham's Victoria Cross medal. A total of 1,354 of these rare medals have been awarded with 95 going to Canadians. The medal is appraised at approximately \$250,000 and the objective of the Association is to raise enough money through a public appeal to purchase it so that it can be displayed properly and made available for everyone to see and understand its importance.

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the matter of the "Corporate Fed Topham VC Project" be referred to staff for further information and report.

Carried.

243. Audit Committee

Councillor Burroughs apprised Committee of the recommendation of the Audit Committee regarding the Appointment of Auditors.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the actions taken by the Audit Committee, at its meeting of October 27, 2004 (prior to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting) be approved.

Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

244. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to personnel and property matters.

Carried.

245. Major Outstanding Litigation Matters

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 144-2004, October 27, 2004, respecting Major Outstanding Litigation Matters, be received for information.

Carried.

246. Lease – Voice Radio System Infrastructure  
– Capital Project ZPO 0307

Moved by Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Communication CFS 57-2004 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, RMON Police Services Board (October 6, 2004) regarding Lease – Voice Radio System Infrastructure – Capital Project ZPO 0307, be received.

Carried.

247. Contract – Employee Assistance Program

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Communication CFS 58-2004 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, RMON Police Services Board (October 6, 2004) regarding Contract – Employee Assistance Program, be received.

Carried.

248. Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m. to meet on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin  
Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk  
/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy