

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 25-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, November 24, 2004, commencing at 8:35 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Staff
(Part-time): Mr. Batholomew-Saunders, Manager, Children's Services; Mr. Bernard, Manager, Court Administration; Mr. Bousfield, Manager, Property & Facilities Management; Ms. Chamberlain, Fixed Assets Analyst; Ms. C. Cousins, Manager, Purchasing & Payables; Mr. J. Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Mr. Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services, P.W..

Others: Mr. Burt, General Manager, N.P.C.A.

PRESENTATIONS

263. Niagara Region Children's Safety Village

Bob Kennedy, Chair, Children's Safety Village, together with Paul Olah, Fire Chief, Welland, and Tom Cartwright, Regional Coordinator, attended to apprise Committee of the Niagara Region Children's Safety Village. The NRCSV was established to provide safety education to all children from JK to Grade 6 in the Niagara region. It is a non-profit charity led by a Board of Directors representing the three emergency services, 4 school boards, Niagara College, businesses and interested citizens. In the first year of operation 19,197 students from 81 schools attended classes provided by Police Officers, Paramedics and Fire Services. It is expected the NRCSV will accommodate 30,000 students in 2004-2005. Mr. Kennedy outlined the curriculum offered by the Police and Fire that includes: road, rail, school bus and bike safety, fire hazard recognition and prevention education with

appliance safety, fire escape plans, smoke and carbon dioxide detector utilization. The paramedics present a curriculum to orient young children to the EMS System to help alleviate their fears if injured or seriously ill and in need of paramedical care. Seasonal safety including water hazards and pool safety, electrical safety, playground safety and safety around dogs is also provided to children.

An opportunity for the Region of Niagara and its Public Health unit to participate as full partners was presented and Committee was requested to support an investment of \$150,000 for the provision of health promotion and injury prevention programs for the children of Niagara at the NRCSV. This grant would also allow the NRCSV to concentrate fundraising efforts towards the retirement of the \$1.2 million mortgage.

Following discussion, it was:

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That the presentation by the Niagara Region Children's Safety Village be received; and

That the grant request for \$150,000 for the Niagara Region Children's Safety Village be referred to the Budget Review Committee for consideration.

Carried.

264. Niagara Physician Recruitment and Retention Program

Mr. John Carter, Chair, Physician Resources Planning Task Force, together with Jill Cappa, Physician Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, attended to inform Committee of the status of the Niagara Physician Recruitment and Retention Program and present evidence for the continuation of the program with ongoing sustainable funding. Mr. Carter provided background information on the establishment of the program and what has been achieved to date. Committee was advised that the Region is still designated under serviced in 10 out of 12 communities with 75 vacancies. A large percentage of family physicians are over 50 with large practices; 24% of medical students are choosing to practice in family medicine versus a few years ago it was closer to 50% and a large number of residents in the region do not have a family physician. The program funding was presented at \$117,000 per year with \$94,000 from Regional Niagara and \$23,000 from the Niagara District Health Council for in kind services. Committee and Council were asked for early approval of the budget.

Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services, advised that \$94,000 has been included in the Public Health Department's Budget and will be forwarded for approval with the overall consolidated budget.

Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the presentation from Mr. John Carter, Chair, Physician Human Resources Planning Task Force regarding the Niagara Physician Recruitment and Retention Program, be received.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

265. Procurement By-law

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 159-2004, November 24, 2004, respecting Procurement Bylaw, be received.

That the procurement bylaw as required under section 271 of the Municipal Act to be in place for January 1, 2005, be approved.

That the Regional Clerk ensures the necessary bylaws are prepared and approved by Regional Council.

Carried.

266. Glass Grinding System
Project ZGL0307

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 161-2004, November 24, 2004 (PWA 206-2004, November 23, 2004), be received.

That the following recommendations, **as amended**, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

That reserve financing in the amount of \$24,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0216 / GL0216 to Project ZGL0307 / GL0418 Existing MRF and Equipment Purchases.

That debenture financing for Project ZGL0307/GL0418, Existing MRF and Equipment Purchases be substituted with reserve financing in the amount of \$400,000 from Project ZGL0216/GL0216 and that the debenture financing be allocated to project ZGL0216.

That approval be given to pay Niagara Recycling the additional amount of \$144,000 (total contribution \$389,000) to finance the glass grinding system, ***subject to ratification of the required agreement.***

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaws are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Please note that Report CSD 161-2004 (PWA 206-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

267. Tender Award for Contract RN 04-26
Reconstruction of Regional road 102 (Stanley Avenue)
Between Dunn Street and Murray Street
Project ZRC0320/RC0320
City of Niagara Falls

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 163-2004, November 24, 2004 (PWA 211-2004, November 23, 2004), respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 04-26, Reconstruction of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) between Dunn Street and Murray Street, Project ZRC0320/RC0320 in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and referred to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 211-2004 (CSD 163-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

268. Regional Chairman's Agricultural Task Force's
Comments on the Draft Greenbelt Plan and
Advice of the Provincial Agricultural Advisory Team

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report DPD 145-2004, November 24, 2004, respecting Regional Chairman's Agricultural Task Force's Comments on the Draft Greenbelt Plan and Advice of the Provincial Agricultural Advisory Team, be received for information.

Carried.

(DPD 145-2004 is attached to Planning Services Committee Report 19 in the Blue Book.)

ACCOUNTS

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters related to Wireless Communications as he is employed by a Wireless Communication company and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

269. Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the period ending September 30, 2004 in the following amounts be approved:

Administration & Corporate Services	\$ 852,265.00
Community Services	2,935,228.78
Planning & Development	6,328.07
Public Health	361,187.06
Public Works	4,219,208.17
Police Service	718,233.75
Outside Board's & Agencies	407,003.75
Non Departmental	<u>20,962,450.08</u>
Total to Net Expense to Departments	30,461,904.70
GST Rebate to GST Recoverable from CRA	<u>1,109,302.27</u>
Total Expense Payable to Total	
Payable to Vendor	35,886,365.97
Holdback Amount to Holdback Amount	
(re: Capital)	<u>1,184,046.56</u>
Total Expenses Paid	<u>\$34,702,319.41</u>

Carried.

270. Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

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

Administration & Corporate Services	\$ 7,501,107.80
Community Services	3,022,532.86
Planning & Development	7,117.65
Public Health	666,128.77
Public Works	4,094,186.26
Police Service	758,587.81
Outside Board's & Agencies	0.00
Non Departmental	<u>25,810,703.76</u>
Total to Net Expense to Departments	41,860,364.91
GST Rebate to GST Recoverable from CRA	<u>1,377,129.55</u>
Total Expense Payable to Total	
Payable to Vendor	43,237,494.46

Holdback Amount to Holdback Amount
(re: Capital)
Total Expenses Paid

5,486,620.00
\$37,750,874.46

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

271. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Communication CFS 64-2004, respecting Andrew L. Burt, General Manager, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (October 29, 2004) regarding Conservation Authority Transfer Payments – Reinvestment by MNR, be approved.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

272. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

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

Carried.

273. Dr. Fingland Child Care Centre
City of Niagara Falls

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report COM 82-2004, November 22, 2004 (PWA 204-2004, November 23, 2004/CSD 160-2004, November 24, 2004) respecting Dr. Fingland Child Care Centre City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and referred to Council for decision.

Carried.

274. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 9:40 a.m. to meet on Wednesday, December 8, 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