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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 9-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Chair; Bailey, Burroughs, Davidson, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Hodgson, Leavens, Redekop, Salci.

Staff: Messrs. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Payne, Director, Waste Management; Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part-Time): Messrs. Banting, Director, Legal Services.

ADMINISTRATION

119. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 57-2004, March 23, 2004, respecting the Inter Municipal Transit Action Plan, be lifted from PWA Summary - March 23, 2004 and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

120. Inter Municipal Transit Action Plan
PWA 57-2004

The Committee discussed their concerns surrounding the hiring of a Transit Coordinator on a full time basis and felt that this individual could be hired on a contract basis for specified period of time.

The Committee noted that the costs associated with both the Specialized and Regular Inter Municipal Transit Services, are a concern to most municipal Councils and that staff should be prepared to provide the financial details.

The Committee also noted that the Niagara Region has the ability at this time to provide approximate costs associated with the Specialized Transit Service, from the data obtained during the operation of Mobility Niagara and that those figures should be included in any further reports to Committee.

The Committee members noted that at this time the specialized transit service on a inter municipal basis would be well received at local municipal Councils, however, the regular inter municipal service, which is to be implemented at a later date would not and would hinder the Niagara Region in achieving the Triple Majority they require to proceed, therefore, it was:

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 57-2004, March 23, 2004, respecting the Inter Municipal Transit Action Plan, be referred back to the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee to develop an implementation plan that would provide details and recommendations on the implementation of the Specialized Inter Municipal Transit Service to the Public Works and Utilities Committee.

Carried.

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, March 23, 2004:

121. Tender Award for Contract RN 04-02
End Use Plan (Phase 2)
Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site
City of St. Catharines

PWA 55-2004 (CSD 41-2004)

That Report PWA 55-2004 (CSD 41-2004), March 23, 2004, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN. 04-02, End Use Plan (Phase 2) Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That approval be given to initiate financing in the gross and net amount of \$675,000 (Solid Waste Reserve Fund) with \$478,000 for Project ID ZGL0101/GL0415, Closure Works at Glenridge Naturalization Landfill Site, Phase 2 and \$197,000 for ZGL0101/GL0101, Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site Closure.

That Contract No.: RN 04-02 End Use Plan (Phase 2) at the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site in the City of St. Catharines be awarded to The Ontario Construction Company Ltd. at the tender price of \$ 377,159.00 excluding the Goods and Services Tax;

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$15,000 be provided for this contract;

That peter j. smith & company, inc. be retained to carry out the contract administration and field inspection services at an estimated cost of \$15,000 excluding the Goods and Services Tax with the fees being calculated on a time-plus disbursement basis;

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws including the by-law authorizing the Chair and Clerk to execute the contracts on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara are presented to Regional Council on April 1, 2004; and

That the project costs be charged against Project ID ZGL0101 (GL0415) End Use Plan – Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site, St. Catharines.

(Please note that Report PWA 55-2004 (CSD 41-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

122. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw
2004 Waste Management
Capital Program Part 1

PWA 56-2004 (CSD 42-2004)

That Report PWA 56-2004 (CSD 42-2004), March 23, 2004, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw, 2004 Waste Management Capital Program, Part 1, be received.

That financing be approved for the 2004 Waste Management Capital Program for \$5,358,000 gross and \$5,158,000 net amounts and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A.

That approval is given to fund the projects with financing of \$1,885,000 (Waste Management Capital Reserve Fund), \$3,273,000 (Debentures 1-10 years), and \$200,000 (External Cost Sharing – City of Hamilton).

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on April 1, 2004.

(Please note that Report PWA 56-2004 (CSD 42-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

123. Proposed Property Disposal
Sunset Haven Long Term Care Facility
City of Welland
PWA 58-2004

That Report PWA 58-2004, March 23, 2004, respecting the Proposed Property Disposal, Sunset Haven Long Term Care Facility in the City of Welland, be received.

That the approximately 6.10 acre parcel of surplus property, known as Sunset Haven, be declared surplus to Regional requirements and that staff be authorized to arrange for its disposal in accordance with Regional policy.

124. Decommissioning of Biggar Lagoon
Sewage Treatment Facility
City of Welland
PWA 59-2004

That Report PWA 59-2004, March 23, 2004, respecting the Decommissioning of Biggar Lagoon Sewage Treatment Facility, be received.

That the Region proceed with the decommissioning and restoration of the former sewage treatment lagoon located on land owned by the Department of National Defense (DND)

That a partnership with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA), the Hamilton Naturalists' Club (HNC), the Town of Grimsby and the Ministry of Environment (MOE) be investigated to facilitate development and long-term operation of a wetland facility on existing Regional property at the former Biggar Lagoon Sewage Treatment Facility

That the NPCA, the HNC, DND, Town of Grimsby and the MOE be so advised.

125. Parking Prohibition
Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road)
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 60-2004

That Report PWA 60-2004, March 23, 2004, respecting the Parking Prohibition, Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That parking be prohibited at anytime on the west side of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) from Grassy Brook Road to 175 metres northerly; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on April 1, 2004.

126. Speed Limit Adjustments
Regional Road 87 (Lakeshore Road)
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
PWA 61-2004

That Report PWA 61-2004, March 23, 2004, respecting the Speed Limit Adjustments on Regional Road 87 (Lakeshore Road) in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received.

That the posted speed limits on Regional Road 87 (Lakeshore Road) be adjusted to the following:

- From Seaway Haulage Road to Stewart Road remain at 60km/hr;
- From Stewart Road to 100 metres west of East/West Line, an increase from 60km/hr to the originally posted speed of 80km/hr.;

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on April 1, 2004.

127. Parking Prohibition
Regional Road 81 (Main Street East)
Town of Grimsby
PWA 62-2004

That Report PWA 62-2004, March 23, 2004, respecting the Parking Prohibition on Regional Road 81 (Main Street East) in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That parking be prohibited at anytime on the north side of Regional Road 81 (Main Street East) from Orchard Parkway to Cemetery Road.

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on April 1, 2004.

128. Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the PWA Summary, dated March 23, 2004, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 55-2004 (CSD 41-2004), PWA 56-2004, PWA 58-2004 to PWA 62-2004 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

129. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated March 23, 2004, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 12-2004 – (March 4, 2004) – **Craig Stirtzinger**, Clerk, City of Welland, to Acting Regional Clerk, Pam Gilroy, being a City Council resolution urging Niagara to consider the Recycling Cart Collection as part of the base level of service.

-- Received and referred to Waste Management Services.

PWC 13-2004 - (March 4, 2004) – **Craig Stirtzinger**, Clerk, City of Welland, to Acting Regional Clerk, Pam Gilroy, being a City Council resolution recommending that the intersection of Lincoln Street at Riverside Drive, and Woodlawn Road at South Pelham Road, be included in the Region's 2004 Traffic Signal Installation Program, and that the intersection of Niagara/Aqueduct Streets be investigated for possible signalization.

-- Received and referred to Transportation Services for report.

PWC 14-2004 – (February 26, 2004) – **Mackie McLaren**, Clerk/Treasurers, Horton Township, being a resolution petitioning the Government of Ontario to amend the Safe Drinking Act removing the need for additional testing for coliform and e-coli in small municipal non-residential systems.

-- Received.

130. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the contents of the PWC Summary, March 23, 2004, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

131. Industry Standard for
Average Building Gross Floor Area (BGFA)

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 14-2004, March 23, 2004, respecting the Industry Standard for Average Building Gross Floor Area (BGFA), be received for information.

Carried.

132. Construction Progress Report
Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWP 15-2004, March 23, 2004, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

133. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting, of Tuesday, March 9, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

134. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting, of Wednesday, March 10, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

135. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee
Meeting of Thursday, February 12, 2004

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting, of Thursday, February 12, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein referred back to staff for comment.

Carried.

136. Municipal Liaison Meeting
QEW Widening, Highway 406 to the Garden City Skyway
Of Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Municipal Liaison Meeting, respecting the QEW Widening, Highway 406 to the Garden City Skyway held Wednesday, February 25, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

137. Future Decommissioning of Lagoons

Councillor Harry advised the Committee that the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority would be interested in working with the Niagara Region on any future decommissioning of lagoons in Niagara Region.

138. Organic Containers

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that the mold for the manufacture of the organic container has become defective and it will take approximately two weeks to obtain another mold, therefore, the events scheduled for City of Niagara Falls the weekend of March 27th and 28th at Niagara Square will be cancelled and rescheduled for the weekend of April 24th at Niagara Square.

The cancellation of the event will be widely publicized and there will be staff of Niagara Region and of the supplier in attendance at Niagara Square the weekend of March 27th and 28th to accommodate anyone who is unaware of the cancellation. Staff will also be delivering the organic containers to the homes of the individuals who make their purchases at this time.

Events scheduled for March 27th and 28th in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake will take place as scheduled.

The Committee was advised that any additional costs will be paid for by the supplier.

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that organic containers can be purchased at the various municipal locations pending their approval following the initial sale events.

139. Road Salt Management Plan

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that a review of the Road Salt Management Plan will be brought forward to the Committee shortly, although, the contractors were given a grace period to obtain the equipment required for the pre-wetting operation, therefore, the second year of the contract would provide the Niagara Region with an accurate representation of the Road Salt Management Plan.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the contractors when dealing with Niagara Region's level of service, have to consider their liability and through due diligence apply the required amount of salt or salt mix to achieve the prescribed level of service.

The Committee noted that Niagara Region also has a liability to the tender fruit growers, therefore, there are some instances where bare pavement could be revised to attain a balance for both the motorist and the tender fruit grower.

140. Scheduled Waste Pick Up Day Changes
City of Niagara Falls

Mr. Payne advised the Committee the scheduled waste pick up days have changed in the City of Niagara; and that these changes occurred when the new area contracts were awarded the contractors were allowed to optimize their routes and in turn provide savings for the Niagara Region.

141. Development Charges Study

Committee was advised that the comments received will be discussed by the Task Force and the consultants; and if warranted will be incorporated into the document.

142. Development Charges Task Force

Councillor Bailey advised the Committee that he would like to join the Development Charges Task Force.

CLOSED SESSION

143. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

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

Carried.

144. License Renewal – Social Assistance and
Employment Opportunities Office
5853 Peer Street
City of Niagara Falls

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWA 54-2004 (COM 23-2004), March 23, 2004, respecting the License Renewal – Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities Office, 5853 Peer Street in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendation therein approved.

Carried.

145. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTION

Staff was requested to:

- be diligent in keeping the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Council informed of any Regional discussions that may impact them particularly, items related to speed limit changes and traffic signal installations on Regional Roads in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, April 13, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Acting Regional Clerk