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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 10-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 commencing at 1:32 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Staff (Part-Time): Messrs. Hughes, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering; MacLeod, Project Manager.

Others: Councillors Collins and Katzman.

DELEGATION

146. Reconstruction of Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue)
From Regional Road 91 (Westchester Crescent)
to Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue)
City of St. Catharines
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Mr. Ed Goulbourne, Coordinator on behalf of St. Julius Church appeared before the Committee to thank the Public Works Department, in particular Mr. David MacLeod, the Project Manager on this project, as Mr. MacLeod was attentive to the resident's concerns and revised the project to make it more acceptable to the residents.

Mr. Goulbourne advised the Committee that Option 5, is acceptable to the majority of the residents and again thanked staff for their cooperation.

ADMINISTRATION

147. Public Hearing for the Reconstruction of
Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue)
From Glendale Avenue to CNR Overpass
City of St. Catharines
PWA 73-2004

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 73-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Public Hearing for the Reconstruction of Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue) from Glendale Avenue to CNR Overpass in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That approval be granted to proceed with the preparation and filing of the Amendment to the Environmental Screening Report (ESR), for the Reconstruction of Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue) from Glendale Avenue to the CNR Overpass, in the City of St. Catharines recommending The "Signalization of Glen Morris Drive and Realignment of Belton Boulevard with Glenridge Avenue Improvements – Option Five" as being the Preferred Option subject to the receipt of the Public Comments from the second PIC. (Transportation)

Carried.

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, April 13, 2004:

148. Proposed 2004 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation and Installation Programs
PWA 63-2004 (CSD 47-2004)

That Report PWA 63-2004 (CSD 47-2004), April 13, 2004, respecting the Proposed 2004 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation and Installation Programs, be received.

That approval be given to initiate financing (debentures 1-10 years) in the gross and net amount of \$420,000 included in the 2004 Roads Capital Budget for Project ZRT0401 of the New Traffic Signal Installation Program.

That approval be given to initiate financing (debentures 1-10 years) in the gross and net amount of \$1,200,000 included in the 2004 Roads Capital Budget for Project ZRT0402 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program.

That approval be given to transfer financing in the amount of \$120,000 (debentures 1-10 years) from Project ZRT0401 New Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program to Project ZRT0402 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program.

That approval be given to transfer financing in the amount of \$170,000 comprising of \$150,000 (debentures 1-10 years) and \$20,000 (Capital Levy) from Project ZRC0121 Intersection Improvement Regional Road 36 (South Pelham Road) at Town Square Entrance to Project ZRT0401 New Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program.

That staff be authorized to proceed with the proposed 2004 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program and New Traffic Signal Installation Programs as outlined in this report.

Further, that Council authorize staff to continue with the standardization of traffic signal equipment, as per the "Design and Operation of Traffic Signals Standards and Specifications" manual, in conjunction with the pilot process approved by the Corporate Management Term for the "Sole Source or Direct Negotiation Purchases" procedure.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on April 22, 2004. (Transportation Services) (Corporate Services Department)

(Please note that Report PWA 63-2004 (CSD 47-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

149. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the 2004 Water Capital Program
PWA 64-2004 (CSD 51-2004)

That Report PWA 64-2004 (CSD 51-2004), April 13, 2004, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the 2004 Water Capital Program, be received.

That financing be approved for the 2004 Water Capital Program in the gross and net amount of \$15,850,000 and allocated to the individual programs as summarized in Schedule A.

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing of \$800,000 (Water Capital Reserve Fund), \$2,000,000 (Development Charge Reserve Fund) and \$13,050,000 (Debentures 1-10 years).

That previously approved financing (PWA 189-2003 / CSD 163-2003) for Project ZCW9709 / CW0019 Decew Falls Water Treatment Plant Phase 3 Upgrade be revised to reflect debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$7,000,000.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on April 22, 2004. (Operational Support Services) (Corporate Services Department)

(Please note that Report PWA 64-2004 (CSD 51-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

150. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the 2004 Wastewater Capital Program
PWA 65-2004 (CSD 52-2004)

That Report PWA 65-2004 (CSD 52-2004), April 13, 2004, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the 2004 Wastewater Capital Program, be received.

That financing be approved for the 2004 Wastewater Capital Program in the gross and net amount of \$13,510,000 and allocated to the individual programs as summarized in Schedule A.

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing of \$600,000 (Development Charge Reserve Fund) and \$12,910,000 (Debentures 1-10 years).

That previously approved financing (PWA 25-2004 / CSD 23-2004) for Project ZSW0302 Alternative Biosolids Management Program be revised to reflect debenture financing (1-10 years) of \$1,632,000, Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund of \$2,868,000 and Development Charge Reserve Fund of \$500,000.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on April 22, 2004. (Operational Support Services) (Corporate Services Department)

(Please note that Report PWA 65-2004 (CSD 52-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

151. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing
Approval for the 2004 Roads Capital Program
PWA 66-2004 (CSD 53-2004)

That Report PWA 66-2004 (CSD 53-2004), April 13, 2004, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for the 2004 Roads Capital Program, be received.

That financing be approved for the 2004 Roads Capital Budget in the amount of \$15,235,000 gross and \$13,835,000 net and allocated to the projects summarized in Appendix A attached.

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing of \$10,077,000 (Debentures 1-10 years), \$2,858,000 (Capital Levy), \$900,000 (Development Charge Reserve Fund) and \$1,400,000 (External Financing).

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on April 22, 2004. (Operational Support Services) (Corporate Services Department)

(Please note that Report PWA 66-2004 (CSD 53-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

152. Retention of Consulting Services for the Stanley Avenue and Portage Road Trunk Watermain from Church's Lane to Queenston Reservoir in the City of Niagara Falls, Project ZCW0012/CW0333
PWA 67-2004 (CSD 54-2004)

That Report PWA 67-2004 (CSD 54-2004), April 13, 2004, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Stanley Avenue and Portage Road Trunk Watermain from Church's Lane to Queenston Reservoir in the City of Niagara Falls, Project ZCW0012/CW0333, be received.

That the consulting firm of Totten Sims Hubicki Associates be retained to provide engineering services for the new Stanley Avenue and Portage Road Trunk Watermain in the City of Niagara Falls.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$265,889.00 exclusive of GST. The cost of this project is to be shared between the Region (62%) and the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission (38%) as estimated on Table 1. The final cost sharing arrangement will be based on actual engineering and construction costs. At this time, it is estimated that the Region's share of the engineering fee will be \$164,851.18 (62%) and the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission share will be \$101,037.82 (38%). Award of this assignment is contingent upon Niagara Falls Bridge Commission approval of their share of the engineering costs.

That approval be given to increase the gross budget by \$104,100 including net GST for Parent Project ZCW0012 Priority Replacement of Trunk Watermains which includes Project CW0333 Stanley Avenue and Portage Road Trunk Watermain to reflect the cost sharing with the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission.

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

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project ZCW0012 /CW0333. (Water & Wastewater Services Division) (Corporate Services Department)

(Please note that Report PWA 67-2004 (CSD 54-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

153. Transfer of Jurisdiction Portion of South Service Road
Town of Grimsby

PWA 68-2004

That Report PWA 68-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Transfer of Jurisdiction Portion of South Service Road in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That the Region of Niagara accept the transfer from the Town of Grimsby of a portion of South Service Road between Christie Street and Murray Street to complete the Region's jurisdiction between Regional Roads 10 (Casablanca Boulevard) and 12 (Christie Street). (Operational Support Services)

154. Tender Award for Contract RN 04-08 Watermain Construction on Church's Lane from St. Paul Avenue to Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue), City of Niagara Falls

PWA 69-2004

That Report PWA 69-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 04-08 Watermain Construction on Church's Lane from St. Paul Avenue to Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That Contract RN-04-08, Watermain Construction on Church's Lane from St. Paul Avenue to Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) be awarded to Fine Grade Construction Ltd. at their bid price of \$517,439.30 plus GST.

That a contingency amount of \$52,000.00 be provided for this project.

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

That the cost associated with this project be charged against Project ID CW0007. (Water & Wastewater Services Division)

155. Proposed Disposal of Property
Vacant Land – Woodlawn Road at South Pelham Road
City of Welland

PWA 70-2004

That Report PWA 70-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting Proposed Disposal of Property, Vacant Land – Woodlawn Road at South Pelham Road in the City of Welland, be received.

That the tender in the amount of \$41,550.00 as received from Mr. R. Templain and Mr. L. Whitaker for the purchase of surplus property as described within Contract RN 04-11 be accepted; and

That the Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare and the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the documentation required to effect the above-described transaction. (Operational Support Services)

156. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan
Request for Provincial Grant Funding
PWA 71-2004

That Report PWA 71-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan, Request for Provincial Grant Funding, be received.

That the Niagara Region and City of Hamilton Councils request grant funding from the Province in a joint letter from the Offices of the Regional Chairman and the Mayor. (Waste Management Services)

157. Garner Road Biosolids Storage Dewatering Facility
PWA 72-2004

That Report PWA 72-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Garner Road Biosolids Storage Dewatering Facility, be received.

That the consulting firm of Hydromantis, Inc. be retained to provide engineering services to design and construct a dewatering facility at the Garner Road Biosolids Storage Facility, at a cost of \$398,375.00, excluding GST.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Project ZSW0302. (Water & Wastewater Services Division)

158. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the PWA Summary, dated April 13, 2004, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 63-2004 (CSD 47-2004) to PWA 72-2004 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

159. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary and Addendum, dated April 13, 2004, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 15-2004 – (March 19, 2004) – **John Kernahan**, General Manager, The Niagara Parks Commission, to Joe Cousins, Director, Transportation Services regarding Portage Road, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake with reference to a Transportation Environmental Study Report (ESR) for improvements to Highway 405 and the Highway 405/Stanley Avenue bridge underpass (The Niagara Parks Commission response to Jack Thompson, McCormick Rankin Corporation dated February 24, 2004 is attached). The Commission requests the Regional Municipality of Niagara review the plans and comment on their request contained in this correspondence

-- Received and referred to Transportation Services for report.

PWC 16-2004 – (March 1, 2004) – **Damian Bassett**, C.E.O., Stewardship Ontario, on behalf of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO), to Michael Trojan, C.A.O., enclosing a cheque for the Regional Municipality of Niagara, in the amount of \$53,470.00 for the glass beverage alcohol containers collected in the Region's "Blue Box" recycling system in calendar year 2003.

-- Received.

PWC 17-2004 – (April 2, 2004) – **Russ Howell**, Manager Fleet Services, Transportation Division, to Mr. Aurelio Magazzeni, Forestry Leadhand, City of Welland, Parks & Recreation confirming availability of Cecil Cooke, Safety & Training Coordinator to provide chainsaw certification training for staff from the City of Welland, Parks & Recreation, as requested.

-- Received.

PWC 18-2004 – (March 12, 2004) – **Colleen Beard**, Map Librarian, Brock University to Bruce Irwin, Manager, Information Management Systems & Communications, Operational Support Services Division expressing gratitude for the donation of the 2002 colour orthoimagery of the Niagara Region to Brock University's Map Library.

-- Received.

PWC 19-2004 – (March 23, 2004) – **John Bolognone**, Supervisor of Council & Committee Services, City of Burlington addressed to GTA/Golden Horseshoe Municipalities re “Submission of Burlington’s Position Regarding Overall Planning and Transportation in the TGA/Golden Horseshoe and the Requirements for a Full Environmental Assessment for a Mid Pen Transportation Plan” with a request that the City Clerk forward a copy of this Council Resolution and Engineering Department Report E-16/04 dated February 23, 2004 (copy of Report attached) to the Honourable Tony Valeri, Minister of Transport, local Members of Parliament, local Members of Provincial Parliament and all GTA/Golden Horseshoe municipalities.

-- Received.

PWC 20-2004 – (April 8, 2004) – **Chado Brcic**, Director, Water & Wastewater Services Division, to Dawn Landry, Ministry of the Environment, being a response to the Province’s White Paper on Watershed-based Source Protection Planning.

-- Received.

160. Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the contents of the PWC Summary and Addendum, April 13, 2004, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

161. Construction Progress Report
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 16-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

162. Transportation Division's
Adopt-a-Road Program

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 17-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Transportation Division's, Adopt-a-Road Program, be received for information.

Carried.

163. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 18-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

164. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 19-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

165. Provincial White Paper on
Watershed-based Source Protection Planning

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 20-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Provincial White Paper on Watershed-based Source Protection Planning, be received for information.

Carried.

166. Construction Progress Report
Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 21-2004, April 13, 2004, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

167. Master Servicing Plan/Niagara Water Quality
Protection Strategy Implementation Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the minutes of the Master Servicing Plan/Niagara Water Quality Protection Strategy Implementation Committee meeting, of Tuesday, March 23, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

168. Waste Management Issues

Councillor Bodner advised Ms. Habermebl of some recycling pick up issues that have occurred in the City of Port Colborne, on their fire roads. Ms. Habermebl advised Committee that a meeting with the contractor has been scheduled for tomorrow and all of the issues that she has been made aware of, will be addressed at that meeting.

Councillor Bailey advised Ms. Habermebl of an issue in the City of Niagara Falls, respecting the time of pick up on Monday mornings in the industrial areas, which the garbage either being put on the side of the road on Friday nights or the industries are forced to pay overtime to have someone there to put out the garbage before the 7:00 a.m. deadline.

Ms. Habermebl advised the Committee that this has been addressed and the industrial areas will only be picked up after 9:00 a.m. in the future.

The Committee members noted that Ms. Habermehl has at all times resolved issues promptly and efficiently.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 1:50 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, April 27, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Acting Regional Clerk