

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 18-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Chair; Regional Chair Partington, Bailey, Bodner, Brock, Burroughs, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Hodgson, Leavens, Redekop, Rigby, Salci, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part-Time): Messrs. Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management; Mucciarelli, Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations.

PRESENTATION

356. Fort Erie International Gateway Strategy

Messrs. Rino Mostacci, Director of Community Planning and Development Services, Town of Fort Erie; Signe Edgecombe, Waterfront & Special Projects Coordinator, Town of Fort Erie; Ron Palmer, Partner, Planning Partnership; Harold Madi, Partner, Office for Urbanism and Ms. Donna Hinde, Partner, Planning Partnership provided the Committee with a presentation on the Fort Erie International Gateway Strategy, which was initially implemented to improve Garrison Road in partnership with the Niagara Region, the Niagara Parks Commission and the Peace Bridge Authority.

The Committee was advised that the Fort Erie International Gateway Strategy is a comprehensive strategy intended to improve the overall image of the International Gateway entry to Canada; promote the International Gateway as a key part of a Region-wide tourism strategy; give priority to public sector investment from the various partners; leverage public sector investment into private sector investment; and make the International Gateway District a great place to live, operate a business and visit.

The design, guidelines and policies for the International Gateway Area will support three fundamental objectives; create a destination community; support a strategy for connectivity; and create a spectacular International Gateway and World Heritage Site.

The Committee was provided with diagrams and photographs of how the area would be transformed through stages; the issues each of the stages would address.

The Committee was advised that the success of this project will take time and will require a series of complementary activities with the public sector leading the transformation to establish the environment for change; reduce the risks of the planning approvals process and reduce the costs of private sector development.

Committee was asked to consider the following recommendations:

That the Region support the recommendations of the study, with respect to proposed configuration of Garrison Road, between Central and Concession.

That the Region work with the Town of Fort Erie in the preparation of the functional design for Garrison Road, between Concession and Central (85,000 in Town budget for this)

That the Region participate in the preparation of Construction Documentation, Project Tendering, Construction and Contract Administration.

That the Region assign funding, through the 2005 Capital Budget, for improvements to Garrison Road (between Concession and Central).

The Committee was advised that the funds for this project have not been identified in the Capital Program at this time, it was therefore;

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That staff report back on the proposed recommendations respecting the Fort Erie International Gateway Strategy.

Carried.

DELEGATION

357. Bad Odour – Walker's Landfill

Ms. Aello read two articles which were published in the Niagara Falls Review in 1991, the articles made no mention of a landfill site in the Walker Brothers Quarry.

Mrs. Aello advised the Committee that her family has lived across the street from the Walker Brother Quarry in excess of twenty years and that they are plagued with extremely offensive odors, excessive noise and thick dust.

Mrs. Aello noted that the poor air quality as a result of the reported gases in the air have severely limited the family's activities outside of their home and affected their health; the poor water quality has resulted in the drilling of another well much deeper than the original well to alleviate the possibility of leachate seeping into their water supply.

The Aello's advised the Committee that they will be seeking full compensation for their home and their relocation, if the Walker Waste Disposal Environmental Assessment is approved.

The Aello's were advised that the Niagara Region is only a commenting agency on the Walker Waste Disposal Environmental Assessment and that their comments and concerns should be submitted through the public process in place.

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That staff be directed to provide the Aello family with information that would help them to submit their comments and concerns at the appropriate time and place, respecting the Walker Waste Disposal Environmental Assessment; and

That staff assist the Aello family by arranging contact and if necessary facilitating a meeting between the Aello family and appropriate Walkers personnel.

Carried.

PRESENTATION

358. Niagara Road Supervisors Association
Annual Truck Rodeo

On Behalf of the Public Works and Utilities Committee, Councillor Rigby, Committee Chair, together with Mr. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works and Mr. Cousins, Director of Transportation Services Division, presented Public Works employees Clayton Morkem, Mike Wultchyn, Glen Winterstein, Steve Rauh (absent) and Wayne Wilson (absent) with trophies in recognition of their performance at the 2004 Truck Rodeo. Mr. Morkem was recognized for finishing first overall, Mr. Rauh finished in second place and Mr. Wulchyn finished third. The Traffic Signals Team, comprising of team members Messrs. Morkem, Wultchyn, Wilson and Winterstein were recognized for their first place finish in the team competition. Mr. Morkem will represent Niagara at the next Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors Rodeo.

The Committee responded warmly to the congratulations extended by Councillor Rigby, Committee Chair.

Ms. Pilon, a member of the Corporate Employee Recognition Team presented Clayton Morkem, Mike Wultchyn, Glen Winterstein, Steve Rauh (absent) and Wayne Wilson (absent) with Regional Niagara T-Shirts in recognition of their accomplishments.

ADMINISTRATION

359. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWA 160-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 04-16, Garner Road Biosolids Storage Facility, Dewatering System Project ID ZSW9407 / SW0419 in the City of Niagara Falls, be lifted from the PWA Summary – September 7, 2004, and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

360. Tender Award for Contract RN 04-16
Garner Road Biosolids Storage Facility
Dewatering System, City of Niagara Falls
Project ID ZSW9407 / SW0419
PWA 160-2004

Mr. Brcic advised the Committee of an **amendment** to the recommendations found in the report, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PWA 160-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting Contract RN 04-16, Garner Road Biosolids Storage Facility Dewatering System, be received.

That Contract RN 04-16, Garner Road Biosolids Storage Facility Dewatering System, to be awarded to H2 Ontario Water Treatment and Distribution Inc. at their bid price of \$ 3,629,396.09, **subject to receipt of Ministry of the Environment Certificate of Approval.**

That a contingency amount of \$100,000.00 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, 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 Parent Project ZSW9407 Improvements to Garner Road Lagoon. (Water & Wastewater Services Division)

Carried.

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, September 7, 2004:

361. Proposed Transfer of Portage Road
between Stanley Avenue and Niagara Parkway
from Niagara Parks Commission to the Region
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
PWA 153-2004

That Report PWA 153-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Proposed Transfer of Portage Road between Stanley Avenue and Niagara Parkway from Niagara Parks Commission to the Region in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received.

That the Region of Niagara accept the transfer from the Niagara Parks Commission of that portion of Portage Road between Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) and the Niagara Parkway in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and that the Region's Solicitor be authorized to prepare a by-law to dedicate the said portion of road as part of Regional Road No. 61 (Portage Road).
(Operational Support Services)

362. Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program 2004 Phase II
PWA 154-2004

That Report PWA 154-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program 2004 Phase II, be received.

That the Public Works Department be authorized to advertise forthwith for equipment recommended for replacement on Schedule "A" attached to this report. (Transportation Services Division)

363. Retention of Consulting Services for the
Port Dalhousie Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades – Phase III
In the City of St. Catharines
Project: ZSW9816/SW9816

PWA 155-2004

That Report PWA 155-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Port Dalhousie Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades – Phase III in the City of St. Catharines, Project ZSW9816/SW9816, be received.

That the consulting firm of R.V. Anderson Associates Limited be retained to provide engineering services for the Port Dalhousie Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades – Phase III in the City of St. Catharines.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$701,730.00.

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 the Regional Clerk to execute the engineering agreement on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project ZSW9816/SW9816. (Water & Wastewater Services Division)

364. Retention of Consulting Services for the
New Trunk Watermain to Interconnect the Jordan,
Vineland, and Victoria Water Storage Facilities in the Town of Lincoln
PWA 156-2004
That Report PWA 156-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Retention of
Consulting Services for the New Trunk Watermain to Interconnect the Jordan,
Vineland and Victoria Water Storage Facilities in the Town of Lincoln, be
received.
- That the consulting firm of Totten Sims Hubicki Associates be retained to provide
the engineering design, contract administration, and construction supervision
services for the installation of the new trunk watermain to Interconnect the
Jordan, Vineland, and Victoria Water Storage Facilities in the Town of Lincoln at
an estimated cost of \$194,704.00.
- That the costs associated with its project be charged against Capital Project
ZCW0113/CW0113. (Water & Wastewater Services Division)
365. Retention of Consulting Services for the
Trunk Watermain Installation on Fourth Avenue
from Vansickle Road in the City of St. Catharines
to Nineteenth Street in the Town of Lincoln
PWA 157-2004
That Report PWA 157-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Retention of
Consulting Services for the Trunk Watermain Installation on Fourth Avenue from
Vansickle Road in the City of St. Catharines to Nineteenth Street in the Town of
Lincoln, be received.
- That the consulting firm of Earth Tech Canada Inc. be retained to provide the
engineering design, contract administration, and construction supervision
services for the installation of the new trunk watermain on Fourth Avenue from
Vansickle Road located in the City of St. Catharines to Nineteenth Street located
in the Town of Lincoln at an estimated cost of \$224,962.00.
- That the costs associated with its project be charged against Capital Project
ZCW0405/CW0414. (Water & Wastewater Services Division)
366. Additional Engineering Fees
Smithville Sewage Pumping Station Phase II, Township of West Lincoln
PWA 158-2004
That Report PWA 158-2004, September 7, 2004 respecting the Additional
Engineering Fees, Smithville Sewage Pumping Station Phase II in the Township
of West Lincoln, be received.
- That Quartek Group be approved for additional scope of engineering and related
services relating to the Smithville Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) and Combined
Sewer Overflow (CSO) Storage projects, in the amount of \$65,790.00.

That the cost associated with this work be charged against Project I.D. SW0345.
(Water & Wastewater Services Division)

367. Approval for Engineering Fees
Development of a Road Closure Action Plan
PWA 159-2004

That Report PWA 159-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Approval for Engineering Fees, Development of a Road Closure Action Plan, be received.

That authorization be granted to pay the amount of \$73,000.00 to Totten Sims Hubicki Associates.

That the cost associated with additional work be charged against Capital Works Parent Project ZRE0303. (Transportation Services)

368. Biosolids Management Dewatering
Installation and Contingency Costs
PWA 161-2004 (CSD 125-2004)

That Report PWA 161-2004 (CSD 125-2004), September 7, 2004, respecting the Biosolids Management Dewatering, Installation and Contingency Costs, be received.

That additional dewatering for contingency purposes at the Garner Road Biosolids Storage facility by Terratec Environmental Ltd., in the projected amount of \$2.8 million be approved for funding out of the Wastewater Reserve Fund

That an additional allocation based on actual costs for biosolids management related projects, totalling \$2.0 million gross and \$0.42 million net, be approved for inclusion in the 2005 Capital Wastewater Budget for project ZSW0302.
(Water & Wastewater Services Division)

(Please note that Report PWA 161-2004 (CSD 125-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

369. Reconstruction of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue)
Phase 2 – Dixon Street to Robinson Street
In the City of Niagara Falls, Project: ZRC0320
PWA 162-2004 (CSD 134-2004)

That Report PWA 162-2004 (CSD 134-2004), September 7, 2004, respecting the Reconstruction of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue), Phase 2 – Dixon Street to Robinson Street in the City of Niagara Falls, Project ZRC0320, be received.

That approval be given to initiate financing in the amount of \$2,100,000 gross and \$1,400,000 net for Project ZRC0320 Widening of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue), Ferry Street to Main Street for Phase 2 – Dixon Street to Robinson Street, In the City of Niagara Falls.

That financing consisting of Debentures (1-10 years) in the amount of \$400,000, Development Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000 and cost sharing with the City of Niagara Falls in the amount of \$700,000 be approved.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaws are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on September 16, 2004.
(Operational Support Services)

(Please note that Report PWA 162-2004 (CSD 134-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

370. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the PWA Summary, dated September 7, 2004, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 153-2004 to PWA 159-2004 inclusive; PWA 161-2004 (CSD 125-2004) and PWA 162-2004 (CSD 134-2004), be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

371. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated September 7, 2004, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 30-2004 - (August 20, 2004) – **Isabell McGarry**, Court Holdings Limited, expressing appreciation and thanks to Transportation Services staff for the efficient handling of a request for re-sodding on King Street in Beamsville.

-- Received.

PWC 31-2004 - (August 19, 2004) – **Craig A. Stirtzinger**, City Clerk, City of Welland, whereby the Welland City Council endorses the resolution from the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara requesting support from the Province to move forward, as quickly as possible, with the Niagara GTA Trade Corridor.

-- Received.

PWC 32-2004 - (August 19, 2004) – **Kathryn J. Vout**, Town Clerk, Town of Grimsby, at its Grimsby Council meeting on August 16, 2004, considered but did not support the following resolution: *“RESOLVED, That the Town of Grimsby hereby support Regional By-law No. 64-2004 that will permit the Region to finance and co-ordinate the provision of Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Services”*.
DEFEATED

-- Received.

PWC 33-2004 - (August 25, 2004) – **Bernard Made**, Director, Chemicals Control Branch, Environment Canada acknowledging receipt of the notification of salt management plan completion and commencement of implementation.

-- Received.

372. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the contents of the PWC Summary, September 7, 2004, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

373. Water and Sewage Quantities
By Municipalities – Report for 2nd Quarter 2004

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWP 45-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting Water and Sewage Quantities By Municipalities – Report for 2nd Quarter 2004, be received for information.

Carried.

374. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWP 46-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received.

Carried.

375. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWP 47-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

376. Joint Meeting Between PWUC Chair, TSSC Co-Chairs and
Commissioners of Planning and Public Works on the
Arterial Road Systems Plan – Draft Final Report

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWP 48-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Joint Meeting Between PWUC Chair, TSSC Co-Chairs and Commissioners of Planning and Public Works on the Arterial Road Systems Plan – Draft Final Report, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

377. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee
Meeting of Thursday, July 8, 2004

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting of Thursday, July 8, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be referred to staff for comment.

Carried.

378. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, August 10, 2004

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, August 10, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

379. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, August 11, 2004

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee take care in ensuring that the relevant individuals are invited to participate in the Smarter Niagara Annual Tour 2004.

Carried.

The Committee noted that the attendance notes a Ms. Haswell, who was not in attendance at the meeting and the minutes should read Ms. Singer.

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, August 11, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as amended.

Carried.

(Please note that the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee minutes are attached to the Planning Services Committee minutes)

ACCOUNTS

380. Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the accounts list for the period ending July 31, 2004 in the amount of \$4,302,107.64, be approved for payment.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

381. Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Conference in Sweden

Councillor Burroughs advised the Committee that a formal report respecting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, conference in Sweden will be prepared.

CLOSED SESSION

382. Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Salci

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

Carried.

383. Proposed Property Purchase
Additional Water Storage – Jordan and Vineland
Project ID CW0205
Town of Lincoln
PWA 163-2004

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 163-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Proposed Property Purchase, Additional Water Storage – Jordan and Vineland, Project ID CW0205, Town of Lincoln, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute a counter offer for the purchase, from the reported party, of part of Lot 23, Concession 5 in the former Township of Louth, now in the Town of Lincoln with compensation being in the amount as mentioned in the report.

That all expenses be charged against Capital Works Project I.D. Cw0205 (The Additional Water Storage – Vineland System – Project).

Carried.

384. Lease of Office Space – 250 Thorold Road West
The John Howard Society of Niagara
City of Welland
PWA 164-2004

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWA 164-2004, September 7, 2004, respecting the Lease of Office Space – 250 Thorold Road West, The John Howard Society of Niagara in the City of Welland, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

385. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:22 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, September 28, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Acting Regional Clerk