

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

**REPORT 6-2005**

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, commencing at 10:05 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Martin, Chair; Angelone; Burroughs; Eke; Heit; Hildreth; Leavens; Saracino; Zimmerman.

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

Staff  
(Part-time): Mr. Bowles, Executive Assistant to Regional Chair; Mr. Gummo, Senior Policy Coordination Planner; Mr. Hutchings, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities; Mr. Murphy, Manager, Policy & Development.

Police: Chief Southall, Chief of Police; Ms. George, Finance Manager, Niagara Regional Police Service; Mr. Iggulden, Chair, Ms. Morton, Executive Director, RMON Police Services Board.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

65. **Niagara Regional Police Service 2004 Year End Financial Operation Results**

Chief Southall, and Mr. Iggulden, Chair, Police Services Board, attended to apprise Committee of matters relating to the Niagara Regional Police Service 2004 Year End Financial Operation Results and the 2005 Budget.

66. Moved by Councillor Saracino  
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 legal matters.

Carried.

67. Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That this Committee do now rise without report.

Carried.

68. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting recess until after the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform meeting and that the balance of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee agenda be dealt with at that time.

Carried.

***Committee recessed at 11:05 a.m.***

***Committee reconvened at 1:20 p.m.***

## **CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **JOINT REPORT**

69. Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report CSD 42-2005/DPD 46-2005, March 30, 2005, respecting Municipal Response to the Proposed Investigation of the concept of Assessment Pooling be deferred to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of April 20, 2005.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

70. Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Communication CFS 28-2005 from Gary Zalot, Executive Director, Niagara District Health Council (March 15, 2005 regarding the Niagara Physician Recruitment and Retention Program be received; and

That one time expenses for moving and maintaining Niagara Physician Recruitment and Retention Program, be approved and financed from the surplus identified for 2004.

Carried.

71. Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Communication CFS 27-2005 being a memorandum from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (March 21, 2005) regarding Niagara Regional Police Service 2004 Year End Financial Operation Results, be received.

Carried.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT** (continued)

72. Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 45-2005, March 30, 2005, respecting Summary of Year End Results and Final Report on Required Transfers for the Year Ended December 31, 2004 – Current Levy Operations, be received and approved **as amended**;

- 1) Interest Income surplus of \$1.4 million be transferred to the “prior year surplus” reserve in order to fund that amount in the approved 2005 budget.
- 2) Power Dam Payment in Lieu revenue in the amount of \$1.4 million be transferred to the reserve in order to fund that amount in the approved 2005 budget.
- 3) The Tax Account surplus be used to fund a) a \$380,000 transfer to the Social Assistance reserve, which when combined with the transfer noted below under Social Assistance will provide the entire \$780,000 to be drawn from the Social Assistance reserve to support the approved 2005 budget, b) a transfer of \$400,000 to the Winter Control reserve to fund a draw of an equivalent amount from the reserve in the 2005 approved budget, and c) a transfer of \$281,000 to restore funding for Regional Transit Operations, which had been removed from the approved 2005 budget prior to the “triple majority” confirming that the Region would offer Transit services in 2005.
- 4) Social Assistance and Children’s Services surpluses of approximately \$400,000 and \$450,000 be transferred to the Social Assistance and Children’s Services reserve funds respectively, in order to fund the draws from reserves in 2005 and/or address future funding challenges.
- 5) Niagara Region Housing 2004 surplus, expected to be approximately \$1.4 million, be transferred to a new Reserve Fund for Owned Units in order to commence funding the proposed capital program for Owned Units.

- 6) The prior year unallocated NRH surplus of \$258,000 also be added to the reserve noted in 5).
- 7) Niagara Regional Police 2004 surplus of \$4.1 million be used to transfer a) \$429,339 to the Police Sick Leave reserve, b) \$140,000 to the Police Capital Levy reserve to fund future Child advocacy Centre and Child Abuse Unit initiatives, and c) the remainder of approximately \$3.5 million be transferred to the Police Contingency reserve, approximately \$1 million of which is required to support the approved 2005 Police budget.
- 8) **That Recommendation 8, as contained in this report, be referred for a follow-up report in June and that the report include any adjustments to the 2006 base budget.**

Carried.

**JOINT REPORTS**  
**(Joint Reports can be found behind the  
Joint Reports Tab in the Blue Book.)**

73. People Needing Housing: A Collaborative Housing  
Strategy for the Niagara Community

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report CSD 41-2005, March 30, 2005 (DPD 47-2005/COM 32-2005) respecting People Needing Housing: A Collaborative Housing Strategy for the Niagara Community, be received.

- 1) That the actions proposed in the attached Appendix "A" People Needing Housing: A Collaborative Housing Strategy for the Niagara Community be undertaken by the understanding that specific actions may require subsequent consideration by Council.
- 2) That Regional staff proceed on the actions as described in this report.
- 3) That an interdepartmental team of senior Regional staff and Niagara Regional Housing staff be established to steer implementation of the Strategy and obtain community input for relevant recommendations.

Carried.

(Councillor Burroughs wished to be recorded as opposed to Recommendation 2.)

74. Request for Capital Budget Allocation By-law and Financing Approval for Projects in the 2005 Water Capital Program

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 47-2005, March 30, 2005 (PWA 52-2005, March 29, 2005), respecting Request for Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for Projects in 2005 Wastewater Capital Program, be received and the financing be approved.

Carried.

75. Request for Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for Projects in the 2005 Water Capital Program

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 48-2005, March 30, 2005 (PWA 53-2005, March 29, 2005), respecting the Request for Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for Projects in the 2005 Water Capital Program, be received and the financing be approved.

Carried.

76. Request for Capital Budget and Financing Approval for Public Health Capital Project ZGR0502 – Ambulance & Related Equipment and Public Health Capital Project ZGR0101 - Land Ambulance Building

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 50-2005, March 30, 2005, (PHD 21-2005, April 4, 2005) respecting Request for Capital Budget and Financing Approval for Public Health Capital Project ZGR0502 – Ambulance & Related Equipment and Public Health Capital Project ZGR0101 – Land Ambulance Building, be received.

That the budget allocation from the approved 2005 Public Health Capital Budget in the gross amount of \$850,000 and net amount of \$425,000 be approved for Capital Project ZGR0502 – Ambulance & Related Equipment;

That the budget allocation from the 2005 Public Health Capital Budget in the amount of \$430,000 be approved for capital Project ZGR0101/GR0303 – Land Ambulance Building – Ridgeway;

That the long-term financing (1-5 years) of \$425,000 for Capital Project SGR0502 – Ambulance & Related Equipment be approved;

That the long-term financing (1-10 years) of \$430,000 for Capital Project ZGR0101/GR0303 – Land Ambulance Building – Ridgeway be approved; and

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

Carried.

77. Tender Award for Contract RN 05-05  
Rehabilitation of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road)  
Stage 2B – Preakness Street to  
Regional Road 57 (Thorold Stone Road)  
City of Niagara Falls

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 52-2005, March 30, 2005, (PWA 55-2005, March 29, 2005) respecting Tender Award for Contract RN 05-05, Rehabilitation of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) Stage 2B – Preakness Street to Regional Road 57 (Thorold Stone Road), in the City of Niagara Falls be received and the financing be approved.

Carried.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT** (continued)

78. Development charge Reserve Funds  
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 39-2005, March 30, 2005, respecting Development Charge Reserve Funds, January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004, be received for information.

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Regional Council revisit the Smarter Niagara Incentive Program.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken the Chair declared the original motion carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CFS 71.)

79. Compliance with Regulation 46/94 regarding the Reporting of 2004 Outstanding Financing Leases

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 40-2005, March 30, 2005, respecting Compliance with Regulation 46/94 regarding the Reporting of 2004 Outstanding Financing Leases, be received for information.

Carried.

80. Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Council Appointees

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 43-2005, March 30, 2005, respecting Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Council appointees, be received for information.

Carried.

81. Shortage of Justices of the Peace

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 44-2005, March 30, 2005, respecting Shortage of Justices of the Peace, be received for information; and

That a copy of this report be forwarded to all local area municipalities for their information.

Carried.

## MINUTES

82. Report 3-2005

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report 3-2005 being the minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform meeting of March 9, 2005, be approved.

Carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

83. Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Communication CFS 26-2005 being a resolution from the County of Dufferin requesting that the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Transportation of the Province of Ontario develop a new formula for the gasoline tax rebate to municipalities, based on a per lane kilometer of roadway, and for both bus and rail transit systems on a per route kilometer basis, be deferred pending receipt of AMO's position paper on this matter.

Carried.

84. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Communication CFS 29-2005 from William Roberts, CAO/Clerk, The Town of Hanover (March 1, 2005) seeking support for its Council's resolution regarding Policing Costs, be referred to the Police.

Carried.

85. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the following communications be received:

CFS 23-2005      Memorandum from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (March 2, 2005) respecting Purchase of Tasers & Accessories.

CFS 24-2005      Memorandum from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (March 2, 2005) respecting NetCyclops Inc (NCI) Quotations – Hardware & software Maintenance for Firewall & Network Devices.

Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

86.    Moved by Councillor Leavens  
      Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

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

Carried.

87.    Regional Facilities on Federal Lands

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 46-2005, March 30, 2005, respecting Regional Facilities on Federal Lands, be received; and

That staff contact local M.P.s for support of this matter.

Carried.

88.    Confidential Correspondence CFS 25-2005

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Communication CFS 25-2005 being a confidential memorandum from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Police Services Board (March 2, 2005) regarding Voice Radio System Infrastructure – Capital Project PO03007, be received.

Carried.

89.    Moved by Councillor Angelone  
      Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTIONS**

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Provide a method of keeping track of what the economic benefits are related to Smarter Niagara/Brownfields for information to Committee. (Refer to minute 78.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 1:50 p.m. to meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, 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