

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 3-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, commencing at 10:10 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Burroughs; Eke; Hildreth; Zimmerman.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff
(Part-time): Mr. Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services, P.W.; Ms. Williams, Senior Financial Analyst.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JOINT REPORTS

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Joint Reports Tab in the Blue Book.)**

33. Request for Capital Budget and Financing Approval
For Capital Project ZGC0302 – New Initiatives,
Public Health Inspection Program

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 19-2005, February 9, 2005 (PHD 09-2005, February 7, 2005) respecting Request for Capital Budget and Financing Approval for Capital Project ZGC0302 – New Initiatives, Public Health Inspection Program, be received and the financing be approved and that this report be referred to Council for final approval.

Carried.

34. Capital Budget Allocation By-law and Financing Approval for Projects Included in the 2005 Capital Budget

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 23-2005, February 9, 2005 (PWA 28-2005, February 8, 2005) respecting Capital budget Allocation By-law and Financing Approval for Projects Included in the 2005 Capital Budget, be received and the financing approved, save and except Project ZGD0209 "Central Accommodations – HQ/Admin" in the amount of \$17,005,000 and that this report be forwarded to Council for final approval.

Carried.

35. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Project ZGD0209 "Central Accommodations – HQ/Admin" be forwarded to Council with information on the options for financing (lease to own).

Carried.

36. Encumbrance Reserve Status at December 31, 2004

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 20-2005, February 9, 2005, respecting Encumbrance Reserve Status at December 31, 2004, be received for information.

Carried.

37. Tax Arrears and Collection Experience of the Area Municipalities for 2002

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 22-2005, February 9, 2005, respecting Tax Arrears and Collection Experience of the Area municipalities for 2002 be received and forwarded to the area municipal councils for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CFS 18.)

MINUTES

38. Report 1-2005

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report 1-2005, being the minutes of the Regional Development Charges Task Force meeting of January 24, 2005, be approved.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

39. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

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

Administration & Corporate Services	\$ 1,435,908.48
Community Services	4,660,890.36
Planning & Development	6,733.53
Public Health	736,142.15
Public Works	4,630,470.34
Police Service	929,177.65
Outside Board's & Agencies	0.00
Non Departmental	<u>22,124,770.23</u>
Total to Net Expense to Departments	34,534,092.74
GST Rebate to GST Recoverable from CRA	<u>1,437,501.80</u>
Total Expense Payable to Total Payable to Vendor	35,971,594.54
Holdback Amount to Holdback Amount (re: Capital)	<u>5,679,873.78</u>
Total Expenses Paid	<u>\$30,291,720.76</u>

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

40. Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Communication CFS 13-2005 from Leila Paugh, Canadian Moose World Travelling Hockey Club seeking sponsorship and requesting a donation towards costs for representing Canada in New Zealand and Australia in the summer of 2005, be received and that a letter be forwarded to her wishing her good luck and advising that the Region no longer has a Permissive Grant Policy and is unable to support her request.

Carried.

41. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Communication CFS 14-2005 from Shafee Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services (February 4, 2005) respecting Provincial Land Leases Request for Information, be received.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

42. Tax Levy Information

Councillor Eke expressed appreciation to Finance staff for providing the information outlining the reasons which lead to the \$16.6 million increase in the 2005 Budget. He commented it is very helpful in passing on information to Niagara's citizens.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Provide information on other Region's figures for total tax arrears as shown in Chart A (for comparison). (Refer to minute 37.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 10:40 a.m. to meet on Wednesday, February 23, 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