

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

**REPORT 4-2005**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, February 23, 2005, commencing at 10:10 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

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

Other: Councillor Angelone.

**PRESENTATION**

42. Recognition of Achievement

Regional Chair Partington, together with Councillor Martin, Committee Chair, and Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy, recognized Janet Pilon, Legislative Assistant, on achieving her "CMM" Certified Municipal Manager, from the Ontario Municipal Management Institute.

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

43. Agreement for Road Works  
Thundering Waters Golf Course  
Applicant: Fallsview Golf Inc. and 1149962 Ontario Limited  
Clearance of Condition to Facilitate Site Plan Approval  
Regional Road 49 (Marineland Parkway) and  
Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue)  
In the City of Niagara Falls
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Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 29-2005, February 24, 2005 (PWA 35-2004, February 22, 2005) respecting Agreement for Road Works Thundering Waters Golf Course Applicant: Fallsview Golf Inc. and 11489962 Ontario Limited Clearance of Condition to Facilitate Site Plan Approval Regional Road 49 (Marineland Parkway) and Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the financial implications be approved.

Carried.

44. Request for Capital Budget Allocation  
By-law and Financing Approval for the  
Projects in the 2004 Water and  
Wastewater Capital Programs
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Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 30-2005, February 23, 2005 (PWA 34-2005, February 22, 2005) respecting Request for Capital Budget Allocation By-law and Financing Approval for the Projects in the 2004 Water and Wastewater Capital Programs, be received and the financial implications be approved.

Carried.

45. Revised Engineering Agreement for the  
Reconstruction of Beckett's Bridge (Structure No. 024205)  
Regional Road 24 (Vineland Townline Road)  
0.1 km North of Regional Road 27 (River Road)  
in the Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet
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Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 31-2005, February 23, 2005 (PWA 33-2005, February 22, 2005) respecting Revised Engineering Agreement for the Reconstruction of

Beckett's Bridge (Structure No. 024205) Regional Road 24 (Vineland Townline Road) 0.1 km North of Regional Road 27 (River Road) in the Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet, be received and the financial implications be approved.

Carried.

### **CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

46. Capital Projects  
December 2004 Variance Report

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 26-2005, February 23, 2005, respecting Capital Projects December 2004 Variance Report, be received for information; and

That this report be forwarded to the Public Works Committee for information.

Carried.

47. Initiation of Capital Project ZPO0407  
#14 Division Grimsby Facility

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 27-2005, February 23, 2005, respecting Initiation of Capital Project ZPO0407, #14 Division Grimsby Facility, be received and approved and initiated with a gross and net cost of \$2,500,000.

That financing for the project include and debenture (1-10 years) of \$2,500,000.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

#### Conflict of Interest

Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Report CSD 28-2005 regarding Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations Fourth Quarter 2004 with respect to Modern Landfill, as the company is a client of his and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

48. Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations  
Fourth Quarter 2004

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 28-2005, February 23, 2005, respecting Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations Fourth Quarter 2004, be received for information.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the Accounts Payable Expenditure Summary as it relates to wireless communication as he is employed by a wireless communication company and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

**ACCOUNTS**

49. Moved by Regional Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Accounts Payable Expenditure Summary for the period ending January 31, 2005, in the following amounts be approved:

Administration & Corporate Services	\$ 1,677,879.66
Community Services	3,879,467.31
Planning & Development	2,270.38
Public Health	752,805.36
Public Works	5,185,428.38
Police Service	952,902.35
Outside Board's & Agencies	0.00
Non Departmental	<u>28,783,109.34</u>
Total to Net Expense to Departments	41,233,862.78
GST Rebate to GST Recoverable from CRA	<u>1,498,779.79</u>
Total Expense Payable to Total Payable to Vendor	42,732,642.57
Holdback Amount to Holdback Amount (re: Capital)	<u>7,660,941.73</u>
Total Expenses Paid	<u>\$35,071,700.84</u>

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

50. Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Communication CFS 21-2005 from Heather Babcock, Clerk, Town of Midland, seeking support for its Council's resolution that municipalities that administer and enforce parking policies, be urged to support a Veteran Recognition Program wherein vehicles displaying an Ontario Veterans License Plate be exempted from certain enforceable regulations be received and supported and referred to area municipalities for consideration of support by their Councils.

Carried.

Councillor Heit wished to be recorded as opposed to the foregoing motion.)

51. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Communication CFS 20-2005 from J. D. Leach, City Clerk, City of Vaughan, regarding its Council's resolution requesting Provincial financial assistance and a review of what services are currently funded from property taxation with the objective of funding the implementation and administration of broad social policies from a source other than property taxation, be received and that staff provide background information reflecting the Niagara Region's position for presentation at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

Carried.

Mr. Trojan apprised Committee of a News Release from AMO regarding the Provincial Government's plan to replace Ontario's existing Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) with a new model and to provide one-time funding to support transition to the new program. The plan is not clear but appears to include provision to reconcile costs in previous years related to the delivery of Provincial health and social services programs. He commented the announcement has raised many questions and it is too early to determine if municipalities and property taxpayers are better off under the new model.

Mr. Trojan advised of the position put forward by the Single Tier Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario group with respect to the New Deal for municipalities and to support the ongoing efforts of municipal associations to shape the specifics of the New Deal.

(Attached to the minutes is information with respect to the New Deal for municipalities and service delivery.)

52. Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the following communications be received:

- CFS 15-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (January 27, 2005) regarding NRPS Capital Project ZPO0503 – 2005 Vehicle & Equipment Replacements.
- CFS 16-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (January 27, 2005) regarding Capital Budget Allocation By-law for Police Central Accommodations – Project ID ZPO0509
- CFS 17-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (February 1, 2005) regarding Capital Project PO0509, Central Accommodations – HQ/Administration
- CFS 18-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (February 1, 2005) regarding Niagara Regional Police Service Traffic Safety Plan – 2005.
- CFS 19-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (February 1, 2005) regarding 2004 Annual Report on Board Activities.
- CFS 22-2005 Memorandum from Shafee Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services regarding Staff Direction: Item 37, CFS February 9, 2005 Tax Arrears

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

53. Appointment to Corporate and Financial Services Committee

Councillor Martin, Committee Chair, advised that Councillor Angelone, who was in attendance, has asked to serve on the Corporate and Financial Services Committee. The Clerk will prepare the necessary information to Council for approval of the appointment.

54. Upper Canada Lodge – Federal Lands

Councillor Burroughs requested that the Properties Division examine the original lease with the Federal Government for the land on which Upper Canada Lodge is built, noting that he believed the cost was \$1.00 per year. The Federal Government has taken the position of leasing land at its market value and Upper Canada Lodge is now paying \$39,000. Councillor Burroughs commented that he would like the Region to examine this matter and the feasibility of appealing this. Committee also suggested that any other facilities on Federal lands be examined as well.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That the Properties Division examine the leases for the Upper Canada Lodge and any other Regional facilities on Federal lands and present a report to Committee on this matter.

Carried.

55. Financial Commitments – Transit

Councillor Zimmerman inquired as to whether municipalities that do not have rider ship will still be asked to pay Niagara because of the Triple Majority. Councillor Zimmerman also inquired as to what formulas the Provincial and Federal Government have in place as it relates to the allocation of funds through the Gas Tax.

Mr. Trojan commented that Federal funds distribution will be based on per capita. The Provincial formula is still subject to discussion and that it appears to be leading towards an allocation also based on per capita and not on rider ship. Costs in Niagara for Specialized Transit is still subject to some determination and discussion with area municipalities and that it may be different from assessment and be geared towards rider ship. It is anticipated that a formula will be in place next year.

**CLOSED SESSION**

56. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
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 matters.

Carried.

57. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That the following communications be received:

CFS 20-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (January 27, 2005) regarding Capital Project ZPO0509 – Police Accommodation – Property Acquisition – 110 James Street, St. Catharines

CFS 21-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (January 27, 2005) regarding Lease – Renewal – Voice Radio System Infrastructure.

Carried.

58. Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

### **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