

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

**REPORT 7-2005**

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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, April 20, 2005, commencing at 10:15 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Staff  
(Part-time): Mr. Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Mr. Gummo, Senior Policy Coordination Planner; Mr. Murphy, Manager, Policy & Development; Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources.

**JOINT REPORTS**

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

90. Tender Award – Contract RN 05-10  
Reconstruction of Regional Road 20 from  
Station Street to Regional Road 36 (Pelham Street)  
Town of Pelham

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report CSD 58-2005, April 20, 2005 (PWA 65-2005, April 19, 2005), respecting the Tender Award – Contract RN 05-10, Reconstruction of Regional Road 20 from Station Street to Regional Road 36 (Pelham Street) in the Town of Pelham, be received and the financing be approved.

Carried.

91. Welland Patrol Yard

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report CSD 59-2005, April 20, 2005 (PWA 67-2005, April 19, 2005) respecting Welland Patrol Yard, be received and the financing be approved.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

92. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services, expressed appreciation and thanks to Ms. McCormack, Ms. Christie and Ms. Vercouteven of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation for their presentation at the Region's Property Taxation and Assessment Learning Session that was held on April 13, 2005. Councillor Leavens also expressed his appreciation to Ms. McCormack and her colleagues for their assistance with a Town of Pelham matter.

**JOINT REPORTS** (continued)

93. Municipal Response to the Proposed Investigation  
Of the Concept of Assessment Pooling

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report CSD 42-2005, March 30, 2005 (DPD 46-2005) respecting Municipal Response to the Proposed Investigation of the Concept of Assessment Pooling, be received; and

That Council direct staff to proceed on a call for proposals for a study of the concept of assessment pooling.

Defeated.

94. OMERS Contribution Rate Review

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 56-2005, April 20, 2005 (HR 16-2005, April 19, 2005) regarding OMERS Contribution Rate Review, be received.

That the OMERS Board be requested to review the impact and necessity of 1-2% contribution rate increase given "superior" investment returns with the plan for 2004; and

That any such increase, if deemed necessary, be no greater than 0.50% per year for participating employers and employees given other ever increasing service costs faced by municipalities and the limited property tax base to accommodate such increases; and

That this resolution and report be forwarded to the Niagara Police Services Board, Provincial Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and local members of the Provincial Legislature for support.

Carried.

#### **CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

95. Request for 2005 Capital Budget Allocation to Project ZGC0105 Employment Information System/Systems Development Provided by External Service Provider

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report CSD 54-2005, April 20, 2005, respecting Request for 2005 Capital Budget Allocation to Project ZGC0105, Employment Information System/Systems Development Provided by External Service Provider, be received.

That the budget allocation from the approved 2005 Corporate and Technology Capital Budget in the gross and net amount of \$822,500 be approved for Capital Project ZGC0105, Employment Information System.

That approval be given to fund the project with long-term financing (1-5 years) of \$822,500.

That the Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

96. Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the 2005 Niagara Regional Housing Capital Program

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 55-2005, April 20, 2005, respecting Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the 2005 Niagara Regional Housing Capital Program, be received.

That financing be approved for the 2005 Niagara Regional Housing Capital Program for \$2,948,200 gross and \$1,904,545 net as detailed in Appendix 1.

That the financing for the projects include long-term financing (1-10 years) of \$1,618,863.

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

Carried.

### **MINUTES**

97. 4-2005

Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report 4-2005 being the minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform meeting of March 30, 2005, be approved.

Carried.

98. 5-2005

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That the recommendations/actions of the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform meeting of April 20, 2005, be approved.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

99. Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the following communications be received:

CFS 30-2005      Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of  
Niagara Police Services Board (April 5, 2005) regarding  
Facilities - #22 Division Niagara Falls – Emergency  
Generator Replacement

- CFS 31-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (April 5, 2005) regarding Community Policing Partnership (CPP) Program – Contract Renewal
- CFS 32-2005 Roger Anderson, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (April 4, 2005) regarding federal gas tax revenue sharing for municipalities.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

100. Audit Committee Meeting

An Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following Corporate and Financial Services Committee).

**CLOSED SESSION**

101. Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

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

Carried.

102. Oral Report – Wastewater Billings

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the oral report on wastewater billings be received; and

That the proposed settlement for Wastewater Billings for the City of Niagara Falls be approved.

Carried.

103. Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, May 11, 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