

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 7-2005**

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

- Committee: Councillors Rigby, Chair; Regional Chair Partington; Bailey, Bodner, Brock, Burroughs, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Hodgson, Leavens, Redekop, Salci, Trombetta.
- Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Brcic Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.
- Staff (Part Time): Messrs. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Flora, Transportation Engineer; Barr, Consultant; Oatley, Laboratory and Environmental Enforcement Manager; Nicholson, Senior Policy Coordinator Planner; Ms. Lambe, Business Partner, Strategic Communications .

**PRESENTATIONS**

160. Niagara-on-the-Lake Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Nick Palomba of DelCan provided the Committee with the details of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Transportation Master Plan as well as the process Delcan pursued to obtain comments from the public, staff, Emergency Services, Transit and business.

The technical process assessed the existing traffic conditions; developed evaluation criteria; forecasted travel demand for 2001 & 2021; reviewed other transportation modes and identified deficiencies in the roadway network; transit; pedestrian and cycling network and transportation policies.

The Committee was apprised of the Recommended Plan that would address the identified deficiencies.

Councillor Burroughs thanked Delcan and noted that the Transportation Master Plan will be used as a future planning tool for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the presentation respecting the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Transportation Master Plan, be received and referred to staff for report.

Carried.

161. Keen on Green Initiative  
Emergency Management Program

Mr. Sidawi provided the Committee with an update on the Region's Keen on Green Initiative established in July 2003, through its Eco-Efficiency Green Team that was tasked with investigating and recommending the appropriate steps to initiate an energy efficiency program to the Corporate Management Team (CMT).

Mr. George Canetti, Senior Business Developer, Ameresco Canada provided the Committee with Ameresco Canada's background; information on their clients the manner in which they assess a buildings condition; the benefits derived from various solutions (upgraded/energy efficient lighting; HVAC, etc.) the methods for funding energy programs to move the Region's Keen on Green Initiative forward and attain a sustainable energy conservation program.

The Committee was advised that in order to take the program to another level and enhance the sustainability of the program, the need for a Comprehensive Strategic Renewal Fund Model as proposed by Ameresco Canada illustrates the process through which sustainable energy conservation can be achieved.

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That the presentation respecting the Region's Keen on Green Initiative by Ameresco Canada, be received and referred to Report PWP 26 -2005.

Carried.

**ADMINISTRATION**

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary and Addendum, April 19, 2005:

162. Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Servicing Strategy Plan  
Town of Grimsby

**PWA 57-2005**

That Report PWA 57-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Facility Servicing Strategy Plan in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That the 'Servicing Strategy Plan' for the Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Facility, as outlined in this report, be approved.

163. Class Environmental Assessment Study  
Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 20  
Regional Road 36 (Pelham Road) to Highway 406  
Town of Pelham and City of Thorold

**PWA 58-2005**

That Report PWA 58-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Class Environmental Assessment Study, Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 20, Regional Road 36 (Pelham Road) to Highway 406 in the Town of Pelham and the City of Thorold, be received.

That the preferred alternative for the reconstruction and widening of Regional Road 20 from Regional Road 36 (Pelham Road) to Highway 406 in the Town of Pelham and the City of Thorold presented to the public through the Class Environmental Assessment and accepted by the Minister of the Environment, with conditions during the Part II order process, be accepted as the alternative for implementation;

That the Environmental Screening Report (ESR) and Part II Order Process Report completed by our consultant, Delcan Corporation be received and filed with the Regional Clerk;

That Delcan's engineering agreement be extended to cover engineering services required to respond to inquiries and complete the Part II order process costs in the amount of \$30,000 plus GST;

That pending funding availability, the Region proceed with the detailed design of the project in preparation of the construction works;

The costs of the Part II order requirements are charged to Project ID ZRC0017/RC0017 (Widening of RR20 (Old Hwy 20), Pelham to Hwy 406).

164. Proposed 2005 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation  
And Installation Programs  
**PWA 59-2005**

That Report PWA 59-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Proposed 2005 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation and Installation Programs, be received.

That staff be authorized to proceed with the proposed 2005 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program and New Traffic Signal Installation Programs as outlined in this report;

Further, that council authorize staff to continue with the standardization of traffic signal equipment, as per the "Design and Operation of Traffic Signals Standards and Specifications" manual, taking into consideration the Corporate Policy for "Sole Source or Direct Negotiation Purchases Procedure".

165. Background Information Report  
Proposed Regional Road Allowance Policies  
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2005  
**PWA 60-2005 (DPD 61-2005)**

That Report PWA 60-2005 (DPD 61-2005), April 19, 2005, respecting the Background Information Report, Proposed Regional Road Allowance Policies, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2005, be received.

That a copy of this report be circulated to the local municipalities and Provincial agencies for review and comments.

That three public meetings be held across Niagara to obtain comments on the proposed Policy Plan Amendment 2-2005.

*(Please note that Report PWA 60-2005 (DPD 61-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

(Refer to Staff Directions)

166. Tender Award – Contract RN 05-10  
Reconstruction of Regional Road 20 from  
Station Street to Regional Road 36 (Pelham Street)  
Town of Pelham  
**PWA 65-2005 (CSD 58-2005)**

That Report PWA 65-2005 (CSD 58-2005), 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.

That subject to the confirmation of cost-sharing by the Town of Pelham, Contract RN 05-10, Reconstruction of Regional Road 20, from Station Street to Regional Road 36 (Pelham Street), in the Town of Pelham, be awarded to the low tenderer, Hard Rock Construction Inc., at its bid price in the amount of \$ 987,332.00;

That Long Term Financing (1-10 years) in the gross and net amount of \$411,000 be approved for Project ZRC0017 Reconstruction of Regional Road 20 from Station Street to Pelham Street from the approved 2004 Roads Capital Budget.

That Capital Levy Financing in the amount of \$120,000 be transferred from Project ZRC0012 Structure Rehabilitation Program to Project ZRC0017 Reconstruction of Regional Road 20 from Station Street to Pelham Street

That approval be given to increase the gross budget for project ZRC0017/RC0017 Reconstruction of Regional Road 20 from Station Street to Regional Road 36 (Pelham Street) in the Town of Pelham in the amount of \$505,500.00 to reflect the cost sharing with the Town of Pelham;

That a contingency amount of \$90,000 be provided for this project;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-laws, including the by-law authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, are presented to Regional Council on April 28,2005;

*(Please note that Report PWA 65-2005 (CSD 58-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

167. 2005 Roads Rehabilitation Program

**PWA 66-2005**

That Report PWA 66-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the 2005 Roads Rehabilitation Program, be received.

That the proposed 2005 strengthening and resurfacing list as detailed in Appendix "1" and Appendix "2", be approved;

That staff be authorized to proceed forthwith with tender calls for the strengthening and resurfacing contracts covering the streets listed in Appendix "1";

That the project costs be charged to Parent Project ID ZRC0501, 2005 Road Rehabilitation Program.

168. Welland Patrol Yard  
**PWA 67-2005 (CSD 59-2005)**  
That Report PWA 67-2005 (CSD 59-2005), April 19, 2005, respecting the Welland Patrol Yard, be received.

That Long Term Financing (1-20 years) in the gross and net amount of \$342,996.00 be transferred from project ZGD0208/GD0209 Rehabilitation Lincoln Patrol Yard to project ZGD0207 Rehabilitation Welland Patrol Yard.

That Project ZGD0208 be closed following the budget transfer.

That the contract for the replacement of the Welland Patrol Yard be awarded to the firm of T.R. Hinan Contractors Inc. at its Design/Build bid price of \$3,769,000.00 (excluding GST).

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$380,000.00 be provided for this contract.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on April 28, 2005.

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Parent Project ZGD0207.

*(Please note that Report PWA 67-2005 (CSD 59-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

169. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated April 19, 2005, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 57-2005 to PWA 67-2005 (CSD 59-2005) inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

170. Communications listed in the Addendum PWC Summary, dated April 19, 2005, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 18-2005 – (April 7, 2005) – **Joe Cousins**, Director of Transportation Services, to Dave Shantz, City of Welland, on the Region's Transportation Strategy Steering Committee's request for Welland's participation in the provision of inter-municipal specialized transit services.

-- Received

171. Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the contents of the Addendum PWC Summary, dated April 19, 2005, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

#### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

172. Construction Progress Report  
Transportation Services

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 23-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Transportation Services, be received for information.

Carried.

173. Construction Progress Report  
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 24-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

174. Transportation Division's Adopt-a-Road Program

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 25-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Transportation Division's Adopt-a-Road Program, be received for information.

Carried.

175. Presentation by Ameresco Canada  
Keen on Green Initiative  
Energy Management Program

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 26-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Presentation by Ameresco Canada, Keen on Green Initiative, Energy Management Program, be received for information.

Carried.

176. Construction Progress Report  
Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 27-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

177. Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue)  
Between Mountain Street and CN Railway  
City of St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 28-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) between Mountain Street and CN Railway in the City of St. Catharines, be received for information.

Carried.

**MINUTES**

178. Waste Management Planning Steering Committee  
Tuesday, March 29, 2005

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That the minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, March 29, 2005, be received and the recommendations therein approved

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

179. Safety Concerns at the  
Intersection of Friesen Street and Ontario Street  
Town of Lincoln

Councillor Hodgson advised the Committee of the safety concerns at the intersection of Friesen Street and Ontario Street in the Town of Lincoln and that the intersection is in need of a traffic signal.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that a traffic signal at the Friesen Street and Ontario Street intersection was not warranted, however, staff will revisit the request and report back to the Committee.

180. The Deplorable Condition of the  
400 Series Highways in Niagara

Moved by Councillor Brock  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That a letter respecting the deplorable condition of the 400 Series Highways in Niagara from the Regional Chair and taking into consideration all of the concerns from all of the area municipalities, be presented to the Minister of Transportation during his visit to Niagara Region.

Carried.

181. Material Recycling Facility – Official Opening

The Committee was advised of the Material Recycling Facility's Official Opening that is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2005.

182. Waste Management Services Division – Vacancies

Mr. Neville advised the Committee of the process that is being followed to fill the Waste Management Services Division's vacancies.

183. Municipal Solid Waste Conference

Councillor Burroughs apprised the Committee of the Municipal Solid Waste Conference that is taking place on May 12, 2005 at the City of Toronto's Metro Hall.

Councillors interested in attending were encouraged to advise staff as soon as possible.

184. Safety Concerns at the  
Intersection of Garrison Road and Kraft Road  
Town of Fort Erie

Councillor Redekop advised the Committee of the safety concerns at the intersection of Garrison Road and Kraft Road in the Town of Fort Erie and that the intersection is in the need of a traffic signal.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that a traffic signal at the Garrison Road and Kraft Road intersection was not warranted, however, staff will revisit the request and report back to the Committee.

**CLOSED SESSION**

185. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

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

Carried.

186. Property Purchase  
Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 89 (Glendale Avenue)  
City of St. Catharines  
**PWA 62-2005 CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Regional Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 62-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Property Purchase, Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 89 (Glendale Avenue) in the City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

187. Former Atlas Waste Disposal Site, City of Welland  
Emergency Order and Report by the  
Ministry of the Environment (MOE)  
PWA 64-2005 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Regional Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWA 64-2005, April 19, 2005, respecting the Former Atlas Waste Disposal Site, City of Welland, Emergency Order and Report by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), be received.

That the Region seek compensation from the parties involved for recovery of costs to operate and maintain the leachate control system at the former Atlas Steels Waste Disposal Site in the City of Welland.

That the Region pursue a method to place a lien on the property in question to provide compensation should a new owner be found.

That the Region investigate opportunities for indemnity from such costs that could be incurred in the future.

That the Region consider a further review of the Order and implications respecting legal, financial and risk/liability to the Region.

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

Carried.

188. Wastewater Billings

Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That the proposed settlement for the Wastewater billing error in the City of Niagara Falls, be approved.

Carried.

189. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was directed to:

- (i) review the manner in which the public will be notified of the Public Meetings that will be held on the proposed Policy Plan Amendment 2-2005, to ensure that everyone affected is aware of their opportunity to participate. (Refers to Minute Item 165)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:55 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, May 10, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby  
Chair

Janet Pilon  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk/Associate Director  
of Corporate Strategy