

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 1-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Chair; Regional Chair Partington; Bailey, Bodner, Brock, Burroughs, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Hodgson, Leavens, Redekop, Salci, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Brcic, Director, Water and Wastewater Services; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part-Time): Messrs. Ventresca, Commissioner, Community Services; Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Ms. Ralph, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning; Ms. Lambe, Business Partner, Strategic Communications.

ADMINISTRATION

1. **Closure of Capital Projects**
CSD 165-2004

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That **Report CSD 165-2004**, December 8, 2004, respecting the Closure of Capital Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

2. Capital Projects
September 2004 Variance Report
CSD 166-2004

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That **Report CSD 166-2004, December 8, 2004**, respecting the Capital Projects, September 2004 Variance Report, be received for information.

Carried.

3. **Additional Information requested at Council on December 16, 2004**
Regarding Report PWA 225-2004 / CSD 182-2004

Mr. Payne provided the Committee with an overview of the process Reports **PWA 196-2004 (CSD 153-2004), November 9, 2004**, respecting the Waste Management Financing Options, 2005 Cost Apportionment; **PWA 203-2004 (CSD 158-2004), November 23, 2004**, respecting the Waste Management Financing Options Study, Revised Long-term Finance Strategy and **PWA 225-2004 (CSD 182-2004), December 7, 2004**, respecting the Amendments to 2005 Waste Management Services Division, Operating Budget have followed.

Mr. Payne noted that the reports have only been received and for the Waste Management Services Division to proceed the reports require Regional Council's approval.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the memorandum dated January 6, 2005, respecting the additional information requested at Council on December 16, 2004 regarding **Report PWA 225-2004 / CSD 182-2004, be received**.

Carried.

(Please note that memorandum dated December 16, 2004 can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

(Refer to Staff Directions)

4. Waste Management Financing Options
2005 Cost Apportionment
PWA 196-2004 (CSD 153-2004)

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That **Report PWA 196-2004 (CSD 153-2004)**, November 9, 2004, respecting the Waste Management Financing Options, 2005 Cost Apportionment, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 196-2004 (CSD 153-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

(Refer to Staff Directions)

5. Waste Management Financing Options Study
Revised Long-term Finance Strategy
PWA 203-2004 (CSD 158-2004)

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That **Report PWA 203-2004 (CSD 158-2004)**, November 23, 2004, respecting the Waste Management Financing Options Study, Revised Long-term Finance Strategy, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 203-2004 (CSD 158-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

(Refer to Staff Directions)

6. Amendments to 2005 Waste Management Services Division
Operating Budget
PWA 225-2004 (CSD 182-2004)

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That **Report PWA 225-2004 (CSD 182-2004)**, December 7, 2004, respecting the Amendments to 2005 Waste Management Services Division, Operating Budget, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 225-2004 (CSD 182-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

(Refer to Staff Directions)

7. Comments on PWA 215-2004/CSD 177-2004
Approval of Vehicle Replacement and Additions

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the memorandum dated December 14, 2004, respecting comments on PWA 215-2004/CSD 177-2004, Approval of Vehicle Replacement and Additions, be received.

Carried.

(Please note that memorandum dated December 14, 2004 can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

8. Request for Capital Budget Allocation and Financing Approval for Projects ZSS0501, ZSW0511, ZCW0518 and ZGG0503
Vehicle and Equipment Replacement and Additions
PWA 215-2004 (CSD 177-2004)

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That PWA **215-2004 (CSD 177-2004)**, December 7, 2004, respecting the Request for Capital Budget Allocation and Financing, Approval for Projects ZSS0501, ZSW0511, ZCW0518 and ZGG0503, Vehicle and Equipment Replacement and Additions, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 215-2004 (CSD 177-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary and Addendum, January 11, 2005:

9. Request for Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for Balance of
2004 Waste Management Capital Program
PWA 06-2005 (CSD 08-2005)

That Report **PWA 06-2005 (CSD 08-2005)**, January 11, 2005, respecting the Request for Capital Budget Allocation By-law and Financing Approval for the Balance of the 2004 Waste Management Capital Program, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

(Please note that Report PWA 06-2005 (CSD 08-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

10. Storm Sewer Cost Sharing Program
PWA 07-2005 (CSD 09-2005)

That Report 07-2005 (CSD 09-2005), January 11, 2005, respecting the Storm Sewer Cost Sharing Program, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

(Please note that Report PWA 07-2005 (CSD 09-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

11. Grasscycling Promotional Campaign
PWA 08-2005
That **Report PWA 08-2005**, January 11, 2005, respecting the Grasscycling Promotional Campaign, be received.

That the Region implement a comprehensive grasscycling promotional campaign for residents, beginning in 2005.

That, in the summer of 2005, the Region promote to residents the use of paper bags for the collection of their leaf & yard waste and food waste.
12. Special Events Recycling Pilot Project
PWA 09-2005
That **Report PWA 09-2005**, January 11, 2005, respecting the Special Events Recycling Pilot Project, be received.

That a permanent Special Events Recycling Program be established in the Niagara Region, on a voluntary basis, and that Recommendations #1 through #3 contained herein be approved for this purpose;

That staff be authorized to further explore the feasibility of mandatory recycling at special events, (Recommendation #4 contained herein) and report back to Council in early 2005.
13. Approval of Funding a Joint Study
Niagara-on-the-Lake Transportation Master Plan
PWA 11-2005
That **Report PWA 11-2005, January 11, 2005**, respecting the Approval of Funding a Joint Study, Niagara-on-the-Lake Transportation Master Plan, be received.

That authorization be granted to pay the amount of \$70,000 to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, representing a 50% cost-sharing arrangement, for the Town's development of its Transportation Master Plan.

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Parent Project ZRE0403.
14. Expropriation – South Service Road
Extension Project – Town of Grimsby
PWA 12-2005 (CSD 13-2005)
That **Report PWA 12-2005 (CSD 13-2005)**, January 11, 2005, respecting the Expropriation – South Service Road Extension Project in the Town of Grimsby, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

(Please note that Report PWA 12-2005 (CSD 13-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

15. Retention of Consulting Services for the
Vineland Reservoir and Water Booster Pumping Station
Town of Lincoln

PWA 13-2005

That Report **PWA 13-2005, January 11, 2005**, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Vineland Reservoir and Water Booster Pumping Station in the Town of Lincoln, be received.

That the consulting firm of MacViro Consultants Inc. be retained to provide the engineering design, contract administration, and construction supervision services for the construction of the new Vineland Reservoir and Water Booster Pumping Station located in the Town of Lincoln at the south-east corner of Victoria Avenue and Fifth Avenue at the estimated cost of \$297,420.00 excluding GST.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project CW0205.

16. Regional Niagara Bikeways Master Plan

PWA 14-2005

That **Report PWA 14-2005, January 11, 2005**, respecting the Regional Niagara Bikeways Master Plan, be received.

That the Regional Niagara Bikeways Master Plan (BMP) be approved, subject to consultation with the local municipalities.

That the implementation of those sections of the BMP on Regional roads continue to be constructed as a component of the Regional Road Reconstruction and Resurfacing programs and that the timing and priority of bikeway projects on Regional roads be set on the basis of the overall need for and planning of the reconstruction or resurfacing of the roadway network.

That the construction of additional off-road bikeway facilities on the BMP network proceed only when additional funding sources become available either through special funding programs of senior levels of government or through partnership agreement with other public or private agencies.

That Regional staff be directed to work with local municipal staff in identifying and applying to all available possible Federal and Provincial infrastructure programs for funding grants to be applied against the implementation of the BMP.

That the Regional Niagara Planning and Development Department be requested to initiate an amendment to the Regional Policy Plan to consider changes to the text and network mapping contained in Section 9.F Transportation: Bicycling.

17. Capital Budget Allocation By-law for
Police Central Accommodations
Project ID ZPO0509

PWA 15-2004 (CSD 14-2005)

That Report **PWA 15-2005 (CSD 14-2005)**, January 11, 2005, respecting the Capital Budget Allocations By-law for Police Central Accommodations, Project ID ZPO0509, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

(Please note that Report PWA 15-2005 (CSD 14-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

18. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated January 11, 2005, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 06-2005 (CSD 08-2005) to PWA 09-2005 inclusive and PWA 11-2005 to PWA 15-2005 (CSD 14-2005) inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

19. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary and Addendum, dated January 11, 2005, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 01-2005 – (December 8, 2004) – **Maria Mauro**, Director of Finance, City of Thorold, to Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services, being a City Council resolution consenting to Regional Bylaw permitting Niagara to finance and co-ordinate Specialized Transit services.

-- Received.

PWC 02-2005 – (January 10, 2005) – **Joe Cousins**, Director of Transportation Services Division, providing information on the Province's release of the Niagara-GTA Corridor Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference, expected this week.

-- Received.

20. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the contents of the PWC Summary and Addendum, January 11, 2005, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

21. Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 01-2005, January 11, 2005, respecting Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations, be received for information.

Carried.

22. Headquarters Addition Project – Status Report # 1

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 03-2005, January 11, 2005, respecting the Headquarters Addition Project – Status Report # 1, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

23. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee
Tuesday, November 9, 2004

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting of Tuesday, November 9, 2004, be received and the recommendations therein referred back to staff for comment.

Carried.

24. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Wednesday, December 8, 2004

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, December 8, 2004, be received.

Carried.

(Please note that the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee can be found behind the Planning Services Committee minutes.)

25. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Wednesday, December 15, 2004

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, December 15, 2004, be received and the recommendations therein be approved.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

26. Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the accounts list for the period ending November 30, 2004 in the amount of \$4,374,561.78, be approved for payment.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

27. Twinning of Highway 406

Councillor Brock advised the Committee that the City of Thorold continues to forward statistics to the Ministry of Transportation respecting the number of collisions that occur on Highway 406, which include the number of fatalities and the severity of the injuries sustained.

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the Ministry of Transportation be urged to move forward with the twinning of Highway 406 to Main Street as soon as possible.

Carried.

28. Salt Application in the
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Councillor Burroughs noted that the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Niagara Region had an understanding that salt is to be applied on a limited basis and requested that the Public Works Department review with the contractor the amount of salt being applied in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the contractor has been advised and that he would follow up with the contractor on this matter at a meeting later this week.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

29. Flooding
Town of Lincoln

Councillor Hodgson thanked Regional staff for taking measures to avert flooding in the Town of Lincoln during the January thaw.

Councillor Hodgson requested that the Niagara Region take measures to resolve the issues in the Town of Lincoln as soon as possible.

Mr. Brcic advised the Committee that the Water & Wastewater Services Division has undertaken the review of storage requirements throughout the Niagara Region, with particular attention being paid to the areas where flooding has been experienced.

30. Public Liaison Committee
Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility
City of Port Colborne

Councillor Bodner advised the Committee that the first meeting of the Public Liaison Committee, Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility in the City of Port Colborne will be held at the Port Colborne City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street on January 19, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

31. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Eke

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

Carried.

32. Lease Renewal
Community Services Office
Town of Fort Erie
PWA 01-2005 (COM 08-2005)

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That **Report PWA 01-2005, (COM 08-2005)**, January 11, 2005, respecting the Lease Renewal, Community Services Office in the Town of Fort Erie, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

33. Extension of Closing
Sunset Haven Property
City of Welland
PWA 02-2005 (COM 07-2005)

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That **Report PWA 02-2005 (COM 07-2005)**, January 11, 2005, respecting the Extension of Closing on the Sunset Haven Property in the City of Welland, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

34. Lease Renewal – Char-el Developments
Sexual Health Centre
City of Welland
PWA 03-2005 (PHD 03-2005)

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report **PWA 03-2005 (PHD 03-2005), January 11, 2005**, respecting the Lease Renewal – Char-el Developments, Sexual Health Centre in the City of Welland, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

35. Antenna Agreement – Regional Police
Township of Wainfleet
PWA 04-2005

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report **PWA 04-2005, January 11, 2005**, respecting the Antenna Agreement – Regional Police in the Township of Wainfleet, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

36. Road Widening Acquisitions
Widening of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road)
Between Preakness Street and Chorozy Street
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 05-2005

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That **Report PWA 05-2005, January 11, 2005,** respecting the Road Widening Acquisitions, Widening of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) between Preakness Street and Chorozy Street in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

37. Lease Extension and Purchase
Smithville Ambulance Station
Township of West Lincoln
PWA 10-2005 (PHD 04-2005/CSD 12-2005)

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That **Report PWA 10-2005 (PHD 04-2005/CSD 12-2005),** January 11, 2005, respecting the Lease Extension and Purchase, Smithville Ambulance Station in the Township of West Lincoln be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

38. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS (Continued)

39. Regional Involvement in the
Provision of Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Service
PWP 02-2005

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That **Report PWP 02-2004, January 11, 2005**, respecting Regional Involvement in the Provision of Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Services, be received for information.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was directed to:

- provide the Committee with trend information, with key dates in history that would explain some of the significant shifts in tonnages (e.g. implementation of the bag limit; contract renewals; closure of landfill sites) (Refers to Minutes items 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- provide Councillor Burroughs with the minutes of the meeting that Mr. Cousins and the contractor is having respecting the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (Refers to Minute Item 28)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:30 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, January 25, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate Director
of Corporate Strategy