

## **THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

### **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

#### **REPORT 2-2005**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 commencing at 1:38 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Redekop, Vice Chair; Bailey, Bodner, Burroughs, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Hodgson, Leavens, Salci, Trombetta.

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

Staff (Part-Time): Messrs. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Smith, Associate Director, Waste Management Engineering; Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair; Ms. Lambe, Business Partner, Strategic Communications.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

##### **For Committee Consideration**

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Addendum, January 25, 2005:

40. Revised Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility (Port Colborne)  
Terms of Reference and New Membership

##### **PWA 27-2005**

Moved by Councillor Buroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWA 27-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Revised Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility (Port Colborne), Terms of Reference and New Membership, be received.

That the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility Public Liaison Committee (PLC) Terms of Reference be amended to increase the number of resident members on the Committee from two (2) resident members per municipality to three (3) members per municipality, and;

That Mr. Allan Labatt (Welland resident) and Pat Shore (Port Colborne resident) be appointed to the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility PLC as the additional voting resident members.

Carried.

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, January 25, 2005:

41. Capital Budget Allocation By-law for  
Water Supply for Agricultural Use  
Project ID ZCW0401

**PWA 16-2005 (CSD 15-2005)**

That Report PWA 16-2005 (CSD 15-2005), January 25, 2005, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation By-law for Water Supply for Agricultural Use, Project ID ZCW0401, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

*(Please note that Report PWA 16-2005 (CSD 15-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

42. Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the  
2005 Waste Management Capital Program

**PWA 17-2005 (CSD 16-2005)**

That Report PWA 17-2005 (CSD 16-2005), January 25, 2005, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the 2005 Waste Management Capital Program, be received and the recommendations therein, be forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

*(Please note that Report PWA 17-2005 (CSD 16-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

(Refer to Staff Directions)

43. Approval of Additional Fees for  
Consultant Engineering Services for  
DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant  
Phase 3 Upgrade  
City of St. Catharines

**PWA 20-2005**

That Report PWA 20-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Approval of Additional Fees for Consultant Engineering Services for DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant, Phase 3 Upgrade in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That CH2M HILL Canada Limited, the Engineering Consultant for the above named project, be reimbursed an additional \$59,448.00 plus GST in fees and disbursements for the work over and above the original scope of the project.

That the cost associated with extra work be charged against Project ZCW9709.

44. Short Term Dewatering and Biosolids Disposal  
Contract Award

**PWA 21-2005**

That Report PWA 21-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Short Term Dewatering and Biosolids Disposal Contract Award, be received.

That the Short Term Biosolids Dewatering and Disposal Contract be awarded to Integrated Municipal Services at their bid price of \$82.70 per wet tonne for an estimated contract amount of \$1,712,717.00 to process approximately 20,710 wet tonnes of biosolids.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw be prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That costs associated with this service delivery be charged to the appropriate cost centres in Water and Wastewater Services current budgets for 2005.

45. Retention of Consulting Services for the  
Delivery of Ministry Exam Preparation  
Training to Water & Wastewater Operators

**PWA 22-2005**

That Report PWA 22-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Delivery of Ministry Exam Preparation Training to Water & Wastewater Operators, be received.

That the consulting firms of Lexicon Environmental Consulting, Associated Engineering and Hydromantis Inc. be retained to provide the delivery of the Ministry exam preparation training to our water and wastewater staff at an estimated cost of \$60,000.00.

That the costs associated with this project be charged to 5724-1221 and 5812-1221.

46. Retention of Consulting Services for the  
Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Phase Three Upgrade and  
Expansion Class EA and Conceptual Design  
Town of Grimsby

**PWA 23-2005**

That Report PWA 23-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Plan, Phase 3 Upgrade and Expansion Class EA and Conceptual Design in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That the consulting firm of XCG Consultants Ltd. be retained to provide the Class EA, and conceptual design services for the Baker Road WWTP Phase Three Upgrade and Expansion located in the Town of Grimsby at an estimated cost of \$111,655.00.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project SW0006.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

47. Authorization for Quotation Award for Pre-Selection of  
Vortex for Central Sewage Pumping Station and  
Combined Sewer Overflow High Rate Treatment Facility  
City of Niagara Falls  
Project ZSW9305/SW0230

**PWA 24-2005**

That Report PWA 24-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Authorization for Quotation Award for Pre-Selection of Vortex for the Central Sewage Pumping Station and Combined Sewer Overflow High Rate Treatment Facility in the City of Niagara Falls, Project ZSW9305/SW0230, be received.

That the quotation for the pre-selection of the Vortex High Rate Treatment equipment required for the Central Sewage Pumping Station and Combined Sewer Overflow High Rate Treatment Facility in the City of Niagara Falls be awarded to John Meunier Inc. at a cost of \$325,229.00.

That the project costs be charged against Capital Works Project SW0230.

48. Approval of Additional Fees for Consulting Services for the Central Sewage Pumping Station and Combined Sewer Overflow High Rate Treatment Facility  
City of Niagara Falls  
Project ZSW9305/SW0230

**PWA 25-2005**

That Report PWA 25-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Approval of Additional Fees for Consulting Services for the Central Sewage Pumping Station and Combined Sewer Overflow High Rate Treatment Facility in the City of Niagara Falls, Project ZSW9305/SW0230, be received.

That the assignment with the consulting firm of Associated Engineering Limited for the design of the new Central Sewage Pumping Station and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) High Rate Treatment Facility in the City of Niagara Falls, be extended to cover costs associated with the Value Engineering and design of additional components for this project, to be shared as previously agreed between the Region and the City of Niagara Falls.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$252,500.00.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project SW0230.

49. Niagara Region – Tuy Hoa, Viet Nam  
Municipal Partnership Program  
FCM Municipal Partnerships Program

**PWA 26-2005**

That Report PWA 26-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Niagara Region – Tuy Hoa, Viet Nam, Municipal Partnership Program, FCM Municipal Partnerships Program, be received.

That the Project Proposal for the Niagara Region - Tuy Hoa, Viet Nam Municipal Partnership Program entitled *Improving Waste Management Practices in the Town of Tuy Hoa* be approved, and

That the Regional Chair be authorized to sign the said Project Proposal confirming the approval by Regional Council.

50. Moved by Councillor Harry

Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated January 25, 2005, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 16-2005 (CSD 15-2005), PWA 17-2005 (CSD 16-2005), PWA 20-2005 to PWA 27-2005 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

51. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated January 25, 2005, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 03-2005 – **Request for Qualifications** – Demolition of existing yard facilities and the construction of a new Welland Patrol Yard using the Design/Build project Delivery method.

-- Received

PWC 04-2005 – (January 6, 2005) – **John Slobodzian** of Ministry of Transportation and **Paul Hudspith** of URS Canada Inc., to Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services, providing information on the Niagara to GTA Corridor and the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

-- Received

52. Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the contents of the PWC Summary, January 25, 2005, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

53. **Bi-National Centre for Sustainable Energy  
in the Region of Niagara**

Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWP 08-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Bi-National Centre for Sustainable Energy in the Region of Niagara, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

54. Construction Progress Report  
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 04-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

55. Public Works Staff Comments on  
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 05-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

56. Public Works Staff Comments on  
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 06-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

57. Collection Contractors:  
2004 Fourth Quarter Performance

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 07-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Collection Contractors – 2004 Fourth Quarter Performance, be received for information.

Carried.

58. Preliminary Analysis of Capital Expenditures  
By Area Municipalities

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 09-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Preliminary Analysis of Capital Expenditures by Area Municipalities, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

**MINUTES**

59. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan  
Joint Working Group  
Thursday, November 24, 2004

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the minutes of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan, Joint Working Group meeting of Thursday, November 25, 2004, be received.

Carried.

60. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee  
Wednesday, January 12, 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2005, be received.

Carried.

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

61. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee  
Thursday, December 9, 2004

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

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

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

62. Summary Detailing the Major Reasons for the Increase

Staff was requested to prepare a summary that details the major reasons for the levy increase for all Regional Councillors.

63. Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility Odours

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that the odours recently experienced were from both the landfill site and composting facility, the odours were emitted due to the freezing of the landfill site due to the mechanical failure of the heat tracking equipment and the normal turning operation at the compost facility.

The odours have been eliminated through temporarily terminating the turning operation and the repair of the filtration equipment at the compost facility and the repair of the heat tracking equipment at the landfill site.

### **ACCOUNTS**

64. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the accounts list for the period ending December 31, 2004 in the amount of \$4,630,470.34, be approved for payment.

Carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

65. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

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.

66. Lease – Dr. Fingland Centre  
From the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls  
City of Niagara Falls  
**PWA 18-2005 (COM 15-2005)**

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWA 18-2005, (COM 15-2005), January 25, 2005, respecting the Lease – Dr. Fingland Centre from the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

67. Property Acquisition – Proposed Buy-out  
Widening of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road)  
Between Preakness Street and Thorold Stone Road  
City of Niagara Falls  
**PWA 19-2005**

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 19-2005, January 25, 2005, respecting the Property Acquisition – Proposed Buyout, Widening of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) between Preakness Street and Thorold Stone Road in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Redekop declared an **indirect** pecuniary interest respecting the Closed Session Water & Wastewater Issue in the Town of Fort Erie, as he is the Mayor of Fort Erie and therefore left the Chair and the Committee Room during the discussion.

Councillor Harry assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

68. Water & Wastewater Issue  
Town of Fort Erie

Mr. Neville provided the Committee with an overview of a Water & Wastewater Issue in the Town of Fort Erie.

69. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

### **STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was directed to:

- circulate the bid amounts from the other bidders to all Regional Councillors. (Refers to Minute Item 46)
- circulate the cost benefit analysis to all Regional Councillors (Refers to Minute Item 42)
- circulate the list of all the projects, if any, that involve property tax investments to all Regional Councillors. (Refers to Minute Item 53)
- check the household in the City of Port Colborne with Waste Management to ensure that they are correct. (Refers to Minute Item 58)
- include the dates the graphs were prepared and a title that indicates what the graphs are covering. (Refers to Minute Item 58)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, February 8, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Wayne Redekop  
Vice Chair

Janet Pilon  
Legislative Assistant

Gord Harry  
Acting Chair

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk/Associate Director  
of Corporate Strategy