

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 4-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 commencing at 1:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

ADMINISTRATION

85. Niagara GTA Corridor Environmental
Assessment Terms of Reference
Draft for Consultation – January 2005
PWA 32-2005 (DPD 26-2005)

Regional Chair Partington provided the Committee with an overview of the February 11, 2005 meeting of the Niagara-GTA Corridor Heads of Council, which resulted in a motion supporting the process being following by the Province, with a request that they proceed as expeditiously as possible.

The Committee was advised that the deadline for submissions may be extended due to the Greenbelt.

The Regional Chair noted that the entire process up to and including when the design phase is completed will take approximately ten years.

The next meeting of the Niagara-GTA Corridor Heads of Council has been scheduled on April 7, 2005 in the City of Port Colborne.

The Committee was advised that representatives of the Ministry of Transportation are prepared to provide this Committee with overview of the Environmental Assessment process as it will apply to the Niagara GTA Corridor project, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report PWA 32-2005 (DPD 26-2005), February 22, 2005, respecting the Niagara GTA Corridor Environment Assessment Terms of Reference Draft for Consultation – January 2005, be received for information.

That representatives of the Ministry of Transportation, be requested to provide the Committee with an overview of the Environmental Assessment process as it will apply to the Niagara GTA Corridor project.

That this report be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation as an indication of Regional Niagara support for the Environmental Assessment process outlined in its draft Terms of Reference document circulated January 2005, and as a statement of some concerns with regard to certain aspects of the proposed Environmental Assessment process.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 32-2005 (DPD 26-2005) 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, February 22, 2005:

86. Revised Engineering Agreement for
Reconstruction of Beckett's Bridge
Vineland Townline Road
Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet
PWA 33-2005 (CSD 31-2005)

That Report PWA 33-2005 (CSD 31-2005), February 22, 2005, respecting the Revised Engineering Agreement for Reconstruction of Beckett's Bridge, Vineland Townline Road in the Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet, be received.

That approval be given to initiate financing in the amount of \$2,600,000 gross and \$1,767,000 net amount for Project ZRC9718 Rehabilitation of Structure No. 024001, Beckett's Bridge over Welland River;

That financing consisting of \$1,767,000 (Debentures 1-10 years) and \$833,000 Millennium Partnership Initiative (Superbuild) be approved for Project ZRC9718;

That the engineering agreement with the consulting firm of Ellis Engineering Inc. (EEI) be revised to undertake the detailed design including the preparation of tender documents 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;

That the project costs be charged to Parent Project ID ZRC9718 Rehabilitation of Structure No. 024001, Beckett's Bridge over Welland River; and

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

(Please note that Report PWA 33-2005 (CSD 31-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

87. Request for Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw
And Financing Approval for the Projects
In the 2004 Water & Wastewater Capital Programs
PWA 34-2005 (CSD 30-2005)

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

That financing be approved for the 2004 Water Capital Program for \$2,850,000 gross and net amounts and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A.

That financing be approved for the 2004 Wastewater Capital Program for \$5,860,000 gross and net amounts and allocated to the individual programs as summarized in Appendix B.

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing of Debentures of \$6,410,000 (1-10 years), Wastewater Development Charge Reserve Fund of \$1,000,000 and Water Capital Reserve Fund of \$1,300,000.

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

(Please note that Report PWA 34-2005 (CSD 30-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

88. Agreement for Road Works
Thundering Waters Golf Course
Regional Road 49 (Marineland Parkway) and
Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue)
City of Niagara Falls
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PWA 35-2005 (CSD 29-2005)

That Report PWA 35-2005 (CSD 29-2005), February 22, 2005, respecting the Agreement for Road Works, Thundering Waters Golf Course, Regional Road 49 (Marineland Parkway) and Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the Region enter into an Agreement with Fallsview Golf Inc. and 1149962 Ontario Limited with respect to a proposed golf course to be constructed on the south side of Regional Road 49 (Marineland Parkway), at the southerly extension of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue);

That the Agreement outline responsibilities and secure financial commitments to cover 100% of costs associated with the construction of the required road improvements at this location;

That the Director of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary Agreement;

That the gross budget for Project ZGG0502 Emergency Levy Projects be increased by \$292,500 to reflect the external financing received from the developer;

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy be authorized to execute this Agreement;

That the City of Niagara Falls be circulated a copy of this report; and

That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to proceed, as necessary, with the publication of a Notice of Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal and Environmental Assessment Acts.

(Please note that Report PWA 35-2005 (CSD 29-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

89. Replacement and Addition of Landfill
Liaison Committee Members

PWA 36-2005

That Report PWA 36-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Replacement and Addition of Landfill Liaison Committee Members, be received.

That Council approve the replacement of Alderman Tony Quirk with Alderman Steve Berry as the Town of Grimsby's elected official representative on the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site Citizens' Liaison Committee, and;

That Council approve the appointment of Councillor Jim Larouche as the City of Welland's elected official representative on the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility Public Liaison Committee

90. Retention of Geotechnical Investigation Services
For New Central Sewage Pumping Station
And Combined Sewer Overflow High Rate
Treatment Facility in the City of Niagara Falls

PWA 37-2005

That Report PWA 37-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Retention of Geotechnical Investigation Services for the New Central Sewage Pumping Station and Combined Sewer Overflow High Rate Treatment Facility in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the geotechnical engineering firm of AMEC Earth & Environmental be retained to provide geotechnical investigation services for the new Central Sewage Pumping Station and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) High Rate Treatment Facility in the City of Niagara Falls for the quoted amount of \$47,395.00.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project ZSW9305/SW0230.

91. Authorization for Award of Quotation for
Contract RN 05-07 – Taro North Sewage
Pumping Station Decommissioning Phase III
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 38-2005

That Report PWA 38-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Authorization for Award of Quotation for Contract RN 05-07 – Taro North Sewage Pumping Station Decommissioning Phase III in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That Quotation Contract RN 05-07, Taro North Sewage Pumping Station Decommissioning, Phase III, be awarded to Alfred Beam Excavating Limited at a bid price of \$26,070.50.

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

That all project costs be charged against Project ID SW0420.

92. Proposed Tipping Fees Integrated
Municipal Services (IMS)
Residential Waste Drop Off Depot
PWA 39-2005

That Report PWA 39-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Proposed Tipping Fees Integrated Municipal Services (IMS) Residential Waste Drop Off Depot, be received.

That the Region support Integrated Municipal Services (IMS) proposal to amend the tipping fees at the residential waste drop-off depot in the City of Thorold from the current rate of \$84.00 to a new rate of \$87.00 per tonne plus GST.

That wording be added to the current agreement whereby IMS would be allowed to increase the fees as necessary, but only up to the allowable CPI for the year.

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to sign the amending agreement.

93. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated February 22, 2005, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 32-2005 (DPD 26-2005) to PWA 39-2005 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

94. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated February 22, 2005, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 06-2005 – (February 18, 2005) – **Joe Cousins**, Director, Transportation Services, to Victor Muratori, Solicitor, providing clarification on a request for a proposed entranceway to the Renaissance Fallsview Hotel on Stanley Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls.

-- Deferred until such a time when Mr. Muratori, Solicitor for the Renaissance Fallsview Hotel can be in attendance.

95. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That the contents of the PWC Summary, February 22, 2005, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

96. Proposed Access for the
Renaissance Fallsview Hotel
Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue)
City of Niagara Falls

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWP 17-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Proposed Access for the Renaissance Fallsview Hotel, Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) in the City of Niagara Falls, be deferred until such a time when when Mr. Muratori, Solicitor for the Renaissance Fallsview Hotel can be in attendance.

Carried.

97. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 12-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

98. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 13-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

99. Construction Progress Report
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 14-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

100. Construction Progress Report
Water & Wastewater Services

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 15-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services, be received for information.

Carried.

101. Red Light Cameras

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that at this time staff is not recommending the installation of Red Light Cameras in Niagara, as only one percent of the collisions in the Region are caused by the running of red lights.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 16-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Red Light Cameras, be received for information.

Carried.

102. Welland Patrol Yard
Transportation Services Division

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the last paragraph on the last page of the report should read: "Three (3) of these firms will shortly be invited to submit proposals for this assignment."

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 18-2005, February 22, 2005, respecting the Welland Patrol Yard, Transportation Services Division, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

103. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Tuesday, February 8, 2005

Councillor Redekop noted that the motion on Page TSSC 2, respecting the Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit, Implementation Considerations should emphasize that Regional staff should have serious dialogue with City of Welland, Transit staff, it was therefore;

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, February 8, 2005, be received and the recommendations therein approved with the amendment of the motion on page TSSC 2, respecting the Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit, Implementation Considerations, as follows:

That the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee recommends the acceptance of the draft Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit, Implementation Considerations as amended by moving the last point under "Challenges and Issues that need to addressed" to the first point; as direction to staff, to the Public Works and Utilities Committee; and

That staff be directed to commence dialogue with City of Welland, Transit staff on the implementation of an Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Service.

That staff continue to have discussions with D.A.R.T.S., as a possible connection to the City of Hamilton health services community.

Carried.

104. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, be received.

Carried.

105. Water Strategy Implementation Committee
Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That the minutes of the Water Strategy Implementation Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, January 25, 2005, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

106. Waste Management Issues
City of Welland

Councillor Goulbourne advised the Committee that Regional and City staff have met and discuss the Waste Management issues that arose during budget discussions.

Councillor Goulbourne noted that most of the issues have been addressed, and there are solutions being developed by both City and Regional staff to address the City's concerns.

107. Elm Street Landfill/Compost Facility

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that staff have taken a proactive approach with respect to the communities' odour complaints and that a staff member will be designated on a temporary basis to deal with the odour complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:05 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, March 8, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate Director
of Corporate Strategy