

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 8-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 commencing at 1:38 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Bodner, Acting Chair; Bailey, Brock, Burroughs, Eke, Harry, Leavens.

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. Davidson, Associate Director, Transportation Operations; Leavitt, President, CUPE 1287; Kellendonk, Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Operations; Mucciarelli, Manager, Waste Collection & Diversion Operations; Smith, Associate Director, Waste Management Engineering; Ms. Barrow, Manager, Process and Staff Development; Ms. Abrahams, HR Associate – Public Works; Ms. Lambe, Business Partner, Strategic Communications.

Other: Councillor Saracino.

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to seven members, pursuant to Part II, Section 11.7 of the Procedural By-law 7174-93.

PRESENTATIONS

190. Identification of Salt Vulnerable Areas

Mr. Bob Hodgins of Ecoplans Limited provided the Committee a presentation on the identified salt vulnerable areas of Niagara Region.

The Committee was advised of the process that was followed to identify the various salt vulnerable areas of Niagara Region, as well as the next steps, which would confirm and refine the potential salt vulnerable areas; prioritize high risk sites and develop a Site Protection Strategy that would involve the review of the level of service, application rates and speed limits; monitoring of salt application; increased plowing, use of brine and drift control; sand only sites, as well as alternative chemicals.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

(Mr. Hodgins' presentation has been included in the Blue Book - PWUC attachments – for the Committee's information.)

191. Extension of OMG Contract for Recycling Bins

Mr. Gary Dingwall of OMG requested that the Committee provide OMG with an extension of OMG's contract to supply Niagara Region with recycling bins.

The Committee discussed the state of the containers at some of OMG's locations, noting that they were overflowing with waste and that they required cleaning.

Mr. Dingwall advised the Committee that OMG supplies the bins with their exterior advertising at the various sites and that the emptying and cleaning of the bins is paid for by OMG, but is done by a sub-contractor for the city.

Mr. Payne, Director, Waste Management Services, advised the Committee that the Niagara Region is responsible for the emptying and cleaning of the bins, and is paid for by the municipality.

Mr. Payne noted that the Region and the municipality have to meet to discuss and resolve the problem locations.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

192. Water & Wastewater Centralized Maintenance Update

Mr. David Kellendonk, Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Operations, provided the Committee with an update on the Water & Wastewater Division's Centralized Maintenance, which will relocate maintenance staff from individual plants to a centralized maintenance facility in the City of Welland; involves pooling of resources and skills to meet the demands of the future and will lead to a clear definition of skills between operations and maintenance, providing for more focus and higher productivity.

Centralized Maintenance will manage the Niagara Region's aging workforce; aging infrastructure; the prescriptive regulations from the Ministry of the Environment; advancing technology and the cost of service.

193. Response to CUPE 1287 Presentation to Committee
Respecting Operational Changes

Mr. David Kellendonk, Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Operations, provided the Committee with an overview of Report PWP 36-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Clarification on Issues Respecting Operational Changes in Water & Wastewater Services Division raised by CUPE 1287 at PWC February 8, 2005, which addresses each of CUPE 1287's issues.

194. Elm Street Landfill and Composting Facility

Mr. Paul Taylor of Compost Management advised the Committee that the decision made by the Region to initiate an independent and very rigorous system to monitor off-site odours in a systematic and dedicated fashion with the logging of the results. Some of these results, which are very detailed, were provided to the public for the first time at the last Public Liaison Committee meeting. There were four instances where Regional staff had detected odours that could be attributed to the composting facility and they were recorded as 'very slight odour', 'light odour', 'very hard to detect', with the fourth not characterized, and would not impact the lives of the residents surrounding the facility.

Mr. Taylor advised the Committee that the Regional employees, who are responsible for addressing each odour complaint have reported that another source within the community is producing some of the offensive odours, not the Elm Street facility.

Mr. Taylor advised the Committee of the options the Niagara Region has, if the Elm Street Composting facility is closed, making note of the facilities that have opened and closed shortly after due to numerous complaints and environmental charges.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

(Mr. Taylor's presentation has been included in the Blue Book - PWUC attachments – for the Committee's information.)

ADMINISTRATION

195. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report PWA 89-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Modifications to Niagara's Organic Waste Collection and Composting Program, be lifted from PWA Summary Addendum - May 10, 2005 and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to six members, pursuant to Part II, Section 11.7 of the Procedural By-law 7174-93.

196. Modifications to Niagara's Organic Waste Collection
and Composting Program
PWA 89-2005

The Committee was advised that staff recently attended a Waste Management Workshop where three major items were requested of the Province (MOE) namely the support for regulatory change; the ability to move composting material around a site and technical support and assistance from the Ministry of the Environment.

The Committee noted that the composting facility and the landfill facility at the Elm Street site are two separate operations and that if the landfill facility was closed the composting facility could remain operational.

The Committee noted that if the composting facility was to be moved to a new site, the length of the Environmental Assessment would have to be taken into consideration. However, it was noted that the recommendation to go to an RFP would be directed as soliciting proposals from existing operators with licenced composting facilities.

Councillor Burroughs suggested and the Committee agreed that Mr. Taylor's comments should be reviewed by staff prior to making a decision on this issue at the May 31, 2005 Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting.

Councillor Saracino appeared before the Committee on behalf of the residents of the Cities of Port Colborne and Welland, who he is supporting, through a very emotional time.

The Committee was advised that the Niagara Region has to move more quickly on this issue, due to consequences the Niagara Region will face if the Cities of Port Colborne and Welland are to go through another summer, similar to the last.

The Committee was advised that the feelings of these two municipalities, who want the facility moved to another location, should be taken into consideration.

Councillor Saracino invited all members of Regional Council to visit the site, in order that they could see for themselves what the Cities of Port Colborne and Welland are faced with.

The Elm Street Public Liaison Committee at their last meeting, requested that the Medical Officer of Health prepare a report that details the health problems that could result from the situation.

The Committee was urged to only think of rectifying the situation for the residents affected by the odours that emanate from the Elm Street facility.

The Committee noted that organic programs in Ontario will suffer and may potentially fail unless the Province shows more leadership and recognition of a looming crisis, the Province (MOE) must work more closely with municipalities and composting industry in general to ensure that organics diversion and processing is sustainable. Current provincial diversion targets are very questionable in the absence of a stronger leadership role that recognizes the need of regulatory changes, technical and financial support.

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PWA 89-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Modifications to Niagara's Organic Waste Collection and Composting Program, be received for review and consideration pending the May 31, 2005 Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting at which time Committee act on the recommendations outlined in the report.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

197. Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PWA 69-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Assumption of Local Roads from the City of Port Colborne, be lifted from PWA Summary - May 10, 2005 and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to five members, pursuant to Part II, Section 11.7 of the Procedural By-law 7174-93.

198. Assumption of Local Roads from the City of Port Colborne
PWA 69-2005

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PWA 69-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Assumption of Local Roads from the City of Port Colborne, be deferred, to allow the City of Port Colborne staff the opportunity to review the details of the 2000 transfers to other municipalities.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, May 10, 2005:

199. Agreement between the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Regarding License Plate Search Information
PWA 68-2005

That Report PWA 68-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Agreement between the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) regarding License Plate Search Information, be received.

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Council on May 19, 2005 authorizing the Chair and Clerk to execute said contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

200. Speed Limit Reduction Regional Road 116 (Gorham Road) Town of Fort Erie
PWA 70-2005

That Report PWA 70-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Speed Limit Reduction, Regional Road 116 (Gorham Road) in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That the existing speed limit on Regional Road 116 (Gorham Road) from Nigh Rd. to Hazel St. be reduced from 80 km/hr to 50 km/hr; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on May 19, 2005.

201. Award of Tender – Contract No. RN 05–12
2005 Landscape Project
Niagara Recycling Centre
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 71-2005

That Report PWA 71-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Award of Tender, Contract No. RN 05-12, 2005 Landscape Project, Niagara Recycling Centre in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That Contract No. RN 05 -12 2005 Landscape Project at the Niagara Recycling Centre in Niagara Falls be awarded to Touchstone Site Contractors Inc. at the tender price of \$80,568.50;

That peter j. smith & company, Inc. be retained to carry out the contract administration and field inspection services for Contract No. RN 05 -12 2005 Landscape Project at the Niagara Recycling Centre in Niagara Falls at an estimated cost of \$11,900 with the fees being calculated on a time-plus disbursement basis;

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$5,000.00 be provided in said contract;

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws authorizing the Chair and Clerk to execute the agreements on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara are presented to Council on May 19, 2005; and

That the project costs be charged against Project ID ZGL0530/GL0530 2005 Landscape Plan – Niagara Recycling Centre, Niagara Falls.

202. Mapping Infrastructure Systems Reserve
PWA 73-2005 (CSD 60-2005)

That Report PWA 73-2005 (CSD 60-2005), May 10, 2005, respecting the Mapping Infrastructure Systems Reserve, be received.

That the following recommendations be presented to standing committees Public Works and Utilities Committee and Corporate and Financial Services Committee for discussion purposes and forwarded to Regional Council for decision:

That the Mapping Infrastructure Systems Reserve be established for the purpose of providing a source of revenue for acquiring and updating the digital aerial photography and mapping.

That the initial allocation of \$145,683 to the reserve be funded from the surplus closure of capital projects as summarized in Appendix A.

That the capital projects listed be closed following the transfer to the reserve.

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.

(Please note that Report PWA 73-2005 (CSD 60-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

203. Completion of the Identification of
Salt Vulnerable Areas Study

PWA 74-2005

That Report PWA 74-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Completion of the Identification of Salt Vulnerable Areas Study, be received.

That Regional Council receive the Identification of Salt Vulnerable Areas Study completed February 2005 by Ecoplans Ltd.; and further

That staff be authorized to proceed with the development of a Salt Vulnerable Area Response Program to address the issues raised in the initial study.

204. Tender Award for Contract RN 05-13
Environmental Centre Laboratory Renovations

PWA 75-2005

That Report PWA 75-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 05-13, Environmental Centre Laboratory Renovations, be received.

That the contract RN 05-13 be awarded to Aldor Building Limited at the bid price of \$171,093.00.

That a contingency in the amount of \$20,000 be provided for the project.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are 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 cost associated with this project be charged against Project ID ZSW0208 / SW0524.

205. Approval of Additional Fees for Consultant Engineering Services
for Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Facility

PWA 76-2005

That Report PWA 76-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Approval of Additional Fees for Consultant Engineering Services for Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Facility, be received.

That Hydromantis Inc., the Engineering Consultant for the above named project, be reimbursed an additional \$66,201.00 plus GST in fees and disbursements for the work over and above the original scope of the project.

That the cost associated with the extra work be charged against Capital Works Project SW0327 Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Facility.

206. Tender Award for Contract RN 05-09
Watermain Construction on
Garner Road and Chippawa Creek Road
City of Niagara Falls
Project No. ZSW0302/SW0522

PWA 77-2005

That Report PWA 77-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 05-09, Watermain Construction on Garner Road and Chippawa Creek Road in the City of Niagara Falls, Project No. ZSW0302/SW0522, be received.

That Contract RN 05-09, Watermain Construction on Garner Road and Chippawa Creek Road in the City of Niagara Falls, be awarded to Provincial Construction Limited at their bid price of \$ 327,236.14 conditional upon receiving the Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of the Environment.

That a contingency amount of \$25,000.00 be provided for this project.

That Hydromantis Inc. be retained to provide required construction administration and engineering services at an upset limit of \$50,000.00.

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 Capital Works Project ZSW0302/SW0522 Watermain Construction on Garner Rd and Chippawa Creek Rd.

207. Tender Award for Contract RN 05-15
River Road Trunk Sewer Tunnel Repairs
City of Welland
Project No. ZSW0302/SW0522

PWA 78-2005

That Report PWA 78-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN. 05-15, River Road Trunk Sewer Tunnel Repairs in the City of Welland, be received.

That Contract RN 05-15, River Road Trunk Sewer Tunnel Repairs be awarded to Hard Rock Construction Inc. at the bid price of \$609,572.00.

That R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. be appointed for engineering services as a Contract Administrator for this contract for an amount of \$30,000.00.

That a contingency amount of \$100,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are 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 cost associated with this project be charged against Project ID ZSW0115/SW0323.

208. Award of Tender – Contract No. RN 05 – 19
Landscape Work – St. George's Park
City of Welland

PWA 79-2005

That Report PWA 79-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Award of Tender, Contract No. RN 05-19, Landscape Work, St. George's Park in the City of Welland, be received.

That Contract No. RN 05 -19 Landscape Work – St. George's Park in Welland be awarded to V. Gibbons Contracting Ltd. at the tender price of \$175,144.15;

That Peter J. Smith & Company, Inc. be retained to carry out the contract administration and field inspection services for Contract No. RN 05 -19 Landscape Work in St. George's Park in Welland at an estimated cost of \$17,500 with the fees being calculated on a time-plus disbursement basis;

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$10,000.00 be provided in said contract;

That an agreement be entered into between the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the City of Welland in respect to the said contract;

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws authorizing the Chair and Clerk to execute the agreements on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara are presented to Council on May 19, 2005;

That the project costs be charged against Project ID ZGL0114 (GL0114) Landscape Work – St. George's Park, Welland.

209. Increase in Contract Administration Fees - Contract RN. 03-03
Engineering, Procurement and Construction
Materials Recycling Facility - Niagara Recycling Centre
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 80-2005

That Report PWA 80-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Increase in Contract Administration Fees - Contract RN. 03-03, Engineering, Procurement and Construction - Materials Recycling Facility - Niagara Recycling Centre in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That an increase in fees for contract administration services by Gartner Lee Limited for Contract RN. 03-03 Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Materials Recycling Facility at the Niagara Recycling Centre in Niagara Falls in the amount of \$46,698.35, be approved;

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law authorizing the Chair and Clerk to execute an amending agreement on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara is presented to Council on May 19, 2005; and

That the project costs be charged against Capital Works Project ZGL0216/GL0216 Niagara Enviro-Centre.

210. Emergency Repair to Welland Sanitary Sewer Siphon
PWA 81-2005

That Report PWA 81-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Emergency Repair to Welland Sanitary Sewer Siphon, be received.

That International Strategic Solutions Inc. be paid for emergency repairs to the Welland sanitary sewer siphon in the City of Welland, in the amount of \$88,858.17.

That the costs associated with this project be charged to the capital budget allocation for Project ZSW0303/SW0303 – Sewer Cleaning.

211. Tender Award for Contract RN 05-06
450 mm Diameter Trunk Watermain from
Park Road Water Booster Pumping Station to the Smithville Reservoir
PWA 82-2005

That Report PWA 82-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN. 05-06, 450 mm Diameter Trunk Watermain from Park Road Water Booster Pumping Station to the Smithville Reservoir, be received.

That Contract RN 05-06, 450 mm Diameter Trunk Watermain from Park Road Water Booster Pumping Station to the Smithville Reservoir, be awarded to Alfred Beam Excavating Limited at their bid price of \$4,893,810.80, subject to obtaining the necessary approvals from the Ministry of Environment and Niagara Escarpment Commission.

That a contingency amount of \$250,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are 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 Project ID CW0410.

212. Authorization for Award of Contract RN 05-11
Fares Street Sanitary Forcemain Replacement
City of Port Colborne
Project ZSW0214 / SW0214

PWA 83-2005

That Report PWA 83-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Authorization for Award of Contract RN 05-11, Fares Street Sanitary Forcemain Replacement in the City of Port Colborne, Project ZSW0214 / SW0214, be received.

That Contract RN 05-11, Fares Street Sanitary Forcemain Replacement, be awarded to V. Gibbons Contracting at a bid price of \$682,283.59.

That a contingency amount of \$55,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the engineering assignment with Associated Engineering be extended to provide for contract administration and site supervision services in the amount of \$70,000.00.

That the City of Port Colborne reimburse Niagara in the amount of \$101,000.00 for the costs associated with the design and construction of a section of local watermain as requested by the City.

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 SW0214.

214. Fleet Acquisition Program 2005 – Phase II
PWA 86-2005

That Report PWA 86-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Fleet Acquisition Program 2005 – Phase II, be received.

That the Public Works Department be authorized to acquire forthwith the equipment recommended on Schedule "A" (Appendix I) attached to this report.

215. Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue)
from Mountain Street to CNR Tracks
City of St. Catharines

PWA 87-2005

That Report PWA 87-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) from Mountain Street to CNR Tracks in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That the Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) from Mountain Street to CNR Tracks in the City of St. Catharines be deferred to 2006, save and except continuation of the required property acquisition and completing EA final approval.

That staff be authorized to proceed with a tender call for the Reconstruction of Regional Road 83 (Carlton Street), Lake Street to Geneva Street, Phase 3.

That staff meet with the developer to review this change in scheduling relative to the overall re-development project.

216. Modifications to Niagara's Organic Waste Collection
and Composting Program

PWA 89-2005

That Report PWA 89-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Modifications to Niagara's Organic Waste Collection and Composting Program, be received for review and consideration pending the May 31, 2005 Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting at which time Committee act on the recommendations outlined in the report.

217. Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the PWA Summary, dated May 10, 2005, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 68-2005, PWA 70-2005 to PWA 71-2005 and PWA 73-2005 (CSD 60-2005) to PWA 83-2005 inclusive, PWA 86-2005, PWA 87-2005, be received and accepted.

Carried.

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to four members, pursuant to Part II, Section 11.7 of the Procedural By-law 7174-93.

CORRESPONDENCE

218. Communications listed in the PWC Summary and Addendum, dated May 10, 2005, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 19-2005 – (April 14, 2005) – **Ron Davidson**, Associate Director of Transportation Operations, to Bob LeRoux, Director of Public Works for the Town of Grimsby, respecting an invoice from the Town for road sweeping charges.

-- Received.

PWC 20-2005 - (April 14, 2005) – **Councillor Ron Leavens**, Chair, Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee, to Mayor Ted Salci, City of Niagara Falls, requesting City Council to approve the implementation of Phase 2 of the Millennium Trail.

-- Received.

PWC 21-2005 – (April 14, 2005) – **Councillor Ron Leavens**, Chair, Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee, to Rob Nicholson, MP, asking for his support in addressing the need for cyclists to have the right to cross international bridges.

-- Received.

PWC 22-2005 – (March 31, 2005) – **Councillor Ron Leavens**, Chair, Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee, to John Slobodzian of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, with respect to incorporating bicycle considerations in the Niagara to GTA Corridor Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

-- Received.

PWC 23-2005 – (March 14, 2005) – **Councillor David Eke**, to members of the Corporate Management Team, requesting consideration for Niagara to expend \$3,200 for Viet Nam students to purchase eight computers.

-- Received and approved.

PWC 24-2005 – (Letter of May 6, 2005 received by fax) – **Paul Taylor**, President, Compost Management, to Mayor Tim Rigby, with copies to all members of the Public Works and Utilities Committee and Ian Neville, Commissioner of Public Works with regard to a Confidential report on recent events at the Elm Street landfill property.

-- Received.

PWC 25-2005 – (Letter of April 13, 2005 received by fax) – **Sue Wheeler**, First Attendance Supervisor, City of Niagara Falls respecting O.M.G. Niagara – Mr. Gary Dingwall.

-- Received.

219. Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the contents of the PWC Summary and Addendum, dated May 10, 2005, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

Councillor Brock requested that she be recorded as opposed to the aforementioned motion.

PROGRESS REPORTS

220. Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations, Fourth Quarter 2004

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 30-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations, Fourth Quarter 2004, be received for information.

Carried.

221. Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations, First Quarter 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 31-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations, First Quarter 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

222. Contract Positions

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 32-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Contract Positions, be received for information.

Carried.

223. 2004 Reserve Water Treatment Capacities

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 33-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the 2004 Reserve Water Treatment Capacities, be received for information and circulated to the Ministry of the Environment and Niagara area municipalities for their information.

Carried.

224. 2004 Reserve Wastewater Treatment Capacities

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 34-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the 2004 Reserve Wastewater Treatment Capacities, be received for information and circulated to the Ministry of the Environment and Niagara area municipalities for their information.

Carried.

225. Water and Wastewater
Centralized Maintenance Update

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 35-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Water and Wastewater Centralized Maintenance Update, be received for information.

Carried.

226. Clarification on Issues
Respecting Operational Changes in
Water & Wastewater Services Division
Raised by CUPE 1287 at PWC February 8, 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 36-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Clarification on Issues Respecting Operational Changes in Water & Wastewater Services Division raised by CUPE 1287 at PWC February 8, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

227. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee
Thursday, March 10, 2005

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting of Thursday, March 10, 2005, be received and the recommendations contained therein referred back to staff for comment.

Carried.

228. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, April 19, 2005, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

229. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that the April 20, 2005 Smarter Niagara Steering Committee minutes can be found within the Planning Services Committee attachments)

OTHER BUSINESS

230. Chippawa Low Lift Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades - Update

Mr. Brcic advised the Committee that the upgrades to the Chippawa Low Lift Sewage Pumping Station will be completed by July 2005.

231. Repainting of Left Hand Turn Arrow at the
Main Street and Melanby Road Intersection
City of Port Colborne

Councillor Bodner inquired as to the approximate timeframe for the repainting of the left hand turn arrow at the Main Street and Melanby Road intersection in the City of Port Colborne.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the line painting program has been delayed, however, staff will give the Main Street and Melanby Road intersection some priority.

CLOSED SESSION

232. Moved by Councillor Bailey
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 personnel matters.

Carried.

233. Water & Wastewater Division
Succession Planning
PWA 84-2005 (HR 17-2005) CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWA 84-2005, (HR 17-2005), May 10, 2005, respecting the Water & Wastewater Division, Succession Planning, be received.

That in accordance with the Divisional succession plan, approval be given to make current temporary Operator-in-Training positions permanent.

That the job description for Operator-in-Training be revised to include operator responsibilities, conditional on achieving Level 1 Certification.

That the allocation for additional permanent Operator-in-Training positions be included in the current budget.

Carried.

234. Cost to Remediate Anaerobic Material
Elm Street Compost Facility
PWA 90-2005 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 90-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Cost to Remediate Anaerobic Material, Elm Street Compost Facility, be received as **amended**;

That the confidentiality of this report be maintained.

That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to negotiate the sharing of the cost associated with the handling of the anaerobic material at the Elm Street Landfill Site in Port Colborne with Compost Management Associates Ltd. and, if necessary, retain the services of a mediator to make a determination on said cost-sharing.

Carried.

235. Elm Street Public Liaison Committee – Update

The Committee was provided with an update on the Elm Street Public Liaison Committee.

236. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

237. Note of Appreciation - Mr. David Payne

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Committee expressed their appreciation to David Payne for his staunch leadership and his support and guidance to Council as he embarks on a new position.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was directed to:

- provide the Committee members and all area municipalities Public Works officials with copies of the Salt Vulnerable Areas Study. (Refers to Minute Item 190)
- prepare a report on the Extension of OMG's Contract. (Refers to Minute Item 191)
- review Mr. Taylor's comments from his presentation and report back to the Public Works and Utilities Committee at the May 31, 2005. (Refers to Minute Item 194)
- provide the City of Port Colborne with the details of the 2000 Road Transfers. (Refers to Minute Item 198)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, May 31, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Ron Bodner
Acting Chair

Janet Pilon
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Pam Gilroy
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