

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 9-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 commencing at 1:34 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Messrs. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Mucciarelli, Acting Director, Waste Management Services; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Ms. Pilon, Acting Deputy Clerk.

Staff (Part Time): Messrs. Smith, Associate Director, Waste Management Engineering; Murphy, Manager Policy and Development, Corporate Services Department; Steele, Christensen, Director Health Protection and Promotion, Public Health Department; Ms. Habermebl, Ms. Lambe, Business Partner, Strategic Communications.

Other: Councillor Saracino.

DELEGATION

239. Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility

Mr. Dan O'Hara, Co-Chair of the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility, Public Liaison Committee (PLC) addressed the Committee with respect to the Revised Report PWA 89-2005, May 31, 2005 and thanked Regional, Municipal, Ministry of the Environment staff for their assistance for a very trying time for the businesses and residents of Port Colborne and Welland.

Mr. O'Hara advised the Committee that the odours continue to persist and that the residents of Port Colborne and Welland feel that the recommendations found in Report PWA 89-2005, is a step in the right direction to correct the outstanding issues with the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility.

Mr. O'Hara noted that the Committee by approving the recommendations within Report PWA 89-2005, illustrate that the Region of Niagara is dedicated to the

residents of Port Colborne and Welland; bolster their credibility and the resident's confidence.

Moved by Councillor Eke

Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Mr. O'Hara, Co-Chair of the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility, Public Liaison Committee (PLC) presentation be received and considered with PWA 89-2005.

Carried.

240. Walker Industries' Facilities

Mr. Mike Watt, Walker Industries advised the Committee that at the present time Walker's receives 20% of the Niagara Region's organic material with the bulk of the material they receive being self hauled brush and leaf waste.

Mr. Watt advised the Committee that he is in attendance today to answer questions from the Committee on the Walker Industries' facilities.

The Committee was advised that to sustain the Niagara's volume of organics would require a significant capital investment and a long-term contract, in order to maintain the appropriate facility.

Mr. Watt advised the Committee that Walker's Industries is very concerned about the odours that can be derived from organic material and are diligently monitor their facilities for odours.

Mr. Watt noted that Walker Industries' like grass clippings, as they compost very well, they support the move away from plastic as recommended. The elimination of plastic in the waste stream would ensure less expensive processing costs.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne

Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the presentation by Mr. Mike Watt, Walker Industries respecting Walker Industries' Facilities, be received.

Carried.

PRESENTATION

241. Overview of the Niagara GTA Corridor
Environmental Assessment Process

Mr. John Slobodzian, Project Co-ordinator and Ms. Linda McAusland, Manager, Ministry of Transportation, Provincial and Environmental Planning Office provided

the Committee with an overview of the Environmental Assessment process as it applies to the Niagara GTA Corridor project.

Mr. Slobodzian provided the Committee with the proposed Environmental Assessment Study process; an overview of the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference, Content; the Environmental Assessment Process, Phase 1 and 2 and the stakeholders the Ministry of Transportation will work with during the Environmental Assessment Study.

The Committee was advised that there will be two Public Information Centres in Niagara, Hamilton and Halton and one for the First Nations.

Mr. Slobodzian advised the Committee of the Project's Status as well as the Ministry of Transportation's future steps; a sampling of the comments that the Ministry of Transportation has received which will have to be addressed individually throughout the process.

The Committee was advised that the First Nations have been given more time to comment, however, their commenting period will not delay the process.

Mr. Slobodzian advised the Committee that the Niagara-GTA Corridor project is a priority with the Minister of Transportation. To come up with the right solution for the future every alternative must be assessed, therefore, the Q.E.W. should be assessed as a reasonable alternative.

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the presentation by Mr. Slobodzian, Project Co-ordinator and Ms. McAusland, Manager, Ministry of Transportation, Provincial and Environmental Planning Office on the Environmental Assessment process as it applies to the Niagara GTA Corridor project, be received and referred to the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

ADMINISTRATION

242. Modifications to Niagara's Organic Collection and Composting Program
PWA 89-2005 REVISED

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That increased emphasis be placed on communications and advertising of backyard composting and for the voluntary elimination of grass clippings from the

organics collection program and for the use of paper bags for leaf and yard waste for the balance of 2005.

Carried.

The Committee noted that the provision for the permanent ban on the use of grass clippings could be included within the R.F.P. process, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Hodgson
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That a permanent ban on the use of plastic bags for collection of leaf and yard waste be implemented, effective April 1, 2006.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the Elm Street Odour Abatement Plan of Action be implemented to **mitigate the potential of** an odour event similar to the one that occurred in 2004 **from re-occurring** and to restrict the volume of organics at the Elm Street compost facility during peak periods with the balance diverted to alternate locations, including but not necessarily limited to the Region's other private sector composting facility **or waste sites**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the Elm Street landfill site be closed to all waste management uses upon reaching **current** final approved landfill contours.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to prepare and issue an R.F.P. for a long term alternative composting operations contract that reflects improved composting technology, is consistent with the current direction of the Province (MOE) in setting a goal of diverting 60% of Ontario's waste from disposal by 2008, is cost effective, affordable **and deals with the issue of grass clippings**.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to initiate negotiations with CMA for the early termination of the existing compost services agreement at Elm Street to provide the flexibility and opportunity to transfer composting operations to an alternate long term facility as per the R.F. P. at the earliest possible date.

That staff continue to monitor, respond and record all odour complaints, and that such data be provided monthly to the Public Works and Utilities Committee, the Elm Street Public Liaison Committee and through newspaper notices to residents in Port Colborne and Welland.

Defeated.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the Committee reconsider the last recommendation in Report PWA 89-2005 Revised, May 31, 2005, respecting the Modifications to Niagara's Organic Waste Collection and Composting Program.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That staff continue to monitor, respond and record all odour complaints, and that such data be provided monthly to the Public Works and Utilities Committee, the Elm Street Public Liaison Committee and through newspaper notices to residents in Port Colborne and Welland.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWA 89-2005 Revised, May 31, 2005, respecting the Modifications to Niagara's Organic Waste Collection and Composting Program, be received **as amended**.

That increased emphasis be placed on communications and advertising of backyard composting and for the voluntary elimination of grass clippings from the organics collection program and for the use of paper bags for leaf and yard waste for the balance of 2005.

That a permanent ban on the use of plastic bags for collection of leaf and yard waste be implemented, effective April 1, 2006.

That the Elm Street Odour Abatement Plan of Action be implemented to **mitigate the potential of** an odour event similar to the one that occurred in 2004 **from re-occurring** and to restrict the volume of organics at the Elm Street compost facility during peak periods with the balance diverted to alternate locations, including but not necessarily limited to the Region's other private sector composting facility **or waste sites**.

That the Elm Street landfill site be closed to all waste management uses upon reaching **current** final approved landfill contours.

That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to prepare and issue an R.F.P. for a long term alternative composting operations contract that reflects improved composting technology, is consistent with the current direction of the Province (MOE) in setting a goal of diverting 60% of Ontario's waste from disposal by 2008, is cost effective, affordable **and deals with the issue of grass clippings**.

That staff continue to monitor, respond and record all odour complaints, and that such data be provided monthly to the Public Works and Utilities Committee, the Elm Street Public Liaison Committee and through newspaper notices to residents in Port Colborne and Welland.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS (Continued)

243. Update on Follow-Up Actions Regarding the
Wainfleet Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (EA)
Township of Wainfleet

The Committee was advised that the Wainfleet Servicing Project has received significant media and resident reaction resulting in correspondence

The Committee was advised that the Public Works and Utilities attachments include items that are deemed to be useful as an example for Councillors to put comments in their proper perspective. The attachments are also intended to reflect due diligence efforts on behalf of the project team in addressing concerns or misunderstandings on any issues that arise out of the Wainfleet Servicing Project.

(Included in the Blue Book - Public Works and Utilities Committee attachments as an appendix of Report PWA 101-2005)

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

244. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report PWA 101-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Update on Follow-Up Actions regarding the Wainfleet Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (EA) in the Township of Wainfleet, be lifted from the May 31, 2005 PWA Summary and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

245. Update on Follow-Up Actions Regarding the
Wainfleet Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (EA)
Township of Wainfleet
PWA 101-2005

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PWA 101-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Update on Follow-Up Actions regarding the Wainfleet Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (EA) in the Township of Wainfleet, be received.

That approval be given to complete the Class Environmental Assessment process for the Wainfleet Water and Sewer Servicing Class EA and submit the Environmental Study Report and supporting documentation to the Ministry of the Environment no later than June 2005,

That the additional fees associated with the Value Analysis Exercise in the amount of \$145,000 be approved, and

That this additional amount be charged to Project ZSW0010 / SW0241.

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 seven members, pursuant to Part II, Section 11.7 of the Procedural By-law 7174-93.

DEFERRED REPORT

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

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWA 69-2005, May 10, 2005, respecting the Assumption of Local Roads from the City of Port Colborne, be received.

That, in accordance with Section 52 (1) of the Ontario Municipal Act, the Region assume jurisdiction for the following lower-tier highways in the City of Port Colborne:

- Mellanby Avenue from Regional Road 3 (Main Street West) to Welland Street
- Welland Street from Regional Road 3 (Main Street West) to Mellanby Avenue

That the Regional Clerk be instructed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw is prepared and presented to Regional Council.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

247. Closure of Capital Projects
CSD 64-2005

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report CSD 64-2005, May 11, 2005, respecting the Closure of Capital Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that Report CSD 64-2005 can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

248. Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 97-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Retention of Engineering Consultant, Groundwater Remediation, Niagara Recycling Centre in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara Region Contract No. RN 05-16, be lifted from the May 31, 2005 PWA Summary and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

249. Retention of Engineering Consultant
Groundwater Remediation
Niagara Recycling Centre
City of Niagara Falls
Niagara Region Contract No. RN 05-16
PWA 97-2005

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 97-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Retention of Engineering Consultant, Groundwater Remediation, Niagara Recycling Centre in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara Region Contract No. RN 05-16, be deferred to the June 21, 2005 Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting.

Carried.

250. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PWA 93-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Wind Energy Niagara Partnership, be lifted from the May 31, 2005 PWA Summary and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

251. Wind Energy Niagara Partnership
PWA 93-2005 (CSD 73-2005)

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWA 93-2005 (CSD 73-2005), May 31, 2005, respecting the Wind Energy Niagara Partnership, be referred to a Joint Meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee and Corporate and Financial Services Committee.

That the Committee members receive the previous report containing the background information on the Wind Energy Partnership.

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.

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary and Addendum, May 31, 2005:

252. Expansion of GO Transit Commuter Bus Services into Niagara
PWA 91-2005

That Report PWA 91-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Expansion of GO Transit Commuter Bus Services into Niagara, be received.

That the following recommendations, as approved by the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee at its April 19, 2005 meeting, be recommended to Regional Council:

That copies of the report "Inter-Regional Rail, Bus and Ferry Passenger Services Study" (dated May 2004) prepared by ENTRA Consultants for the Region of Niagara be forwarded to the management and Board of GO Transit with a request that GO Transit initiate actions to finalize plans for the implementation of scheduled GO Bus services into Niagara within the next two years; and

That the Regional Council of Niagara agree-in-principle to cost-share the extension of commuter bus services into Niagara by funding one-third of capital costs associated with the provision of services and negotiate with GO or its agents agreements to share the costs of operating deficits associated with the start up and operation of commuter bus services into Niagara.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

253. Transfer of Funds for
Waste Management Capital Programs
PWA 92-2005 (CSD 72-2005)

That Report PWA 92-2005 (CSD 72-2005), May 31, 2005, respecting the Transfer of Funds for Waste Management Capital Programs, be received.

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$17,625 be transferred from Project ZGL0011 / GL0011 Perry Landfill Site Closure Works to Project ZGL0306 / GL0306 Facility/ Site Maintenance Program.

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$10,303 be transferred from Project ZGL0011 / GL0011 Perry Landfill Site Closure Works to Project ZGL0213 / GL0213 New Compost Facility, Bridge Street Landfill Site.

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$2,702 be transferred from Project ZGL0011 / GL0011 Perry Landfill Site Closure Works to Project ZGL0305 / GL0305 Equipment Repairs / Replacements.

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$882 be transferred from Project ZGL0011 / GL0011 Perry Landfill Site Closure Works to Project ZGL0003 / GL0003 Improvements to Composting Facilities.

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$11,183 be transferred from Project ZGL0011 / GL0011 Perry Landfill Site Closure Works to Project ZGL0002 / GL0002 Improvements to Reuse Centre.

That the projects included within this report, with the exception of Project ZGL0011 be subsequently closed following the transfer of funding and issuance of the long term debt.

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

(Please note that Report PWA 92-2005 (CSD 72-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

254. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee

Terms of Reference

PWA 94-2005

That Report PWA 94-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Terms of Reference, be received.

That the attached draft Terms of Reference for the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee be approved.

255. Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 20
Land Exchange – Westerra Equities Corp.

Town of Pelham

PWA 95-2005

That Report PWA 95-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 20, Land Exchange – Westerra Equities Corp., in the Town of Pelham, be received.

That an untravelled portion of Regional Road No. 20 be declared surplus and closed in accordance with the Municipal Act 2001 and conveyed to the adjoining property owner, Westerra Equities Corp., in exchange for lands required for the widening of Regional Road No. 20, in the Town of Pelham.

256. Shared Service Agreement
Niagara Region and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
Maintenance – Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site
City of St. Catharines
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PWA 96-2005

That Report PWA 96-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Shared Service Agreement, Niagara Region and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Maintenance – Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara enter into a shared service agreement with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority with respect to the maintenance of the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site in St. Catharines; and

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law authorizing the Chair and Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara is presented to Council on June 9, 2005.

257. Contract RN 05-21
Port Robinson Sewage Works Relining of
Twin 200mm Forcemains under Welland Canal
City of Thorold
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PWA 99-2005

That Report PWA 99-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting Contract RN 05-21, Port Robinson Sewage Works Relining of Twin 200mm Forcemains under the Welland Canal in the City of Thorold, be received.

That Contract RN 05-21, Port Robinson Sewage Works Relining of Twin 200mm Forcemains under the Welland Canal, not be awarded.

258. Ownership and Responsibility for
Sewage Pumping Stations and Conveyance Pipes

PWA 100-2005

That Report PWA 100-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Ownership and Responsibility for Sewage Pumping Stations and Conveyance Pipes, be received.

That the ownership and responsibility for all existing sanitary sewage pumping stations and conveyance pipes identified in Tables 1 and 2 of this report be transferred from the respective Area Municipalities to the Region of Niagara, subject to approval by the Area Municipalities.

That the transfer of ownership and responsibility for the sewage pumping stations (SPS) and conveyance pipes listed in Tables 1 and 2 of this report, with the exception of the Seaway Heights SPS, Nadine Avenue SPS and Marina #3 SPS, become effective on September 1, 2005.

That the transfer of ownership and responsibility for the Seaway Heights SPS and Marina #3 SPS, be conditional upon installation of operation and monitoring equipment to meet minimum Regional standards, prior to the transfer of ownership.

That the transfer of ownership and responsibility for the Nadine Avenue SPS, become effective by December 31, 2006 to facilitate upgrades to meet minimum Regional standards, prior to the transfer of ownership

That a detailed condition assessment of all the sewage pumping stations be undertaken following the transfer of ownership to identify any upgrades that may be required within the next ten (10) years for inclusion in the Region's 10 year capital budget forecast for Wastewater Systems.

That the Region assume ownership and responsibility for all future sewage pumping stations and associated conveyance pipes, in accordance with the proposed policy related to Sewage Pumping Stations and Conveyance Pipes.

That the policy respecting the approvals, ownership, construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of all future sewage pumping stations and associated conveyance pipes, as described in Appendix A, be approved.

That property rights associated with the Sewage Pumping Stations and Conveyance Pipes be transferred by Area municipalities to the Region, where applicable.

That this report be distributed to the Area Municipalities for review and approval.

259. Request for Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for Projects included in the Approved Capital Budgets

PWA 102-2005 (CSD 76-2005)

That Report PWA 102-2005 (CSD 76-2005), May 31, 2005, respecting the Request for Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for Projects included in the Approved Capital Budgets, be received.

That approval be given to initiate financing in the amount of \$190,000 gross and net for Project ZRC0219, Rehabilitation of Structure 027220 East Main Street Bridge over old Welland Canal included in the 2005 Roads Capital Budget.

That approval be given to initiate financing in the amount of \$400,000 gross and net for Project ZSW0011, Wastewater Master Plan Update from the approved 2004 Wastewater Capital Budget.

That approval be given to initiate financing in the amount of \$100,000 gross and net for Project ZSW0113, Benchmarking Performance Studies from the approved 2004 Wastewater Capital Budget.

That approval be given to initiate financing in the amount of \$350,000 gross and net for Project ZSW9607, Port Weller Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade from the approved 2004 Wastewater Capital Budget.

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing of Welland Canal Crossings Reserve Fund for \$190,000, Long Term Financing (1-10 years) for \$750,000 and Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund for \$100,000.

That the Regional Clerk / Associated Director of Corporate Strategy be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaws are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

(Please note that Report PWA 102-2005 (CSD 76-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

260. Transfer of Funding for Project ZRC0016
Widening of Regional Road 57 (Thorold Stone Road)
From Kalar Road to Davis Road
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 104-2005 (CSD 83-2005)

That Report PWA 104-2005 (CSD 83-2005), May 31, 2005, respecting the Transfer of Funding for Project ZRC0016, Widening of Regional Road 57 (Thorold Stone Road) from Kalar Road to Davis Road in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$263,017 available due to unbudgeted external contribution received for Project ZRC9417 / RC9332 Reconstruction of Regional Road 72 (Louth Street) be transferred to Project ZRC0016 / RC0016 Widening of Regional Road 57 (Thorold Stone Road) from Kalar Road to Davis Road.

That Project ZRC9417 / RC9332 and Project ZRC0016 / RC0016 included within this report be subsequently closed following the transfer of funding.

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

261. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated May 31, 2005, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 91-2005, PWA 92-2005 (CSD 72-2005), PWA 94-2005 to PWA 96-2005 inclusive; PWA 99-2005, PWA 100-2005; PWA 102-2005 (CSD 76-2005) and PWA 104-2005 (CSD 83-2005), be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

262. Communications listed in the PWC Summary and Addendum, dated May 31, 2005, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 26-2005 – **Joe Cousins**, Director Transportation Services to Mayor Ron Bodner, City of Port Colborne with reference to PWA 69-2005 Assumption of Local Roads from the City of Port Colborne (deferred at PWUC May 10, 2005), providing additional information.

-- Received and considered with PWA 69-2005.

PWC 27-2005 - (May 11, 2005) – **Russ Howell**, Manager Fleet Services, Transportation Services to Ron Counsell, Secretary, Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Incorporated with reference to the availability of the Region's Generators for use at a field day being held June 25 and 26, 2005.

-- Received.

PWC 28-2005 – (May 20, 2005) – **Mr. Fred Tonin**, resident of Welland, to Regional Clerk, Pam Gilroy, expressing support for the continued use of the Elm Street Composting site and objecting to closure of the facility.

-- Receive and considered with PWA 89-2005.

PWC 29-2005 – (may 16, 2005) – **Ms. Fay McQueen**, resident of Port Colborne, expressing support for the continued use of the Elm Street Composting site and objecting the closure of the facility.

-- Received and considered with PWA 89-2005.

PWC 30-2005 – (May 27, 2005) – **Ms. Ginette Therrien**, resident of Port Colborne, also in support of the continued use of the Elm Street Composting facility and objecting to any closure of the site.

-- Received and considered with PWA 89-2005.

PWC 31-2005 - (Received May 26, 2005) – **Ms. Donna White**, resident of Port Colborne, noting her objections to any consideration to close the Elm Street Composting site and expressing her support for the continued use of the facility.

-- Received and considered with PWA 89-2005.

PWC 32-2005 – (Received May 26, 2005) – **Mr. Gerry Fortier**, resident of Welland noting his objections to closure of the Elm Street Composting Site in Port Colborne.

-- Received and considered with PWA 89-2005.

263. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the contents of the PWC Summary and Addendum, dated May 31, 2005, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

264. Construction Progress Report
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 37-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

265. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 38-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

266. Collection Contractors –
2005 First Quarter Performance

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 39-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Collection Contractors –
2005 First Quarter Performance, be received for information.

Carried.

267. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 40-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Public Works Staff
Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

268. Construction Progress Report
Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 41-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Construction Progress
Report, Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects, be received for
information.

Carried.

269. Community Odour Surveys – April 2005
Elm Street Compost Facility

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 42-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Community Odour
Surveys – April 2005, Elm Street Compost Facility, be received for information.

Carried.

270. Staff Comments on the Presentation
by Mr. Paul Taylor on May 10, 2005

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWP 45-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Staff Comments on the Presentation by Mr. Paul Taylor on May 10, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

271. Humberstone Landfill Site Public Liaison Committee
Monday, November 1, 2004

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Humberstone Landfill Site Public Liaison Committee meeting of Monday, November 1, 2004, be received for information.

Carried.

272. Elm Street Landfill/Compost Site Public Liaison Committee
Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Elm Street Landfill/Compost Site Public Liaison Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 13, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

273. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee
Thursday, April 14, 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting of Thursday, April 14, 2005, be received and the recommendations contained therein referred back to staff for comment.

Carried.

274. Waste Management Planning Steering Committee
Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 10, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

275. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group
Thursday, January 20, 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group meeting of Thursday, January 20, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

276. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group
Thursday, March 10, 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group meeting of Thursday, March 10, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

277. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group
Thursday, April 14, 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group meeting of Thursday, April 14, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

278. International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors

The Committee requested that a staff member from the Water & Wastewater Services Division of the Public Works Department be assigned as a liaison in order to be more involved with the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors.

Councillor Harry noted that the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority would also be requested to participate.

Councillor Bodner congratulated Councillor Rigby on the work he did in bringing the Great Lakes Cities Initiative and the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors together and in developing a business plan for the new organization '*Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative*', which will provide a stronger and more effective voice for mayors in the protection and restoration of the resource.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was directed to:

- provide the Ministry of Transportation with the public consultation portion of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Environmental Assessment. (Refers to Minute Item 241)
- circulate a copy of the PWA 91-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Expansion of GO Transit Commuter Bus Services into Niagara to all of the area municipalities for their information. (Refers to Minute Item 252)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4:40 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, June 21, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Chair

Janet Pilon
Acting Deputy Clerk

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Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate Director
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