

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 13-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Staff (Part Time): Messrs. Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facility Management; Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services.

ADMINISTRATION

375. 2006 Budget Process
PWA 153-2005

Mr. Neville advised the Committee that since the preparation of Report PWA 153-2005, it has been brought to staff's attention that the 2006 Capital and the Current Budget process were to be taken into consideration in the report and that the report only takes the Current Budget process into consideration. The Committee was advised that the 2006 Capital Budget process would be identical to the 2006 Current Budget process with one added component, the Capital Budget process would consider its impact on the Current Budget, it was therefore;

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 153-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the 2006 Budget Process, be received of information, **as amended**.

That the Department criteria for evaluating changes to the 2006 Public Works Current **and Capital** Budget be approved.

Carried.

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, August 23, 2005:

376. Parking Prohibition and Speed Limit Reduction
RR116 (Stevensville Road)
Town of Fort Erie

PWA 147-2005

That Report PWA 147-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the Parking Prohibition and Speed Limit Reduction, RR116 (Stevensville Road) in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That parking be prohibited on both sides of RR116 (Stevensville Road) from 150 metres north of College Road to Eagle Street; and

That the existing 50 km/h speed zone be adjusted 100 metres northerly; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on September 1, 2005. (Transportation)

377. Speed Limit Reduction
RR81 (Main Street East)
Town of Grimsby

PWA 148-2005

That Report PWA 148-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the Speed Limit Reduction, RR81 (Main Street East) in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That the existing speed limit on RR81 (Main Street East) from 100 metres west of Iroquois Trail to 500 metres easterly be reduced from 70 km/h to 50 km/h; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on September 1, 2005. (Transportation)

378. Speed Limit Reduction
RR19 (Gilmore Road)
Town of Fort Erie

PWA 149-2005

That Report PWA 149-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the Speed Limit Reduction, RR19 (Gilmore Road) in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That the existing speed limit on RR19 (Gilmore Rd.) from the North Service Rd. (Spears Rd.) to 200 metres easterly be reduced from 80 km/h to 50 km/h; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on September 1, 2005. (Transportation)

379. Appointment of By-law Enforcement Officer for the
Purpose of Enforcement of Regional By-law No. 145-1999

PWA 150-2005

That Report PWA 150-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the Appointment of By-law Enforcement Officer for the purpose of Enforcement of Regional By-law No. 145-1999, be received.

That Ms. Melanie Stroud be appointed as Regional By-law Enforcement Officer pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act for the purpose of enforcing the Waste Management System By-law No. 145-1999, as amended by By-law No. 39-2001, By-law No. 88-2001, By-law No. 28-2002 and By-law No. 79-2003. (Waste)

380. Extension of Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) from
Nelles Road to East of Bartlett Road

Town of Grimsby

PWA 151-2005

That Report PWA 151-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the Extension of Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) from Nelles Road to East of Bartlett Road in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That the engineering agreement with the consulting firm of Philips Planning and Engineering Ltd. be extended to include the additional engineering services required to address the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation and Hydro One with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursement basis, estimated at \$64,821.00;

And further, that the costs be charged against Capital Works Project ZRC0319/RC0319, Extension of Regional Road 40 (South Service Road).
(Transportation)

381. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the PWA Summary, dated August 23, 2005, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 147-2005 to PWA 151-2005 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

382. Communications listed in the PWC Summary, dated August 23, 2005, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 47-2005 – (August 15, 2005) – **Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Green**, requesting safety devices (buoys) be installed on both sides of the Stanley Avenue bridge in Niagara Falls, near Chippawa Parkway, as well as a memorial plaque.

-- Received and referred to staff for report.

383. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the contents of the PWC Summary, dated August 23, 2005, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

384. Water and Sewage Quantities by
Municipality Report for the 1st Quarter 2005

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWP 59-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the Water and Sewage Quantities by Municipality Report for the 1st Quarter 2005, be received.

Carried.

385. Water and Sewage Quantities by
Municipality Report for the 2nd Quarter 2005

The Committee commended the residents of the Regional Municipality of Niagara for conserving water during the severe weather we have been experiencing, without the need for the issuance of water restrictions.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Report PWP 60-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the Water and Sewage Quantities by Municipality Report for the 2nd Quarter 2005, be received.

Carried.

386. Construction Progress Report
Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Report PWP 61-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects, be received.

Carried.

387. Report of the Provincial Water Strategy Expert Panel

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Report PWP 62-2005, be referred to the area municipalities for further discussion.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWP 62-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting the Report of the Provincial Water Strategy Expert Panel, be received for information and referred to the area municipalities for further discussion.

Carried.

388. Community Odour Surveys – July 2005
Elm Street Compost Facility and Landfill Site

The Committee was advised that the requested confidential report listing the other odour sources would be available to the Committee at the September 13, 2005 meeting.

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWP 63-2005, August 2, 2005, respecting the Community Odour Surveys – July 2005, Elm Street Compost Facility and Landfill Site, be received for information.

Carried.

389. Construction Progress Report
Transportation Services

Councillor Leavens complimented staff and Hard Rock Paving for the work that was completed on Regional Road 20 in the Town of Pelham. The consideration that was extended to the residents was greatly appreciated.

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 64-2005, August 23, 2005, respecting Construction Progress Report, Transportation Services, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

390. Discontinuation of Train Whistle Blowing
Stevensville Road Rail Crossing
Town of Fort Erie

Councillor Redekop advised that Committee that since the installation of the rail arm at the Stevensville Road rail crossing the trains have continued to blow their whistles, which is now not required.

Staff was requested to proceed as required to discontinue the train whistle blowing at the Stevensville Road rail crossing.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that there are conditions that have to be met (proper insurance requirements and proper signage) in order to discontinue whistle blowing and that staff will proceed as requested.

391. Hot & Cold Mix Report

The Committee was advised that the report being prepared on the disadvantages and the benefits of both Hot Mix and Cold Mix would be available for Committee in September.

392. Gorham Road and Dominion Road Intersection
Town of Fort Erie

The Committee was advised that the expansion of Dominion Road to facilitate a left-hand turn lane is in the 2006 forecast and that the warrants will be reviewed

when it does move forward, as the intersection was very close to being warranted for signals when last reviewed.

CLOSED SESSION

393. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Brock

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

Carried.

394. Expansion of Sublease of Office Space
PORT CARES
City of Port Colborne

PWA 145-2005 (COM 72-2005) CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWA 145-2005 (COM 72-2005) Confidential, August 23, 2005, respecting the Expansion of Sublease of Office Space, PORT CARES in the City of Port Colborne, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute a Subtenancy Agreement with PORT CARES for use of the square footage portion reported of their rented office space at the address reported in the City of Port Colborne, for the all inclusive monthly payment reported terminating at the end of the term of the Head Lease on the date reported or upon 30 days notice by PORT CARDS or Niagara Region should early termination be required by either party.

Carried.

395. License Agreement with Ministry
Partial Use of Facility – P.O.A. Court
4635 Queen Street
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 146-2005 (CSD 121-2005) CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWA 146-2005 (CSD 121-2005), August 23, 2005, respecting the License Agreement with Ministry, Partial Use of Facility – P.O.A. Court, 4635 Queen Street in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute a License Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario as represented by the Chair of

the Management Board of Cabinet for the use of Room 105 and the public waiting area at 4635 Queen Street, Niagara Falls, being a portion of the Region's P.O.A. Court facilities at that location subject to the reported conditions.

Carried.

396. Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 89 (Glendale Avenue)
Bruno Massei Service Centre Inc. Sale to the Region
City of St. Catharines

PWA 152-2005 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWA 152-2005 Confidential, August 23, 2005, respecting the Reconstruction of Regional Road o. 89 (Glendale Avenue), Bruno Massei Service Centre Inc. Sale to Region in the City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

397. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:05 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, September 13, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Wayne Redekop
Vice Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate Director
of Corporate Strategy