

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 14-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Chair; Regional Chair Partington, Burroughs, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Hodgson, Leavens, Redekop .

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; ; Mucciarelli Acting Director, Waste Management Services; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part Time): Messrs. Diakow, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services; Lockyer, Treasurer/Director Financial Management & Planning; Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Jones, Director, Administration, Public Health Department; Smith, Associate Director, Waste Management Engineering; Steele, Program Manager/Co-ordinator, Water & Wastewater Engineering; Ms. Murphy, Manager Current & Capital Budgets; Ms. Pelette, Co-Chair, Corporate Employee Recognition Team; Ms. Lambe, Business Partner, Strategic Communications.

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.

PRESENTATION

398. Proposed Natural Heritage Areas Inventory
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Watershed

Mr. Tony D'Amario of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority provided the Committee with a presentation on the Proposed Natural Heritage Areas Inventory, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Watershed.

The Committee was advised that the identification of Natural Areas in our community continues to be a popular topic of conversation with the introduction of many provincial initiatives (Greenbelt, Places to Grow, changes to the Planning Act and Provincial Policy Statement) and that over the past five (5) years many jurisdictions have updated their knowledge about Natural Areas through the preparation of Natural Area Inventory Reports.

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority is proposing that they undertake a similar project in the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's watershed. The Natural Areas Inventory will provide an important ecological and scientifically defensible basis for a number of current and new Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority initiatives. The proposed project is expected to take approximately three (3) years to complete with an estimated cost of \$840,000.00.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the presentation respecting the Proposed Natural Heritage Areas Inventory, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Watershed, be received.

Carried.

Ms. Austin Kirkby, Chairman, Niagara-on-the-Lake Irrigation Committee advised the Committee that they are opposed to the map that has been used by the Province, for the Greenbelt Act, 2005, which depicts man-made drainage ditches as fish habitat.

The Committee was advised that the Federal Fisheries Act defines a fish habitat as anything that supports fish anytime during their life cycle.

The Committee noted that there are corrections required to the mapping that is being used for the Greenbelt Act, 2005.

At this point in the meeting a quorum was achieved.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the concerns respecting the map being used for the Greenbelt Act, 2005, be referred to the Planning & Development Department.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

399. Niagara Road Supervisors Association
Annual Truck Roadeo

On Behalf of the Public Works and Utilities Committee, Councillor Rigby, Committee Chair, together with Mr. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works and Mr. Cousins, Director of Transportation Services Division, presented Public Works employees Clayton Morkem, Jake Weaver and Andy Imbeault, Sr., with trophies in recognition of their performance at the 2005 Truck Roadeo. Mr. Morkem was recognized for finishing first overall, Mr. Weaver finished in second place and Mr. Imbeault, Sr. finished third. The Traffic Signals Team, comprising of team members Messrs. Morkem, Bell and Winterstein (absent) were recognized for their first place finish in the team competition. Mr. Morkem will represent Niagara at the next Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors Roadeo.

The Committee responded warmly to the congratulations extended by Councillor Rigby, Committee Chair.

Ms. Pelette, Co-Chair of the Corporate Employee Recognition Team presented Clayton Morkem, Jake Weaver, Andy Imbeault, Sr., Dave Bell and Glen Winterstein (absent) with Regional Niagara t-shirts in recognition of their accomplishments.

ADMINISTRATION

400. Multiyear Financial Plan 2004-2007
CSD 77-2005

Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director of Financial Management & Planning, introduced the objectives of the Multi Year Financial Plan and provided background information for upcoming budget deliberations. The Treasurer highlighted the timetable, the concept and benefits of the Multi Year Financial Plan and its benefits. Mr. Lockyer outlined the Council Goals and Objectives as follows and presented a brief description of each:

- Optimal Access to Niagara
- Balanced, Planned Land Use
- Environmental Stewardship
- Affordable Service Excellence and Satisfying Work
- Healthy, Safe and Productive Communities
- Sustainable Economic Development

A chart detailing the impact on the tax levy of the Multi Year Plan Base and new initiatives was presented. The summary indicated that the two Council Goals; Optimal Access and Healthy/Safe and Productive Communities had the largest impact on the 2006 tax levy at 2.54% (\$6.4 million) and 1.58% (\$4.0 million) respectively. The predominant challenge created by Optimal Access is "Roads" and is primarily due to debt charges. The second most significant challenge is Healthy, Safe and Productive Community, primarily due to ODSP caseload increase and further development of emergency services.

The analysis excludes Non Tax Revenues, Police and Assessment Growth and does not reflect budget preparation work currently underway.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report CSD 77-2005, June 1, 2005, respecting the Multiyear Financial Plan 2004-2007 and the Introductory Multiyear Financial Plan presentation, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that the Introductory Multiyear Financial Plan presentation material and Report CSD 77-2005 can found in the Corporate and Financial Services Committee attachments)

401. Public Works Department
Multiyear Financial Plan Impacts (2006-2007)

Mr. Brcic provided the Committee with a presentation on the Public Works Department Multiyear Financial Plan Impacts (2006-2007).

The Committee was advised of the personnel costs, debt charges: Levy (Roads/Buildings/Facilities), Self-Supporting (Water, Wastewater and Waste Management); the expenditure assumptions; the transfer of Capital Projects to Current and the Reduced Recoveries from Capital Projects; the significant cost impacts as well as the potential mitigation strategies that could be put in place.

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the Public Works Department, Multiyear Financial Plan Impacts (2006-2007) presentation, be received for information.

Carried.

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary and Addendum, September 13, 2005:

402. Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for
Provision of Processing Capacity for
Source-Separated Organic Material

PWA 154-2005

That Report PWA 154-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for Provision of Processing Capacity for Source-Separated Organic Material, be received for review and comment at the September 13, 2005, meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee. (Waste Management)

403. Retention of Engineering Consultant
Groundwater Remediation
Niagara Falls Recycling Centre
City of Niagara Falls
Niagara Region Contract No. RN 05-16

PWA 155-2005

That Report PWA 155-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Retention of Engineering Consultant, Groundwater Remediation, Niagara Falls Recycling Centre in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara Region Contract No. RN 05-16, be received.

That subject to discussions with E. S. Fox Limited and Anthony Pylypuk, escrow agent, XCG Consultants Ltd. be retained to carry out the pre-design of the groundwater remediation works at the Niagara Recycling Centre in Niagara Falls at an estimated cost of \$39,200 with the fees being calculated on a time-plus disbursement basis;

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 September 22, 2005; and

That the project cost be charged against Project ID ZGL0216/GL0216 Niagara Enviro-Centre - Niagara Falls. (Waste Management)

404. Tender Award for Contract RN 05-04
Smithville Reservoir and Water Booster Pumping Station
Township of West Lincoln

PWA 156-2005

That Report PWA 156-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 05-04, Smithville Reservoir and Water Booster Pumping Station in the Township of West Lincoln, be received.

That Contract RN 05-04, Smithville Reservoir and Water Booster Pumping Station, be awarded to Romag Contracting Ltd. at their bid price of \$3,725,000.00, subject to obtaining the necessary approvals from the Ministry of Environment.

That a contingency amount of \$300,000.00 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 CW0303. (Water & Wastewater Services)

405. Proposed Amendment to the
Waste Management Planning Steering Committee
Terms of Reference

PWA 157-2005

That Report PWA 157-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Proposed Amendment to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee, Terms of Reference, be received.

That Council approve the proposed amendment to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Terms of Reference, as outlined in PWA 157-2005. (Waste Management)

406. Landfill Operations Service Contract
Tender RN 05-37, Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site
Township of West Lincoln

PWA 159-2005

That Report PWA 159-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Landfill Operations Service Contract, Tender RN 05-37, Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site in the Township of West Lincoln, be received.

That Contract No. RN 05-37 Waste Disposal Operations for the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site in West Lincoln be awarded for a five-year period, commencing on November 1, 2005, to the low bidder, Modern Landfill Inc., at its bid price of \$885,349.60 for Year 1 and that the annual price for subsequent years be adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council on September 22, 2005 authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara. (Waste Management)

(Refer to Staff Directions)

407. Landfill Operations Service Contract
Tender RN 05-36
Bridge Street Landfill Site
Town of Fort Erie

PWA 161-2005

That Report PWA 161-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Landfill Operations Service Contract, Tender RN 05-36, Bridge Street Landfill Site in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That Contract No. RN 05-36 Waste Disposal Operations for the Bridge Street Landfill Site in Fort Erie be awarded for a minimum two-year period (or beyond until final contours are met) commencing November 1, 2005, to the low bidder, Modern Landfill Inc., at its bid price of \$752,125.36 for Year 1 and that the annual price for subsequent years be adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council on September 22, 2005 authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara. (Waste Management)

408. Purchase of Polymer from
SNF Canada Ltd. For
Centrifuge Optimization

PWA 164-2005

That Report PWA 164-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Purchase of Polymer from SNF Canada Ltd. For Centrifuge Optimization, be received.

That authorization be given to purchase a bulk supply of polymer from SNF Canada Ltd. at a cost of \$120,000.00 to facilitate optimization of the recently installed centrifuges at the Niagara Falls Water Pollution Control Plant and the Garner Road Biosolids Storage Facility.

That costs associated with the polymer supply be charged to cost centres 5806 and 5441 in the 2005 current budget. (Water & Wastewater)

409. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated September 13, 2005, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 154-2005 to PWA 156-2005 inclusive; PWA 157-2005; PWA 159-2005; PWA 161-2005 and PWA 164-2005, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

410. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Correspondence Item PWC 51-2005 – (August 25, 2005) – **Joe Cousins**, Director of Transportation Services, to all Area Municipal Public Works Officials, outlining the Region of Niagara's position with respect to maintenance and repair of sidewalks adjacent to Regional Roads, be received; and

That staff provide the Committee with the total number of bridges in the Region; the bridges that will be affected; the costs incurred by the Region for clearing the snow from the bridges to date, at their October 4, 2005 meeting.

Carried.

411. Communications listed in the PWC Summary and Addendum, dated September 13, 2005, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 48-2005 – (July 25, 2005) – **Tony D'Amario**, Acting General Manager, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, to Regional Clerk Pam Gilroy, on the Conservation Authority's proposed Natural Heritage Areas Inventory Watershed.

-- Received and referred to Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's presentation.

PWC 49-2005 – **Gerald Steuart**, University of Toronto, on a major travel survey to be conducted in various communities. Niagara Regional Councillors to note that a copy is being distributed to each member under separate cover for completion and return.

-- Received.

PWC 50-2005 – (August 26, 2005) – **Terry Boak**, Acting President, Brock University, to Regional Chairman Peter Partington, thanking the Region for the proactive approach taken to building the new crosswalk situation on Glenridge Avenue.

-- Received.

412. Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the contents of the PWC Summary and Addendum, dated September 13, 2005, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

413. Construction Progress Report
Waste Management Services

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWP 65-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services, be received.

Carried.

414. "Smart Gardening" Promotional Campaign

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWP 67-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the "Smart Gardening" Promotional Campaign, be received for information.

Carried.

415. Pavement Rehabilitation Strategy for the
Resurfacing of Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road)
Between Ridge Road and Burleigh Road
Town of Fort Erie

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWP 69-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Pavement Rehabilitation Strategy for the Resurfacing of Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) Between Ridge Road and Burleigh Road in the Town of Fort Erie, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

416. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan
Joint Working Group
June 9, 2005

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the minutes of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan, Joint Working Group meeting of June 9, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

417. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Tuesday, August 23, 2005

The Committee thanked the Regional Chair for his efforts in calling another meeting of the Niagara-GTA Corridor Heads of Council during the summer months, which has been difficult due to the number of commitments the members of the Committee have.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, August 23, 2005, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

418. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, August 24, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that the August 24, 2005 Smarter Niagara Steering Committee minutes can be found in the Planning Services Committee attachments)

CLOSED SESSION

419. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

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

Carried.

420. Lease Extension
Niagara Falls P.O.A. Court
4635 Queen Street
PWA 158-2005 (CSD 131-2005) CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That this Committee recommends to Regional Council that Confidential Report PWA 158-2005 (CSD 131-2005), September 13, 2005, respecting the Lease Extension, Niagara Falls P.O.A. Court, 4635 Queen Street, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

421. Recommended Appointments to the
Regional Specialized Transit Advisory Committee
PWA 162-2005 CONFIDENTIAL

The Committee was advised that the recommendations in the report should be amended to adjust the full complement of the Committee to nineteen (19) members and that the last recommendation in the report should be removed as it is a duplication of another recommendation, it was therefore;

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Confidential Report PWA 162-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Recommended Appointments to the Regional Specialized Transit Advisory Committee, be received as ***amended***.

That the recommended applicants, as outlined within the report, be appointed as members of the Regional Specialized Transit Advisory Committee (RSTAC), to give the Committee a complement of ***nineteen (19)*** members, which allows for the participation of two (2) Municipal Councillors and two (2) Regional Councillors on the Committee.

That the Regional Specialized Transit Advisory Committee should include one (1) Councillor from a large municipality that has an existing transit system in place and one (1) Councillor from a small municipality that does not have an existing transit system in place.

Carried.

422. Public Health Department
30 Hannover Drive
City of St. Catharines
PWA 163-2005 (PHD 55-2005/CSD 133-2005) CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 163-2005, September 12, 2005 (PHD 55-2005/CSD 133-2005) respecting Public Health Department, 30 Hannover Drive, City of St. Catharines, be referred to the Closed Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2005, for a further report from the Legal Department.

Carried.

423. Community Odour Surveys
April 2005 to July 2005
Elm Street Compost Facility and Landfill Site
PWP 66-2005 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Confidential Report PWP 66-2005, September 13, 2005, respecting the Community Odour Surveys, April 2005 to July 2005, Elm Street Compost Facility and Landfill Site, be received for information.

Carried.

424. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- ensure that the members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Irrigation Committee are invited to the meeting being scheduled by the Planning Department to discuss the Fish Habitat and Municipal Drains mapping. (Refers to Minute Item # 398)
- provide Regional Council at their September 22, 2005 meeting with a means of ensuring that the additional waste that will be diverted from the landfills that will be closing in future years is addressed in the contract being awarded. (Refers to Minute Item # 406)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:32 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, October 4, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk