

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 12-2006

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, commencing at 9:05 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Collins Chair; Regional Chair Partington, Angelone, Bentley, Burroughs, Casselman, Harry, Heit, Leavens, Mastroianni (Vice-Chair), Salci, Saracino.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director Financial Management & Planning; Ms. Fontana, Director Corporate Health Services & Employee Relations; Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Ricci, Acting Legislative Assistant.

Others: Mr. Diakow, Director Information Systems; Ms. Williams, Senior Financial Analyst.

OPERATIONS (STATUS REPORT)

215. 2006 Claw Back Percentages and
Municipal Tax Adjustments
CSD 105-2006

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report CSD 105-2006, August 30, 2006, respecting 2006 Claw Back Percentages and Municipal Tax Adjustments, be received; and

That the percentage claw back for the affected property classes, under section 330 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, be established as follows:

- Multi-Residential 60.0673%
- Commercial 68.9676%
- Industrial 11.2526%

and;

That the Region act as a banker, under section 330 (6) of the *Municipal Act*, on October 13, 2006 for the 2006 Municipal Tax Adjustments; and

That the Regional Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws to implement the recommendations contained in the report.

Carried.

(Refer To Staff Directions)

216. Initiation of Project ZRC0527 – Reconstruction of Regional Road 73 (Fly Road) From Tintern Road to Spiece Road in the Town of Lincoln
CSD 116-2006 (PWA 149-2006)

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 116-2006 (PWA 149-2006) August 30, 2006, Initiation of Project ZRC0527 – Reconstruction of Regional Road 73 (Fly Road) from Tintern Road to Spiece Road in the Town of Lincoln, be approved; and

That Capital Levy financing in the amount of \$200,000 gross and net be approved for Project ZRC0527 Reconstruction of Regional Road 73 (Fly Road) from Tintern Road to Spiece Road in the Town of Lincoln; and

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

Carried.

(Please note that Report CSD 116-2006 (PWA 149-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

217. Initiation of Capital Project ZGC0601 – PC's, Printers, Software – from the 2006 Information Systems Capital program
CSD 117-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 117-2006, August 30, 2006, 2006, respecting Initiation of Capital Project ZGC0601 – PC's, Printers, Software – from the 2006 Information Systems Capital program, be received; and

That a capital budget allocation of \$1,400,000 be approved for Project ZGC0601 – PC's, printers, Software – from the approved 2006 Information Systems Capital Program; and

That financing for this project in the gross and net amount of \$1,400,000 be approved and funded with debenture financing (1-3 years) in the amount of \$793,120 and a capital levy contribution of \$606,880; and

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

Carried.

218. Council Business Planning Sessions -
Corporate Services Strategic Priorities 2006
CSD 118-2006

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 118-2006, August 30, 2006, respecting, Council Business Planning Sessions – Corporate Services Strategic Priorities 2006, be received as **amended** to note on page three (3);

That the ***pre-election Orientation session proposed for this fall be held after the completion of the November elections. Ministry representatives will also be in attendance.***

Carried.

(Refer To Staff Directions)

219. 2006 Council Strategic Priorities and
Human Resources Department Strategic Plan
HR 24-2006

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report HR 24-2006, August 30, 2006, respecting the 2006 Council Strategic Priorities and Human Resources Department Strategic Plan, be received for information.

Carried.

220. Corporate Employee Recognition Team (CERT)
“Recognition of Excellence” Award Winners
HR 25-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report HR 25-2006, August 25, 2006, respecting Corporate Employee Recognition Team (CERT) “Recognition of Excellence” Award Winners, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

221. Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That the following communications be received for information;

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| CSC 57-2006 | Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Regional Chair Partington, August 2, 2006, respecting: Niagara Regions’ proposed Pilot project to formulate tax mitigation through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund |
| CSC 58-2006 | Police Services Board letter to the Regional Clerk, August 4, 2006 respecting: S.T.E.E.P. Reserve Allocation 136.2006 |
| CSC 59-2006 | Police Services Board letter to the Regional Clerk, August 4, 2006 respecting: NRPS 2007 Budget Timetable, Preparation Approach 130.2006 |
| CSC 60-2006 | Police Services Board letter to the Regional Clerk, August 4, 2006 respecting: KPMG Audit Financial Report – Niagara Regional Police Service/ Board 135.2006 |
| CSC 61-2006 | Police Services Board letter to the Regional Clerk, August 4, 2006 respecting: Capital Project ZPO0606 Initiation – IT Equipment Replacement 128.2006 |
| CSC 62-2006 | Police Services Board letter to the Regional Clerk, August 4, 2006 respecting: NRPS Variance Report – to June 30, 2006 129.2006 |

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

222. Niagara-on-the- Lake
Holding Tanks

Councillor Burroughs spoke of the increase with respect to the cost to pump out Holding Tanks (from \$140.00 to \$180.00) and his concerns (residents have to “pump out” their Holding Tanks about once every 5-6 weeks). He also mentioned that he is interested to see if the revenue we are gaining is worth the added expense to the resident especially due to the fact that although this is the residents responsibility, it benefits the Region due to environmental issues.

(Refer To Staff Direction)

CLOSED SESSION

223. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

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

Carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to all wireless communications as he is employed by a wireless communication company and he therefore vacated the Committee room during the discussion on these matters.

224. Police Services Board Correspondence
CSC 63-2006 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Confidential Report CSC 63-2006, August 30, 2006, respecting Police Services Board Correspondence, be referred to staff so that they might seek input from the primary stakeholders and report back to Committee. Staff were further instructed to consult the Police Service Board before sharing the Police Services Board’s July 31, 2006 correspondence with those primary stakeholders.

Carried.

225. Verbal Update
MOH 2-2006/ HR 20-2006 (June 27, 2006)

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Confidential Verbal Report, August 29, 2006 respecting an update on MOH 2-2006 (HR 20-2006), be received and that the resolution passed at the Tuesday, August 29th meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee be supported and approved.

Carried.

226. Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTION

Staff was directed to:

- Request that the Property Assessment and Taxation Reform Committee (PATR) be scheduled to meet and discuss strategies that deal with “Niagara Tax Fairness” and the possibility of broadening Committee membership to include stakeholders (Refer to Minute Item #215).
- Request that the Property Assessment and Taxation Reform Committee (PATR) report back to the Corporate Services Committee with respect to Niagara Tax Fairness strategies and membership changes (Refer to Minute Item #215).
- Research the procedure and cost involved with moving Committee/ Council to an electronic environment and the cost savings with respect to paper, courier delivery, staff time etc., (Refer to Minute Item #218)

- Report on how many Holding Tanks are within the Region of Niagara and how much revenue has been generated (or expected to be generated), through the recent cost increase in pumping out Holding Tanks (Refer to Minute Item #222)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Mike Collins
Chair

Lisa Ricci
Acting Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk