

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 5-2006

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 commencing at 1:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Smeaton, Co-Chair; Regional Chair Partington, Angelone, Baty, Bodner, Brock, Casselman, Hildreth, Hodgson, Mastroianni, Salci, Timms, Trombetta, Zimmerman.

Staff: Messrs. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Cambray, Commissioner, Planning & Development Department; Farley, Director, Planning Services; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Sidawi, Director, Operation Support Services; Ms. Habermebl, Manager Waste Collection Diversion; Ms. Pilon, Acting Deputy Clerk.

Staff (Part Time): Messrs. Hughes, Associate Director Transportation Engineering; Semple, Senior Planner; 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 twelve members, pursuant to Part 15, Section 15.8.2 of the Procedural By-law 120-2005.

PRESENTATION

170. Water Declaration of the Canadian Organization for Development and Peace

Ms. Linda Bowron, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace noted that she and her colleagues are here today to solicit support for the Water Declaration of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

Ms. Bowron noted that we all live in a world rich in resources, with water being one of those prime resources, that is essential to life, however, there are more than one billion people, the majority of them living in Asia, Africa and Latin American, who do not have access to clean drinking water.

Ms. Bowron provided the Committee with background information on privatization of water services being initiated around the world.

The Committee members noted their support for such an initiative; the Water Declaration was therefore;

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Salci

WHEREAS March 22 is World Water Day;

AND WHEREAS one in six people in the world do not have access to clean drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the UN Conference on Water in 1977 in Mar del Plata affirmed the right of all persons to access clean drinking water in order to satisfy their fundamental needs;

AND WHEREAS current World Bank Loans for water services in developing countries frequently require the privatization of those services or an increase in water prices, thereby jeopardizing citizens' access to safe drinking water;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace has asked Canadian municipalities to assist in its effort to have the federal government recognize water as a common good and access to drinking water as a basic human right;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Committee recognize and affirm that:

- Water is a sacred gift that connects all life
- Access to clean water is a basic human right
- The value of Earth's fresh water to the common good takes priority over any possible commercial value
- Fresh water is a shared legacy, a public trust, and a collective responsibility

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Committee call upon the federal government to urge the World Bank to ensure access to clean, affordable water for the world's poor, and strengthen the role of the public sector and individual communities in setting water policies and delivering and regulating water services.

Carried.

OPERATIONS
(STATUS REPORTS)

171. Hauled Sewage Management Policy
PWA 50-2006

Mr. Oatley provided the Committee with a presentation on the new Hauled Sewage Management Policy. The Committee was advised that the Region operates nine wastewater treatment plants and three sewage lagoons with only six plants accepting hauled sewage.

Mr. Oatley noted that there are twenty-eight independent haulers with Ministry of the Environment licenses to operate, approved to use Regional facilities. The haulers charge the generators of the wastes directly, with the Region invoicing the haulers based on their reported volumes discharged.

Mr. Oatley outlined the existing hauled sewage policy, the issues that have arisen to warrant a change to the policy; the consultants review, findings and recommendations. Staff reviewed the consultants report and determined that the proposed policy be amended to include two waste types - Domestic and Non-Domestic; one rate to be \$8,80/m³ (\$40/1000 gallons) based on 80% capacity of the truck; annual permits for all haulers with a fee of \$50/year for up to three trucks; access cards for all haulers; indemnity clause for Region on haulers insurance policy; sample require from hauler for each load; Certificates of Approval verified upon renewal and increased monitoring by Enforcement Section.

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PWA 50-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting Hauled Sewage Management Policy, be received.

That the existing Public Works Policies:

PW4.HO1.1, Acceptance of Hauled Sewage for Disposal at Regional
Pollution Control Plants and

PW4.HO1.2, Responsibility for Payment of Fees for Receipt of
Sewage at Regional Pollution Control Facilities

be replaced with a new policy as outlined in Report PWA 50-2006 and attached in Appendix I, entitled the "Hauled Sewage Program",

That the rate for Hauled Sewage disposals be changed to \$8.80 per cubic metre for domestic and non-domestic sewage.

Carried.

At this point in the meeting a quorum was achieved.

172. Automated Solar Drying Pilot Project for Niagara's Biosolids
PWA 56-2006

Ms. Barrow provided the Committee with a presentation on the Automated Solar Drying Pilot Project for Niagara's Biosolids. The technology for the pilot has been successfully applied in Europe and the United States and utilizes solar radiation and evaporation to substantially reduce the volume of liquid and dewatered biosolids. The partners involved in the pilot project are the Regional Municipality of Niagara; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Green Municipal Fund; the Region of Waterloo; the Ministry of the Environment; the Niagara Parks Commission and Environment Canada.

Ms. Barrow noted that staff is optimistic about this exciting pilot project and the innovation applications, which can result for use not only in Niagara but elsewhere in Canada.

Ms. Barrow advised the Committee that staff have recently been notified by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) that the Region's submission to the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) for the Biosolids Automated Solar/Greenhouse Drying Pilot has been approved in the amount of \$350,000, the maximum funding available to applicants.

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report PWA 56-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting Automated Solar Drying Pilot Project for Niagara Biosolids, be received.

That the Regional Clerk and Regional Chair be authorized to execute the grant agreement between the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Regional Municipality of Niagara to receive funding in the amount of \$350,000.00 to undertake the Biosolids Automated Solar/Greenhouse Drying Pilot.

That the consulting firm of Hydromantis, Inc. be retained to provide consulting services to assist with the Biosolids Automated Solar/Greenhouse Drying Pilot at an estimated upset limit of \$69,368.60, excluding GST.

That staff be authorized to enter into a lease to own agreement with Parkson Corporation in the amount of \$310,000.00, excluding GST for the mechanical equipment to be utilized for the duration of the study.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaws are prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contracts on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That approval be given to transfer funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from Project ID SW0206, Innovation, Research & Implementation of New Technology to Project ID SW0523 Solar Drying Bed Pilot Facility.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

173. Reconstruction of Regional Road 87 (Main Street)
Port Dalhousie – Verdun Avenue to Henley Island Drive
City of St. Catharines

Councillor Smeaton, Committee Co-Chair, introduced the public hearing with respect to Reconstruction of Regional Road 87 (Main Street), Port Dalhousie – Verdun Avenue to Henley Island Drive in the City of St. Catharines and asked whether any person present would like to be heard (there were no responses).

Mr. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works, advised the Committee that the notice of the proposed by-law was published in the St. Catharines Standard on February 1, 4, 8 and 11, 2006.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That for the road improvements outlined in the Public Notice of February 1, 4, 8 and 11, 2006 and the Commissioner of Public Works PWA 39-2002, February 26, 2002, this Committee authorizes the reconstruction of Regional Road 87 (Main Street) Phase I, Henley Island Drive to Verdun Avenue in the City of St. Catharines, and further, recommends that the construction by-law be submitted to Regional Council for that purpose.

Carried.

PUBLIC MEETING

174. Joint Public Meeting
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 1-2006
Compost Facility
Town of Lincoln
Date: April 10, 2006
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers, Town of Lincoln

Councillors: Zimmerman, Hildreth, Baty.
INFORMATION

175. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Correspondence item PWC 12-2006, a letter from Dean Iorfida, City Clerk, City of Niagara Falls (March 7, 2006) respecting the City of Niagara Falls Council's motion not being in favour of the Mid-Peninsula Corridor, be received.

Carried.

OPERATIONS (Continued)
(STATUS REPORTS)

176. Relocation of the Warning System at
Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) Level Crossing
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 42-2006

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PWA 42-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Relocation of the Warning System at Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) Level Crossing in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with Canadian National Railway Company (CNR) for the relocation of the warning system at the level crossing on Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) on the CNR Stamford Subdivision in the City of Niagara Falls including associated costs estimated at \$190,0000.00;

That costs be charged against Parent Project ZRC9817 Widening of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road), Highway 420 to Thorold Stone Road.

Carried.

177. Detailed Design for the Widening of Regional Road 20
From Station Street to Highway 406
Town of Pelham and City of Thorold
Project ZRC0626
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PWA 44-2006 (CSD 38-2006)

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PWA 44-2006 (CSD 38-2006), March 15, 2006, respecting the Detailed Design for the Widening of Regional Road 20 from Station Street to Highway 406 in the Town of Pelham and City of Thorold, Project ZRC0626, be received.

That approval be given to initiate financing in the gross and net amount of \$700,000 consisting of \$539,738 Long Term Financing (1-10 years) and \$160,262 Capital Levy contribution from the approved 2006 Roads Capital Budget.

That the consulting firm of Philips Engineering Ltd., be retained to provide the engineering services required to undertake the detailed design for the Widening of Regional Road 20 (Formerly Highway 20) from Regional Road 36 (Pelham Street) to Highway 406 in the Town of Pelham and City of Thorold.

That an engineering agreement with the consulting firm of Philips Engineering Ltd. be prepared for design fees of \$270,454 with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursements basis;

Further, that all project costs be charged against Capital Project ZRC0626, Widening of Regional Road 20 from Station Street to Highway 406, in the Town of Pelham and City of Thorold.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 44-2006 (CSD 38-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

(Refer to Staff Directions)

178. Tender Award for Contract RN. 06-07
Roof Replacement Phase III
Niagara Recycling Centre
City of Niagara Falls
Project ZGL0529 / GL0529

PWA 45-2006 (CSD 40-2006)

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PWA 45-2006 (CSD 40-2006), March 15, 2006, respecting Tender Award for Contract RN. 06-07, Roof Replacement Phase III, Niagara Recycling Centre in the City of Niagara Falls, Project ZGL 0529 / GL0529, be received.

That Contract RN. 06-07, Roof Replacement Phase III, Niagara Recycling Centre, in the City of Niagara Falls, be awarded to Roque Roofing Inc. at its tender price of \$198,000.00.

That a contingency allowance of \$15,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law be 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 Long Term Financing in the gross and net amount of \$129,563 be transferred from Project GL0011, Perry Road Landfill to Project GL0529 Roof Repair Niagara Recycling Centre.

That the project costs be charged against Capital Works Parent Project XGL0529 / GL0529.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 45-2006 (CSD 40-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

179. Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the
2006 Roads Capital Program
PWA 46-2006 (CSD 41-2006)

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PWA 46-2006 (CSD 41-2006), March 15, 2006, respecting Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the 2006 Roads Capital Program, be received.

That financing in the amount of \$14,003,000 gross and \$8,527,000 net be approved from the 2006 Roads Capital Program and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A.

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing consisting of \$3,237,000 Capital Levy, \$2,700,000 Development Charges Reserve Fund, \$2,590,000 Long Term Financing (1- 10 years), \$20,000 External Cost Sharing and \$5,456,000 Subsidies (Gas Tax Revenue).

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for submission to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 46-2006 (CSD 41-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

180. Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the
2006 Water Capital Program
PWA 47-2006 (CSD 42-2006)

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 47-2006 (CSD 42-2006), March 15, 2006, respecting Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the 2006 Water Capital Program, be received.

That financing in the amount of \$12,850,000 gross and net be approved from the 2006 Water Capital Program and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A.

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing consisting of \$11,850,000 (Water Capital Reserve Fund) and \$1,000,000 (Development Charge Reserve Fund).

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for submission to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 47-2006 (CSD 42-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

181. Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the
2006 Wastewater Capital Program
PWA 48-2006 (CSD 43-2006)

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report PWA 48-2006 (CSD 43-2006), March 15, 2006, respecting Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the 2006 Wastewater Capital Program, be received.

That financing in the amount of \$17,800,000 gross and \$14,200,000 net be approved from the 2006 Wastewater Capital Program and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A.

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing consisting of \$13,200,000 (Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund), \$1,000,000 (Development Charges Reserve Fund) and \$3,600,000 (External Cost Sharing).

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for submission to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 48-2006 (CSD 43-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

182. Retention of Consulting Services for the
Ontario Road Pumping Station Upgrade
In the City of Welland
Project ZSW0118/SW0530
PWA 49-2006

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWA 49-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Ontario Road Pumping Station Upgrade in the City of Welland, Project ZSW0118/SW0530, be received.

That the consulting firm of R.V. Anderson Associates Limited be retained to provide consulting services for the environmental assessment, engineering design and construction administration of the Ontario Road Pumping Station Upgrade in the City of Welland at an estimated upset limit of \$255,275.00, excluding GST.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is 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 Capital Project ZSW0118/SW0530.

Carried.

183. Emergency Repairs at the Ontario Road
Sewage Pumping Station in the City of Welland
Project ZSW0301
PWA 51-2006 (CSD 44-2006)

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PWA 51-2006 (CSD 44-2006), March 15, 2006, respecting the Emergency Repairs at the Ontario Road Sewage Pumping Station in the City of Welland, Project ZSW0301, be received.

That VFD Solutions Inc., be paid the amount of \$77,300 for emergency repairs at the Ontario Road Sewage Pumping Station in the City of Welland.

That Long Term Financing (1-10 years) in the gross and net amount of \$79,000 be approved for Project ZSW0301 Emergency Equipment Replacement at Wastewater Facilities from the 2005 Wastewater Capital Budget.

That the costs associated with this project be charged to the capital budget allocation for Project ZSW0301/SW0301 – Emergency Equipment Replacement.

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 PWA 51-2006 (CSD 44-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

184. Tender Award for Contract RN 05-55
For the Watermain and Sanitary Sewer Crossing
Of the Welland River and Old Canal
In the Cities of Welland and Thorold
Projects ZSW9815/SW9815 and ZCW9814/CW9814
PWA 52-2006 (CSD 45-2006)

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PWA 52-2006 (CSD 45-2006), March 15, 2006, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 05-55, for the Watermain and Sanitary Sewer Crossing of the Welland River and Old Canal in the Cities of Welland and Thorold, Projects ZSW9815/SW9815 and ZCW9814/CW9814, be received.

That Long Term Financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 be approved for Project ZCW9622 Water Supply Improvements to Shoalts Drive and transferred to Project ZCW9814 / CW9814 Watermain on Towpath Road.

That Wastewater Reserve Fund financing in the amount of \$1,000,000 be transferred from Project ZSW0104/SW0104 Victoria Avenue Pumping Station Upgrade to Project ZSW9815 Welland North Trunk Sewer Extension.

That Long Term Financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$500,000 and Wastewater Reserve Fund in the amount of \$100,000 be approved for Project ZSW9403 Standby Power for WWTP's and Pumping Stations and transferred to Project ZSW9815 Welland North Trunk Sewer Extension.

That Contract RN-05-45, the For the Watermain and Sanitary Sewer Crossing of Welland River and Old Canal in the City of Welland and Thorold be awarded to Terra Infrastructure Inc. at their bid price of \$6,046,072.06.

That a contingency amount of \$600,000.00 be provided for this project.

That Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM) be appointed for additional engineering services for the additional scope for an amount of \$53,344.47 and as a Contract Administrator for this contract for an amount of \$110,466.00. These engineering services are required due to additional scope of work at the request of the Region and subsequent increase in the construction duration.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws is 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 ZSW9815/SW9815 and ZCW9814/CW9814.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 52-2006 (CSD 45-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

185. Retention of Consulting Services for the Long Term Servicing Strategy for the Grimsby Water Treatment Plant System Including inter-connection between the Grimsby and DeCew Falls WTP Systems
Town of Lincoln
PWA 53-2006

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report PWA 53-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Long Term Servicing Strategy for the Grimsby Water Treatment Plant System including inter-connection between the Grimsby and DeCew Falls WTP Systems in the Town of Lincoln, be received.

That the consulting engineering firm of Quartek Group Inc. be retained to provide engineering services for the conceptual design for implementing an interconnection between DeCew and Grimsby Water Treatment Plant (WTP) systems in the Town of Lincoln.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$68,860.00 exclusive of GST.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws is 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 ZCW9913/CW0527.

Carried.

186. Tender Award for Contract RN-05-49
For the Towpath Road Sewage Pumping Station
City of Thorold
Project: ZSW9815/SW9815
PWA 54-2006

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councilor Mastroianni

That Report PWA 54-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN-05-49 for the Towpath Road Sewage Pumping Station in the City of Thorold, Project: ZSW9815/SW9815, be received.

That Contract RN-05-49, for the Towpath Road Sewage Pumping Station in the City of Thorold be awarded to Sona Construction Ltd. at their bid price of \$4,243,000.00.

That a contingency amount of \$400,000.00 be provided for this project.

That Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM) be appointed for additional engineering services for additional design work for an amount of \$39,367.58 and for Contract Administration services during construction for this contract for an amount of \$275,940.00.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws is 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 ZSW9815/SW9815.

Carried.

187. On-Street Disabled Person Parking
Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road)
Town of Fort Erie
PWA 55-2006

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PWA 55-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting On-Street Disabled Person Parking, Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That an additional on-street parking space on the south side of Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) in front of the People's Memorial United Church be designated for disabled person parking; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on March 23, 2006.

Carried.

188. Municipal Fees and Services Charges
PWA 57-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWA 57-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Municipal Fees and Services Charges, be received.

That the attached summary of fees and charges for services or activities provided by the Niagara Region be approved;

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

Carried.

189. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee
January 12, 2006

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting held on January 12, 2006, be received and the recommendations contained therein be referred to staff for comment.

Carried.

190. Spring Planning Tour:
Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Mr. Cambray advised the Committee that a Spring Planning Tour has been arranged for Wednesday, April 19, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to tour the Township of Wainfleet's Lake Erie Shoreline in addition to other areas of planning interest to the Committee. All Councillors are welcome.

Councillor Harry noted that the tour should include various wetlands and conservation areas and the Lakewood Camp area.

Councillor Harry noted that he would be interested in assisting Mr. Cambray in preparing the tour route for that day.

The Committee members were asked to contact the Planning and Development Department if they are interested in participating in the tour.

191. Update 2006
Model Site Alteration By-law for the Niagara Community
DPD 30-2006

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report DPD 30-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Update 2006, Model Site Alteration By-law for the Niagara Community, be received for information.

That a copy of this report be circulated to all local municipalities, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, the Niagara North and South Federations of Agriculture, the Regional Agricultural Sub-Committee, the Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee and the Niagara North and Soil Ontario Soil Crop Improvement Associations for information.

Carried.

192. Public Policy and Affordable Market Housing:
The Provincial Policy Statement
DPD 31-2005

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report DPD 31-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Public Policy and Affordable Market Housing: the Provincial Policy Statement, be received for information; and

That this report be circulated to the Area Municipalities for information.

Carried.

193. Background Information Report
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 8-2005
Animal Sanctuary
City of Thorold
DPD 32-2006

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report DPD 32-2005, March 15, 2006, respecting the Background Information Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 8-2005, Animal Sanctuary in the City of Thorold, be received for information.

Carried.

194. Development in Niagara – Who Does What?
DPD 35-2006

The Committee noted their concern with the circulation of the brochure, in advance of the completion of the planning review, it was therefore;

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report DPD 35-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Development in Niagara – Who Does What?, be received with the circulation of the brochure held until the completion of the planning review.

Carried.

Councillors Casselman and Timms requested that they be recorded as opposed to the aforementioned motion.

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to eleven members, pursuant to Part 15, Section 15.8.2 of the Procedural By-law 120-2005.

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES
(STRATEGIC PLANNING/POLICY)

195. Overview of Community Development and Servicing
Along the Lake Erie Shoreline
Township of Wainfleet
DPD 33-2006

Councillor Harry indicated that the report was good.

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report DPD 33-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Overview of Community Development and Servicing along the Lake Erie Shoreline in the Township of Wainfleet, be received for information and circulated to the Township of Wainfleet.

Carried.

196. Phase 2 – Raw Water for
Agricultural Irrigation Study
Funding Assistance
DPD 34-2006 (CSD 49-2006)

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report DPD 34-2006 (CSD 49-2006), March 15, 2006, respecting the Phase 2 – Raw Water for Agricultural Irrigation Study Funding Assistance, be received **as amended**.

That the Regional share of the Phase 2 Raw Water for Agricultural Irrigation Study of \$50,000 be provided from \$26,000 remaining in the original Phase 1 Study account and the remaining amount of \$24,000 be provided from the Region's contingency fund.

That staff prepare a request for proposals for a Phase 2 Raw Water for Agricultural Irrigation Study and submit it to qualified consultants.

That the Technical Advisory Committee established to oversee the Phase 1 Study be reformed to **confirm scoping, evaluation and recommendation on the proposals, and provide direction in overseeing the Study until its completion**.

Carried.

(Please note that Report DPD 34-2006 (CSD 49-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

INFORMATION (Continued)

197. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the following items, be received for information:

Report PWP 20-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Capital Projects/Studies Activity Report, Waste Management Services Division.

Report PWP 21-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals.

Report PWP 22-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications.

Report PWP 23-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations, July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

Report PWP 24-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting the Community Odour Surveys, October 2005, Elm Street Compost Facility and Landfill Site.

Report PWP 25-2006 (March 15, 2006), respecting the Follow-up Report on Financial and Other Aspects of the Wainfleet Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (EA).

Minutes of January 11, 2006 meeting of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group.

Minutes of January 16, 2006 meeting of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group.

Minutes of January 17, 2006 meeting of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group, be received for information.

Minutes of February 21, 2006 meeting of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee.

Minutes of February 21, 2006 meeting of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee.

Report DPD 36-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting Consent Summary from February 7, 2006 to February 22, 2006.

Report DPD 37-2006, March 15, 2006, respecting Regional Comments on Development Proposals from February 7, 2006 to February 22, 2006.

Minutes of the Tree By-law Advisory Committee meeting held on February 9, 2006.

Minutes of the Planning Review Committee meeting held on February 9, 2006.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

198. Length of Amber Signal Lights on
Dorchester Road
City of Niagara Falls

Councillor Smeaton advised the Committee of a recent fatal incident on Dorchester Road, noting that the roadway is dangerous for pedestrians due to the speed on the roadway and the length of the amber signal lights, it was therefore;

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That staff prepare a report respecting the length of the amber signal lights on Dorchester Road in the City of Niagara Falls and the process required to adjust the timing of the signal lights.

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 ten members, pursuant to Part 15, Section 15.8.2 of the Procedural By-law 120-2005.

CLOSED SESSION

199. Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Harry

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

Carried.

200. Update – Official Plan Amendment Appeal
City of Niagara Falls
Oral Report

Staff advised the Committee that a formal report would be brought to the April 5, 2006 Planning and Public Works Committee meeting to update the Committee on the status of the Official Plan Amendment Appeal in the City of Niagara Falls.

201. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That this Committee do now rise without report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- provide Councillor Brock with information on the Damude's property and the design of Regional Road 20 (Refers to Minute Item # 177) *Planning*

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:28 p.m., to meet again in Council Chambers, April 5, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

Bill Smeaton
Co-Chair

Janet Pilon
Acting Deputy Clerk

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk