

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 7-2006

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 commencing at 1:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Smeaton, Co-Chair; Rigby, Co-Chair; Angelone, Baty, Bodner, Brock, Burroughs, Casselman, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Hildreth, Leavens, Mastroianni, Redekop, Timms, Zimmerman.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Cambray, Commissioner, Planning & Development Department; Friesen, Acting Commissioner, Public Works; Farley, Director, Planning Services; Baker, Acting Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Engineering; Sidawi, Director, Operation Support Services; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk.

Staff (Part Time): Messrs. McQueen, Director, Administration; Christensen, Director, Health Protection & Promotion; Hughes, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering; Robson, Director Community Integration; Ms. Staines, Legislative Assistant; Ms. Manzer, Council Support Assistant.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

230. Contract RN 06-17
Reconstruction and Municipal Service Improvements
on Regional Road 19 (Gilmore Road)
From Concession Road to Niagara Boulevard
Town of Fort Erie
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Councillor Rigby, Committee Co-Chair, introduced the public hearing with respect to Reconstruction and Municipal Service Improvements on Regional Road 19 (Gilmore Road) from Concession Road to Niagara Boulevard in the Town of Fort Erie and asked whether any person present would like to be heard (there were no responses).

Mr. Cousins, Director, Transportation Services Division, advised the Committee that the notice of the proposed by-law was published in the St. Catharines Standard and Fort Erie Times on April 8 and 15, 2006.

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That for the road improvements outlined in the Public Notice of April 8, 2006 and the Commissioner of Public Works PWA 39-2002, February 26, 2002, this Committee authorizes the reconstruction and Municipal Service Improvements on Regional Road 19 (Gilmore Road) from Concession Road to Niagara Boulevard in the Town of Fort Erie, may proceed.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS

231. Detour Route for Contract RN 06-05
Rehabilitation of Main Street Bridge
(Structure No. 027220), Phase One
Over the Old Welland Canal
City of Welland

PWA 91-2006

Mr. Douglas Reitsma an Ontario Land Surveyor with an office in the downtown core of the City of Welland, a member of the Downtown BIA, a member of the Executive Board for the Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Chamber's Policy Committee addressed the Committee on the detour route being proposed to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Main Street Bridge.

Mr. Reitsma on behalf of the business community in the downtown core of the City of Welland proposed converting the Division Street Bridge to two-way traffic and that the Committee consider changing Division Street between King Street and Cross Street to two-way traffic, something that has been apparently done before. The business community believes that this alternative to the proposed detour route would minimize the inconvenience of those who have business in the downtown and wish to travel through or to an from a northwest and southeast direction across the old canal.

The Committee was advised that a meeting has been scheduled for April 27, 2006, for Regional staff and the parties who have an interest in this matter to discuss the various options available.

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Mr. Reitsma's presentation be referred to Report PWA 91-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Detour Route for Contract RN 06-05, Rehabilitation of Main Street Bridge (Structure No. 027220), Phase One Over the Old Welland Canal in the City of Welland.

Carried.

At this point in the meeting a quorum was achieved.

OPERATIONS
(STATUS REPORTS)

232. Detour Route for Contract RN 06-05
Rehabilitation of Main Street Bridge
(Structure No. 027220), Phase One
Over the Old Welland Canal
City of Welland
PWA 91-2006

Mr. Cousins provided the Committee with a presentation on the proposed detour route as detailed in Report PWA 91-2006.

The Committee was advised of the timing of the various phases of the project and what each phase entails. In order for staff to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Main Street Bridge, the bridge has to be totally closed for approximately six months (May until November).

Mr. Cousins provided the Committee with the details of the recommended detour route during the closure of the bridge, traffic will proceed south on King Street to Lincoln Street East; west on Lincoln Street East to Prince Charles Drive; north on Prince Charles Drive to West Main Street. The detour will add six to ten minutes to travel time.

Mr. Cousins provided the Committee with staff's comments on the business community's proposed detour route, to convert Division Street Bridge to two-way traffic. The proposed detour route would not be recommended by staff due to the following:

Safety Concerns:	Sightlines for converted traffic at Niagara Street and West Main Street; sightline problem for parking lot entrance at south east corner of West Main Street and Division Street bridge and
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- Capacity Delays: motorist confusion with two-way traffic conversion.
Southbound Niagara Street and northbound Division Street approaches to Niagara/West Main Street narrowed to one lane; Niagara/West Main Street exceeds capacity during afternoon peak; Division/King Street operates near capacity during afternoon peak.
- Intersection Geometry: Radius of southwest corner of Niagara/West Main Streets will have to be improved; radius of southwest corner of Division/King Streets will also cause some problems for larger vehicles.

Mr. Cousins also provided the Committee with the cost implications of both detour routes, the recommended detour route would cost approximately \$7,000 (signs, barrels, set up and maintenance), the Division Street detour would cost approximately an additional \$93,400 (\$65,000 for traffic signals & radius improvement at Niagara/West Main Streets and \$28,400 for concrete barriers and pavement marking changes on the bridge).

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report PWA 91-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Detour Route for Contract RN 06-05, Rehabilitation of Main Street Bridge (Structure No. 027220), Phase One Over the Old Welland Canal in the City of Welland, be deferred to the May 4, 2006 Regional Council meeting to provide staff with sufficient time to have discussions with the area merchants.

Carried.

233. Tender Award for Contract RN. 06-05
Rehabilitation of Main Street Bridge
(Structure No. 027220), Phase One
Over the Old Welland Canal
City of Welland
Project ZRC0219/RC0219
PWA 76-2006 (CSD 64-2006)

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 76-2006 (CSD 64-2006), April 26, 2006, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN. 06-05, Rehabilitation of Main Street Bridge (Structure No. 027220), Phase One, Over the Old Welland Canal in the City of Welland, Project ZRC0219/RC0219, be deferred to the May 4, 2006 Regional Council meeting.

Carried.

OPERATIONS
(STATUS REPORTS)

234. Agreement for Road Works
Real Canadian Superstore
Loblaw Properties Limited
Clearance of Condition to Facilitate Site Plan Approval
Regional Road 10 (Casablanca Blvd.) and
Regional Road 40 (South Service Road)
Town of Grimsby

PWA 71-2006 (CSD 62-2006)

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 71-2006 (CSD 62-2006), April 26, 2006, respecting the Agreement for Road Works, Real Canadian Superstore, Loblaw Properties Limited, Clearance of Condition to Facilitate Site Plan Approval, Regional Road 10 (Casablanca Blvd.) and Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That the Region enter into an Agreement with Loblaw Properties Limited, owner of a proposed development to be constructed in the south east quadrant of Regional Road 10 (Casablanca Boulevard) and Regional Road 40 (South Service Road);

That the Agreement outline responsibilities and secure financial commitments to cover 100% of costs associated with the construction of the required road improvements at this location;

That the Director of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary Agreement;

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute this Agreement; and

That the Town of Grimsby be circulated a copy of the report.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 71-2006 (CSD 62-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

235. Tender Award for Contract RN 06-09
Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant
Roof Replacement

PWA 72-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 72-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 06-09, Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement, be received.

That Contract RN 06-09, Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement, be awarded to Roque Roofing Incorporated at their bid price of \$284,000.00.

That a contingency amount of \$25,000.00 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 ZCW0520/CW0611.

Carried.

236. Tender Award for Contract RN 06-10
Welland Water Treatment Plant
Roof Replacement

PWA 73-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 73-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 06-10, Welland Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement, be received.

That Contract RN 06-10, Welland Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement, be awarded to Roque Roofing Incorporated at their bid price of \$440,000.00.

That a contingency amount of \$40,000.00 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 ZCW0520/CW0610.

Carried.

237. Walker Brothers Quarries Request to Construct
An Underpass on Regional Road 70 (Taylor Road)
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 75-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 75-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Walker Brothers Quarries Request to Construct an Underpass on Regional Road 70 (Taylor Road) in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That an application for the construction of an underpass on Regional Road 70 (Taylor Road) at a location approximately 50 metres south of Regional Road 101 (Mountain Road), in the City of Niagara Falls, by and at the expense of Walker Brothers Quarries be approved, subject to the requirements as set out in this report;

That the Regional Solicitor be instructed to draft an agreement outlining Walker Brothers Quarries' responsibilities with respect to this undertaking and that the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara;

That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to proceed with the publication of a Notice of Meeting regarding this undertaking to be held at Planning and Public Works Committee on May 17, 2006;

That Regional Road 70 (Taylor Road) be closed at the underpass site south of Regional Road 101 (Mountain Road) for a duration of approximately three (3) months commencing in June 2006;

That the intersections of Regional Road 101 / Old Mountain Road and Regional Road 70 / Old Mountain Road of the proposed detour route be temporarily set up as an all-way stop control for the duration of the proposed underpass construction; and

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

Carried.

238. Appointment by the Municipality for the Purpose
of Designating Construction Zones and a Posted Speed
Limit Within the Construction Zones on Roadways of
Regional Jurisdiction

PWA 77-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 77-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Appointment by the Municipality for the Purpose of Designating Construction Zones and a Posted Speed Limit Within the Construction Zones on Roadways of Regional Jurisdiction, be received.

That pursuant to S.218 (8.1) of the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.8, as amended, the person occupying the position of the Director of Transportation Services for the Regional Municipality of Niagara is hereby authorized by Regional Council to designate a highway or portion of a highway under the municipality's jurisdiction as a construction zone.

Carried.

239. Stopping Prohibitions
Regional Road 87 (Mary Street)
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

PWA 78-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 78-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Stopping Prohibitions, Regional Road 87 (Mary Street) in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received.

That stopping be prohibited on both sides of Regional Road 87 (Mary Street) between Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) and Butler St.; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on May 4, 2006.

Carried.

240. Stopping Prohibitions
Regional Road 27 (East Main Street)
City of Welland
PWA 79-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 79-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Stopping Prohibitions, Regional Road 27 (East Main Street) in the City of Welland, be received.

That stopping be prohibited on both sides of Regional Road 27 (East Main Street) from Wellington Street to King's Highway 406; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on May 4, 2006.

Carried.

241. Speed Limit Reduction, Parking Prohibition
Regional Road 14 (Townline Road)
Township of West Lincoln
PWA 80-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 80-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Speed Limit Reduction, Parking Prohibition, Regional Road 14 (Townline Road) in the Township of West Lincoln, be received.

That the existing posted speed of 50 km/h on Regional Road 14 (Townline Road) be extended westerly to Tober Road; and

That parking be prohibited at anytime on both sides of Regional Road 14 (Townline Road) from limits adjacent to the Leisureplex property; and

That the Township of West Lincoln be requested to investigate the need to limit pedestrian access onto the Leisureplex grounds from a controlled entry point.

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on May 4, 2006.

Carried.

242. Parking Prohibition
Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) @ Crescent Road
Town of Fort Erie

PWA 81-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 81-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Parking Prohibition, Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) @ Crescent Road in the Town of Fort Erie, be received;

That parking be prohibited on the north side of Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) from Crescent Road easterly to where the shoulder begins;

That curbing be installed along the projected shoulder of Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) in front of Rina's restaurant on the northeast corner of Dominion Road and Crescent Road; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on May 4, 2006.

Carried.

243. Request for Parking Re-instatement
Regional Road 27 (Riverside Drive)
City of Welland

PWA 82-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 82-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Request for Parking Re-instatement, Regional Road 27 (Riverside Drive) in the City of Welland, be received.

That parking not be reinstated on the east side of Regional Road 27 (Riverside Drive), north of Wade Street.

Carried.

244. Retention of Consulting Services for the Welland Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Capacity Expansion and Process Modifications Conceptual Design and Class EA
City of Welland
PWA 83-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 83-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Welland Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), Capacity Expansion and Process Modifications, Conceptual Design and Class EA in the City of Welland, be received;

That the consulting firm of R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. be retained to provide the Class EA and conceptual design services for the Welland Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Capacity Expansion and Process Modifications.

That an engineering agreement with the consulting firm of R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. be prepared for engineering fees in the amount of \$168,413.00.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project SW0609.

Carried.

245. Elm Street Compost Facility Operation
PWA 84-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 84-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Elm Street Compost Facility Operation, be received.

That Niagara Region pay the trucking cost for hauling finished compost product from the Elm Street Composting Facility to a satellite sales site (owned/leased by Compost Management Associates) to a maximum of \$27,000.00; and

That Niagara Region supply and haul woodchips from the Humberstone Landfill Site to a maximum of \$24,000.00.

Carried.

246. Award of Tender to Purchase Five (5) Vehicles for the Provision of the Region's Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Service Project ZGD0605
Project ZGD0605
PWA 85-2006 (CSD 67-2006)

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 85-2006 (CSD 67-2006), April 26, 2006, respecting the Award of Tender to Purchase Five (5) Vehicles fro the Provision of the Region's Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Service, Project ZGD0605, be received.

That approval be given to initiate financing for Project ZGD0605 Specialized Transit Equipment in the gross amount \$525,000 consisting of \$384,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Revenue for Environmentally Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure and \$141,000 from the Provincial "Ontario Transit Vehicle Program".

That the award for the supply of five (5) vehicles for the new Regional Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit service be awarded to the low bidder Pearson Bus Sales Ltd. for \$386,500.00 excluding PST (\$77,300.00 each);

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

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

(Please note that Report PWA 85-2006 (CSD 67-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

247. Source Protection Grant Funding
Council Authorization to Sign Agreement
PWA 86-2006 (CSD 69-2006)

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 86-2006 (CSD 69-2006), April 26, 2006, respecting the Source Protection Grant Funding, Council Authorization to Sign Agreement, be received.

That the Planning and Public Works Committee recommends that Regional Council authorize the Corporation to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to secure funds to carry out technical studies under the Source Protection Technical Studies' Program.

That approval be given to increase the gross budget for the MOE contribution in the amount of \$162,000 for Project SW0207 Water Quality Management Plan.

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

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

(Please note that Report PWA 86-2006 (CSD 69-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

248. Contract RN 02-41 – Final Adjustment
Re-alignment of Regional Road 70 (Taylor Road)
Between Townline Road and Mountain Road
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 88-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 88-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting Contract RN 02-41 – Final Adjustment, Re-alignment of Regional Road 70 (Taylor Road) between Townline Road and Mountain Road in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That a final cost adjustment be made with Walker Brothers Quarries in the amount of \$285,281.50 for Contract RN 02-41, Re-alignment of Regional Road 70 (Taylor Road) between Townline Road and Mountain Road in the City of Niagara Falls.

That these costs be charged to Capital Works Project ZRC0617.

Carried.

249. Fare Structure for the Regional Inter-Municipal
Specialized Transit Service
PWA 89-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 89-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Fare Structure for the Regional Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Service, be received.

That the following recommendations, as approved by the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee at its April 4, 2006 meeting, be recommended to Regional Council:

That the one-way (1) fare for a person traveling on the Regional Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Service from one municipality to another municipality within the same Zone or to a municipality in an abutting Zone be \$7.50; and

That the one-way (1) fare for a person traveling on the Regional Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Service from a municipality within one Zone through an abutting Zone to get to their final destination in a subsequent Zone be an additional \$7.50 for each Zone passed through.

That riders be required to maintain a minimum prepaid balance of four trips (\$30.00) in their account;

That the eight (8) fare zones as outlined in the attached Appendix "A" be adopted;

That the question of providing service to facilities outside the Region of Niagara (City of Hamilton and/or Haldimand County) be postponed pending the receipt of a staff report on June 27, 2006;

That the Transit Manager or designate be authorized to approve vehicle charters and rentals during times when the vehicles may be idle;

That the Transit Manager or designate be authorized to reject a rental or charter request from an organization or individual; representing a political organization or political function; an individual or group representing a sensitive social issue; or any individual or group renting or chartering a vehicle which may present the Region as partisan to the cause or event;

That under no circumstances are the Region's vehicles to be provided to an organization, an internal department or elected official "free of charge";

That the cost to rent and charter a vehicle to a charitable organization, internal department or elected official be the amount necessary for "full cost recovery"; and

That the amount to all other organizations be "full cost recovery" plus a minimum 30% (in order to account for administration and depreciation).

That staff prepare a report that provides the Committee with various scenarios with the associated costs that would address the various challenges with the system as approved; and

That the report respecting the Fare Structure for the Regional Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Service, be distributed to the Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Advisory Committee, for their information.

Carried.

250. Initiation of Projects Included
in the 2006 Capital Budget
PWA 90-2006 (CSD 68-2006)

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 90-2006 (CSD 68-2006), April 26, 2006, respecting the Initiation of Projects included in the 2006 Capital Budget, be received.

That Capital Levy financing in the amount of \$450,000 gross and net be approved for Project ZGD0203 Building Improvement Program for Regional Facilities be approved from the 2006 Buildings & Equipment Capital Budget.

That Capital Levy financing in the amount of \$50,000 gross and net for Project ZRC0638 Guide Rail Installation Program and \$300,000 gross and net for Project ZRC0639 Guide Rail Improvement Program be approved from the 2006 Road Capital Budget.

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 90-2006 (CSD 68-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

251. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
April 4, 2006

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting held on April 4, 2006, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

252. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee
February 23, 2006

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting held on March 15, 2006, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

253. Smarter Niagara Incentives Program –
Investment Criteria and Monitoring
DPD 38-2006

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report DPD 38-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Smarter Niagara Incentives Program – Investment Criteria and Monitoring, be received.

That the investment criteria and monitoring program proposed in this report for the Smarter Niagara Incentives Program be endorsed for the 2006 budget year.

That a semi-annual report be prepared on the Smarter Niagara Incentives Program.

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

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

254. Reconstruction of Regional Road 83 (Carlton Street)
Niagara Street to Bunting Road
City of St. Catharines

Councillor Rigby, Committee Co-Chair, introduced the public hearing with respect to Reconstruction of Regional Road 83 (Carlton Street), Niagara Street to Bunting Road in the City of St. Catharines and asked whether any person present would like to be heard (there were no responses).

Mr. Cousins, Director, Transportation Services Division, advised the Committee that the notice of the proposed by-law was published in the St. Catharines Standard on April 8, 12, 15 and 19, 2006.

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That for the road improvements outlined in the Public Notice of April 8, 2006 and the Commissioner of Public Works PWA 39-2002, February 26, 2002, this Committee authorizes the reconstruction of Regional Road 83 (Carlton Street), Regional Road 48 (Niagara Street) to Bunting Road in the City of St. Catharines, may proceed.

Carried.

255. 151 James Street –
Smarter Niagara Incentives Program –
City of St. Catharines Request for Funding Commitment
DPD 39-2006

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report DPD 39-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting 151 James Street – Smarter Niagara Incentives Program – City of St. Catharines Request for Funding Commitment, be received.

That the request from the City of St. Catharines for a grant of \$40,000 from the Smarter Niagara Incentives Program be approved.

That the City of St. Catharines be so advised.

Carried.

256. Official Plan Amendment No. 11
Housekeeping Amendments
Conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement 2005
Township of West Lincoln
DPD 40-2006

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report DPD 40-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Official Plan Amendment No. 11, Housekeeping Amendments, Conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement 2005 in the Township of West Lincoln, be received.

That Amendment No. 11 to the Township of West Lincoln Official Plan be approved.

That all parties be notified of Regional Council's decision on this application in accordance with Provincial regulations.

That staff issue a declaration of final approval for the Amendment if no appeals are lodged against Council's decision within twenty (20) days of giving notice of that decision.

Carried.

257. Protection of Historical and Significant Trees in the
Proposed Forest Conservation By-law
DPD 46-2006

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report DPD 46-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Protection of Historical and Significant Trees in the Proposed Forest Conservation By-law, be received **as amended** and circulated to area municipalities for their information and review in relation to the protection of heritage or significant community trees.

That the report be circulated to the local politicians, in order for their Councils to act on the contents of the report and respond as to whether their municipalities wish to make use of the by-law to protect historical and significant trees.

Carried.

258. Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Correspondence Item PD 20-2006 from Steve Fernick requesting that the Region support two retirement lot severances in the Town of Grimsby that have been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board, be received and referred to staff for report.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

259. Planning Review Committee
April 13, 2006

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the minutes of the Planning Review Committee meeting held on April 13, 2006, be received.

Carried.

260. Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee
November 28, 2005

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That staff report back on the various opportunities available to the Niagara Region for acquiring local art for display in the new building.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That the minutes of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee meeting held on November 28, 2005, be received and the recommendation contained therein be referred to staff for report.

Carried.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Committee was advised that under the proposed new Planning Act, there is a requirement for the holding of an Open House at least one week prior to the Public Meeting. Councillors are not required to attend the Open House listed below, they will, however, be advised of them.

261. Regional Policy Plan Amendment 170
Willoughby Land Use Policies
City of Niagara Falls
Date: May 16, 2006
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Niagara Falls Council Chambers

Councillors: Angelone, _____, _____.

262. **Joint Public Open House**

To consider the City of Niagara Falls and
Regional Niagara's policies for Willoughby
Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2006
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Place: Willoughby Township Hall
11211 Sodom Road
City of Niagara Falls

INFORMATION

263. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the following items, be received for information:

Report PWP 32-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting Capital Projects/Studies Activity
Report, Waste Management Services Division;

Correspondence Item PWC 13-2006 a letter from Russ Howell, Manager, Fleet
Services (March 24, 2006) to Mr. Dwight Airhart, General Foreman, Operational
Services, City of Port Colborne offering Regional refresher Chainsaw Certification
Training to his staff;

Correspondence Item PWC 14-2006 a letter from Wayne Parker, Water
Environment Association of Ontario to Mr. Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater
Services recognizing Niagara's nomination for the Exemplary Biosolids
Management Award with an invitation to the Awards Luncheon;

Report DPD 47-2006, April 26, 2006 Consent Summary from March 16, 2006 to
April 5, 2006;

Report DPD 48-2006, April 26, 2006, Regional Comments on Development
Proposals from March 16, 2006 to April 5, 2006;

Correspondence Item PD 19-2006, Public Works, Planning and Public Health
comments and recommendations to the Ministry of Environment on Walker's Waste
Disposal Environmental Assessment: Proposed Landfill Expansion, City of Niagara
Falls;

Minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting of the Agricultural Sub Committee;

Minutes of the October 17, 2005, November 7, 2005, December 19, 2005 and
February 7, 2006 meetings of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

264. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
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 property matters.

Carried.

265. Lease
City of St. Catharines
PWA 74-2006

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Confidential Report PWA 74-2006, April 26, 2006, respecting the Lease in the City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

266. Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- consider alternative fuel vehicles when purchasing vehicles for the Niagara Specialized Transit service in the future (Refers to Minute Item # 246)
- investigate whether Greenbelt funding is a viable option for carrying out technical studies under the Source Protection Technical Studies' Program. (Refers to Minute Item # 247)
- provide Regional Council at their meeting of May 4, 2006, with a memorandum providing information on the proposed development including addressing the new versus the old legislation. (Refers to Minute Item # 258)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:54 p.m., to meet again in Council Chambers, May 17, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill Smeaton
Co-Chair

Tim Rigby
Co-Chair

Janet Pilon
Deputy Clerk

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk