

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 12-2006

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 commencing at 1:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Co-Chair; Regional Chair Partington; Angelone, Baty, Bentley, Bodner, Burroughs, Goulbourne, Harry, Hildreth, Hodgson; Leavens, Mastroianni, Salci; Timms, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Cambray, Commissioner, Planning & Development Department; Neville, Commissioner, Public Works Department; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater; Farley, Director of Planning Services; Friesen, Director, Waste Management Services; Hughes, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering; Ms. Pilon, Acting Regional Clerk; Ms. Staines, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part Time): Messrs. Bergen, Transportation Planning Technologist; Flora, Acting Associate Director, Transportation Systems; Forgeron, Senior Planner; Ms. Manzer, Council Support Assistant; Ms. Ricci, Legislative Assistant; Ms. Slee, Administrative Assistant – Council Support; Messrs. Semple, Senior Planner, Policy Plan Amendments; Smith, Associate Director, Waste Management Engineering

Guests: Ms. Vaz-Rafearo, Ministry of Transportation Ontario; Ms. Fischer, Ministry of Transportation Ontario; Mr. Hoffman, Morrison Hershfield Consulting Engineers and Managers; Messrs. Morrison, Brady, Bacher, Kersch, Booth, Meyer

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.

PRESENTATIONS

395. QEW Widening Design Presentation

Mr. Neville introduced representatives from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Ms. Lola Vaz-Rafearo and Ms. Linda Fischer, and Mr. Doug Hoffman, representing Morrison Hershfield Consulting Engineers and Managers.

Mr. Hoffman provided a Design Presentation regarding the QEW Widening from Seventh Street to the Garden City Skyway, City of St. Catharines. Mr. Hoffman noted that the section of the QEW being widened to six lanes is approximately 8.6 km and is scheduled for completion in 2010. There have been two Public Information Centre meetings with a third scheduled for October of 2006. The project received MTO Engineering approval last month with Regional Executive Approval expected in November of 2006. The scope of work includes: widening of the QEW from four to six lanes, a median barrier, storm drainage system and storm water management ponds, retaining wall, noise barrier, culvert extensions, and high mast lighting. The work encompasses widening the overpass structure at Third Street, realigning and widening of Martindale Road from two to four lanes, replacing existing bridge deck and rehabilitating underpass structure at Ontario Street, realigning and widening Lake Street from four to five lanes, constructing a new overpass structure at Geneva Street, replacing the existing bridge deck and rehabilitating the underpass structure at Niagara Street, constructing a new overpass structure and removing the existing pedestrian tunnel at Welland Avenue, providing a new entrance ramp to the QEW westbound from Dieppe Road, reconfiguring Dieppe Road/McCalla Drive at Niagara Street; and modifications to various service/side roads. Mr. Hoffman described structure details and patterns on retaining walls and noise walls and showed examples of landscaping, noting that the MTO will cover capital costs for the landscaping and the City of St. Catharines will assume maintenance costs. Mr. Hoffman noted cost sharing with Niagara Region and the City of St. Catharines for various aspects of the work being carried out.

Mr. Hoffman noted that the contractor will maintain two lanes in each direction with the exception of some night closures, and when working on bridges they will maintain the same number of lanes throughout the construction. The only exceptions will be for replacing the bridge decks at Ontario Street and Niagara Street where traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction for three to four months. A useable shoulder on the QEW for emergency vehicles will be provided except in tight locations at structures on Geneva and Niagara Streets.

396. Regional Policy Plan Amendment 170
Willoughby Land Use Policies
City of Niagara Falls

Mr. Morrison represented three property owners of parcels of land fronting Detenbeck Road and Willoughby Drive. The owners raised concerns with the City of Niagara Falls proposal to not include their future development lands within the Expanded Rural Areas for Estate Residential Development as presented by the City of Niagara Falls in Report DPD 84-2006, and submit their continued objection to the Proposed Amendment 170 to the Regional Niagara Policy Plan – Willoughby Land Use Policies that states the lands are “Good General Agricultural Areas”,

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That the presentation by Mr. Morrison be referred for discussion with Report DPD 84-2006.

Carried.

Mr. Brady, Urban & Environmental Management, advised that he represented three original estate land owners who collectively own half of the residential estate area. Mr. Brady noted that lots proposed in this area are a minimum of 2.5 acres which will provide protection for wooded areas. Discussions on this proposal have been extensive and the owners would like to move on to the next step.

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the presentation by Mr. Brady be referred for discussion with Report DPD 84-2006.

Carried.

Mr. Bacher, representing the Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society (PALS), requested that Report DPD 84-2006 be tabled by Council to allow the Minister of Infrastructure and Renewal to respond in light of their new Growth Management Plan, which Mr. Bacher noted effectively prohibits rural estate subdivisions of the type being proposed in this amendment. Mr. Bacher advised that developments allowed through an Environmental Impact Statement do not provide adequate protection of forests, and noted drainage problems with the existing lots which would be increased with new development. Mr. Bacher also raised concern for wildlife, particularly deer that winter in this area.

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the presentation by Mr. Bacher be referred for discussion with Report DPD 84-2006.

Carried.

Quorum was reached at this point in the meeting.

Mr. Kerschl represented a property owner at 9677 Niagara Parkway. Mr. Kerschl emphasized the support of the property owners for the report as presented. However, Mr. Kerschl advised that the additions to the area proposed by the Council of the City of Niagara Falls may be counter-productive in getting approvals at the provincial level. His clients feel strongly that the report by staff be supported without the amendment by the City of Niagara Falls.

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That the presentation by Mr. Kerschl be referred for discussion with Report DPD 84-2006.

Carried.

Mr. Booth, 2001 Weaver Road, spoke against the Amendment in order to protect the growth and integrity of the area, noting there are 155 acres of woodland and wetlands already amended and another 242 acres now under discussion. Mr. Booth requested the forest and animals be protected.

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the presentation by Mr. Booth be referred for discussion with Report DPD 84-2006.

Carried.

Mr. Myer, a resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake, formerly a resident in Willoughby, spoke about the shortage of the type of estate lots proposed in this report. Mr. Myer supported the land use change limited to the original proposal by Regional and Niagara Falls planning staff, but not the area added by Niagara Falls Council. Mr. Myer noted that plans of subdivision can be reviewed to ensure proper drainage, sight lines and landscaping.

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the presentation by Mr. Myer be referred for discussion with Report DPD 84-2006.

Carried.

OPERATIONS (STATUS REPORTS)

397. Amendment No. 29 to the St. Catharines Official Plan
4–6 Dalhousie Avenue
City of St. Catharines

DPD 78-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report DPD 78-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 29 to the St. Catharines Official Plan, 4–6 Dalhousie Avenue, City of St. Catharines, be approved;

That Amendment No. 29 to the St. Catharines Official Plan be approved;

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

That staff issue a declaration of final approval for the Amendment 20 days after notice of Council's decision, provided no appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) have been logged against the decision.

Carried.

398. Amendment No. 30 to the St. Catharines Official Plan
Re-designation of Industrial Land to Permit Retail Uses
399 Vansickle Road
City of St. Catharines

DPD 79-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report DPD 79-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting Amendment No. 30 to the St. Catharines Official Plan, Re-designation of Industrial Land to Permit Retail Uses, 399 Vansickle Road, City of St. Catharines, be approved;

That Amendment No. 30 to the St. Catharines Official Plan be approved;

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

That staff issue a declaration of final approval for the Amendment 20 days after notice of Council's decision, provided no appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) have been logged against the decision.

Carried.

399. Amendment No. 9 to the West Lincoln Official Plan
Agri-Plastics Manufacturing Business
North of Young Street, East of Grassie Road
Township of West Lincoln

DPD 80-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report DPD 80-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting Amendment No. 9 to the West Lincoln Official Plan, Agri-Plastics Manufacturing Business, North of Young Street, East of Grassie Road, Township of West Lincoln, be approved;

That Amendment No. 9 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; and

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.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

400. The Conservation and Reuse of Excavated
Queenston Shale from the Niagara Tunnel Project:
Niagara River Hydro Electric Development
City of Niagara Falls

DPD 81-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report DPD 81-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting The Conservation and Reuse of Excavated Queenston Shale from the Niagara Tunnel Project, Niagara River Hydro Electric Development, City of Niagara Falls, be received;

That Regional Council reaffirm its support for the conservation and reuse of Queenston Shale material to be excavated from the Niagara Tunnel project for use by the brick industry in Ontario; and

That this report be circulated for information purposes to the local municipalities, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Ontario Power Generation, interested clay brick industry representatives, and the Niagara Economic Development Corporation.

Carried.

401. Changes to the Development Charges Exemption Area
City of Port Colborne
DPD 82-2006 (CSD 106-2006)

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report DPD 82-2006 (CSD 106-2006), August 9, 2006, respecting Changes to the Development Charges Exemption Area, City of Port Colborne, be received;

That staff be directed to amend Niagara Region's Development Charges By-law No. 90-2004 so as to redefine the Development Charges Exemption/Waiver areas for the City of Port Colborne as outlined in Appendix II to this report;

That the attached amending by-law be received and made available for public review;

That this report be adopted as satisfying any requirement for a Background Study under sections 10 and 19 of the Development Charges Act, 1997; and

That the City of Port Colborne be advised of Council's decision on this matter.

Carried.

(Please note that Report DPD82-2006 (CSD 106-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

402. Waste Management Planning Steering Committee
July 18, 2006

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting held July 18, 2006, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

403. Tender Award for Contract RN 06-20
For the Hurricane/Rice/Quaker Road
Sanitary Sewer and Watermain in the
Cities of Welland and Thorold, and Town of Pelham
Project ZSW0209/SW0209
PWA 143-2006 (CSD 113-2006)

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report PWA 143-2006 (CSD 113-2006), August 9, 2006, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 06-20, for the Hurricane/Rice/Quaker Road Sanitary Sewer and Watermain in the Cities of Welland and Thorold and Town of Pelham, Project ZSW0209/SW0209, be received;

That subject to the confirmation of cost sharing by the City of Welland and Town of Pelham Contract RN 06-20, Hurricane/Rice/Quaker Road Sanitary Sewer and Watermain in the City of Welland and Thorold and Town of Pelham be awarded to V. Gibbons Contracting Ltd. at their bid price of \$11,620,784.71;

That a contingency amount of \$800,000.00 be provided for this project;

That previously approved Wastewater Reserve Fund financing in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 be transferred from Project ZSW0005/SW0005, Baker Road WWTP Phase 3 to Project ZSW0209/SW0209;

That previously approved Long Term Financing in the amount of \$700,000.00 be transferred from Project ZSW0006/SW0006, Seaway WWTP Upgrades Phase 3 to Project ZSW0209/SW0209;

That previously approved Wastewater Reserve Fund financing in the amount of \$279,642.00 be transferred from Project ZSW0112/SW0112, SCADA Upgrades, Wastewater Facilities to Project ZSW0209/SW0209;

That previously approved Long Term Financing in the amount of \$2,490,000.00 and Development Charge Reserve Fund financing in the amount of \$950,000.00 be transferred from Project ZSW0504/SW0504, New Gravity Sewers, Welland System to Project ZSW0209/SW0209;

That Wastewater Reserve Fund financing in the amount of \$500,000.00 be initiated and approved for Project ZSW0504/SW0504, New Gravity Sewers, Welland System and transferred to Project ZSW0209/SW0209;

That approval be given to increase the gross budget by an amount of \$1,440,358.00 to reflect the cost sharing with the City of Welland (\$396,988.00) and Town of Pelham (\$1,043,370.00);

That Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM) be appointed for additional engineering services for the additional scope for an amount of \$89,819.00 and as a Contract Administrator for this contract for an amount of \$421,150.00. 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 Gartner Lee Ltd. be appointed for the Environmental Monitoring Program during construction and post construction to meet the requirement of Permit To Take Water from Ministry of Environment for an amount of \$74,585.00;

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; and

That the cost associated with this project be charged against Project ZSW0209/SW0209.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 143-2006 (CSD 113-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

404. Retention of Consulting Services for the
Lockview Combined Sewer Overflow Storage Facility
In the City of St. Catharines
ZSW9809/SW0625
PWA 144-2006 (CSD 114-2006)

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report PWA 144-2006 (CSD 114-2006), August 9, 2006, respecting Retention of Consulting Services for the Lockview Combined Sewer Overflow Storage Facility, in the City of St. Catharines, ZSW9809/SW0625, be received;

That MacViro Consultants be retained to provide engineering services for the preliminary design, municipal class environmental assessment, detailed design, and contract administration/construction supervision of the Lockview Combined Sewer Overflow Storage Facility in the City of St. Catharines at an estimated upset limit of \$285,290.00;

That approval be given to increase the gross budget in the amount of \$271,025.00 to reflect cost sharing with the City of St. Catharines for Project ZSW9809/SW0625, Lockview Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Storage Facility;

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; and

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project ZSW9809/SW0625.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 144-2006 (CSD 114-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

405. Retention of Consulting Services for the
New Trunk Watermain Installation on
Pettit Road, Sunset Drive and Eagle Street
In the Town of Fort Erie
ZCW0514/CW0514
PWA 145-2006 (CSD 115-2006)

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report PWA 145-2006 (CSD 115-2006), August 9, 2006, respecting Retention of Consulting Services for the New Trunk Watermain Installation on Pettit Road, Sunset Drive and Eagle Street, in the Town of Fort Erie, ZCW0514/CW0514, be received;

That the consulting firm of Marshall Macklin Monaghan be retained to provide the engineering design, contract administration and construction supervision services for the installation of a new trunk watermain on Pettit Road, Sunset Drive and Eagle Street in the Town of Fort Erie at an estimated cost of \$399,989.00;

That Long Term financing in amount of \$75,000.00 be transferred from Project ZCW0012/CW0121 Priority Replacement of Trunk Watermains to Project ZCW0514/CW0514 New Watermains in Rosehill System;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) 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; and

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project ZCW0514.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 145-2006 (CSD 115-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

406. Approval of 2005 Financial Statements –
Recycling Operations
PWA 146-2006

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report 146-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting Approval of 2005 Financial Statements – Recycling Operations, be received;

That the following Financial Statements for Recycling Operations be approved and accepted; and

That this report be forwarded to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

Carried.

407. Groundwater Remediation Works
Niagara Recycling Centre
City of Niagara Falls
Niagara Region Contract RN 05-16
Project ZGL0608
PWA 147-2006 (CSD 108-2006)

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report PWA 147-2006 (CSD 108-2006), August 9, 2006, respecting Groundwater Remediation Works, Niagara Recycling Centre, City of Niagara Falls, Niagara Region Contract RN 05-16, Project ZGL0608, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$500,000.00 be initiated and approved for Project ZGL0608 Groundwater Remediation at the Niagara Enviro-Centre;

That approval be given to fund the project with \$338,110.00 of Long Term Financing (1-10 years);

That the previously budgeted Long Term Financing be substituted with external financing in the amount of \$161,890.00;

That XCG Consultants Ltd. be retained to carry out Task 4 – Remediation of Source, Task 5 – Presentation of Off-Site Migration of Impacted Groundwater, Task 6 – Performance Monitoring Program, and Task 7 – Reporting and Meetings of the Remedial Action Plan for Groundwater Remediation Works at the Niagara Recycling Centre in Niagara Falls at an estimated cost of \$161,890.00 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 appropriate agreement with XCG Consultants Ltd. on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara is presented to Council on August 17, 2006; and

That the project cost be charged against Project ZGL0608 Groundwater Remediation Works – Niagara Enviro-Centre, Niagara Falls.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 147-2006 (CSD 108-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

408. Parking Prohibition
Regional Road 81 (Main Street East)
Town of Grimsby
PWA 148-2006

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report PWA 148-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting Parking Prohibition Regional Road 81 (Main Street East), Town of Grimsby, be received;

That parking be prohibited along both sides of Regional Road 81 (Main Street East) from Regional Road 14 (Bartlett Avenue) to Iroquois Trail; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on August 17, 2006.

Carried.

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES (STRATEGIC PLANNING/POLICY)

409. Lifting of Deferrals in the Campden Urban Area
Policy Plan Amendment 151
And Official Plan Amendment 25
Town of Lincoln
DPD 83-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report DPD 83-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting the Lifting of Deferrals in the Campden Urban Area, Policy Plan Amendment 151 and Official Plan Amendment 25, Town of Lincoln, be received;

That the deferrals to the urban areas as identified on the attached map and as referenced in Policy Plan Amendment 151 and Official Plan Amendment 25 be lifted;

That all parties be notified of Regional Council's decision to lift the deferrals and further approve the balance of these Regional and local amendments in accordance with Provincial regulations;

That staff issue a declaration that Council's decision to lift the deferrals and further approval to the above amendments is final if no appeals are lodged within twenty (20) days of giving notice of Council's decision; and

That a copy of this report be forwarded for information purposes to the Town of Lincoln, the Niagara Escarpment Commission and all other commenting agencies, departments and individuals.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

410. Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the following Correspondence Items be referred for discussion with Report DPD 84-2006:

Correspondence Item PD 37-2006, a Brief by the Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society (PALS) re Policy Plan Amendment 170, Proposed Land Use Policies Willoughby Area – City of Niagara Falls – John Bacher, PhD, July 11, 2006;

Correspondence Item PD 38-2006, a letter from David Sit, Team Leader – Senior Planner, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, August 1, 2006, respecting Regional Policy Plan Amendment 170, Modified Willoughby Land Use Policies, City of Niagara Falls;

Correspondence Item PD 39-2006, a letter from Joyce Sankey, Niagara Falls Nature Club, respecting Proposed Regional policy Plan Amendment 170, Willoughby Land Use Policies; and

Correspondence Item PD 40-2006, three letters from Gary D. Morrison, B.G. Niagara Falls Ltd. respecting Proposed Amendment #170 to Niagara Region Land Use Policies, Willoughby Area – DPD 84-2006, City of Niagara Falls regarding B.G. Niagara Falls Ltd. (52.78 ac.) Detenbeck Road/Willoughby Drive, Ray Prajapati In Trust (62.717 ac.) Detenbeck Road/Willoughby Drive, and #1151676 Ontario Ltd. (28.369 ac.) Detenbeck Road/Willoughby Drive respectively.

Carried.

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES (STRATEGIC PLANNING/POLICY)
(Continued)

411. Final Recommendations Report
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 170
Willoughby Land Use Policies
City of Niagara Falls

DPD 84-2006

Councillor Salci advised that it was not the intention of Niagara Falls Council to delay the approval by the province of recommendations contained in Report DPD 84-2006 when they added to the acreage included in the original recommendation. It was suggested that these changes could be addressed in a future application.

Mr. Cambray noted that measures to control development respecting size of lots, etc., is in place through detailed policies both Regionally and locally. Also the environmental areas are protected by the new environmental policies adopted by Council for Niagara. It was also noted that this Amendment has been reviewed for several years before the passage of the Growth Strategy Statement (recent legislation passed June 16, 2006, re Growth Plan). It was noted by Mr. Cambray that the province had appealed Regional policy plan Amendment #161 as shown on page 3 of this report, and they will withdraw their appeal if recommendations in Amendment 170 are approved. Mr. Cambray also noted that on Page 2 showing the Willoughby Study Area as well as the reference to the Sodom Road/QEW interchange, it is not necessarily for development but study as part of the Growth Study. Mr. Cambray referred to PD 38-2006, Page 2, where the Ministry comments on the Sodom Road Area.

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report DPD 84-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting the Final Recommendations Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 170, Willoughby Land Use Policies, City of Niagara Falls, be received;

That Regional Policy Plan Amendment 170 as set out in Appendix I to provide land use policies for the Willoughby Area in the City of Niagara Falls be approved;

That notice of Council's decision be given in accordance with Planning Act requirements; and

That a copy of this report be circulated to the City of Niagara Falls and to the Town of Fort Erie.

Carried.

412. Final Recommendations Report
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2006
Waterline Extension – St. John's Stevensville United Church
Town of Fort Erie

DPD 85-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report DPD 85-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting the Final Recommendations Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2006, Waterline Extension – St. John's Stevensville United Church, Town of Fort Erie, be received;

That Policy Plan Amendment 2-2006 to permit a waterline extension to serve a church on Sodom Road in the Town of Fort Erie be approved;

That notice of Council's decision be given in accordance with Planning Act requirements; and

That a copy of this report be circulated to the applicant and to the Town of Fort Erie and to the City of Niagara Falls.

Carried.

PUBLIC MEETING

Members of Committee were requested to contact the Planning Department if they are available for this Public Meeting.

413. Proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment 3-2006
Urban Area Expansion
Central West Welland
City of Welland
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2006
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Welland City Hall, Council Chambers

Councillors: Angelone, Baty, Leavens

INFORMATION

414. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
July 12, 2006

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That the Minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting held July 12, 2006, be approved.

Carried.

415. Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee
July 19, 2006

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That the minutes of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee meeting held July 19, 2006, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

416. Information Reports

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That the following reports be received for information:

Report PWP 56-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting the Forecast of Year-End Results and Budget to Actual Comparison for the Month Ended May 31, 2006: Public Works;

Report PWP 57-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting Project Activity Report, Transportation Services;

Report PWP 58-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting Niagara Region – Tuy Hoa, Viet Nam Municipal Partnership Program, FCM Municipal Partnerships Program.

Carried.

417. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group
July 13, 2006

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the Minutes of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group meeting held Thursday, July 13, 2006, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

418. Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Advisory Committee
July 10, 2006

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the Minutes of the Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit Advisory Committee meeting held July 10, 2006, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

419. Moved by Councilor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Correspondence Item PD 34-2006, July 8, 2006, a letter from Karen Hein, Concerned Resident, on the Proposed 29-Storey Apartment Development, River Road, Niagara Falls, be received and referred to staff for report;

That Correspondence Item PD 35-2006, July 12, 2006, a Decision of the Ontario Municipal Board on a motion to dismiss appeals of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Niagara River Area Property Owners Group on the Niagara River Golf Course, Town of Fort Erie, be received; and

That Correspondence Item PD 36-2006, July 21, 2006, respecting the 2006 World Canals Conference, September 12-14, 2006, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA be received and the Chairman of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee be authorized to attend.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

420. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

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

Carried.

421. Property Purchase
City of St. Catharines
PWA 142-2006 - CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Confidential Report PWA 142-2006, August 9, 2006, respecting Property Purchase, City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

422. Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- provide information for Council August 17 respecting limit of 10% of production of non-agricultural products (Page 4 under Regional Planning Review and Comment, second paragraph) – (See Minute Item 399)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:10 p.m., to meet again in Council Chambers, August 30, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Co-Chair

Betty Staines
Legislative Assistant

Janet Pilon
Acting Regional Clerk