

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 15-2007

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, commencing at 9:05 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Co-Chair; Collins, Co-Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Augustyn; Badawey; Bentley; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; D'Angela; Greenwood; Henderson; Heit; Puttick; Saracino.

Staff: Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director, Financial and Management Planning; Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-Time: Corporate Services: Mr. Diakow, Director, IT Solutions; Mr. Gouthro, Manager, Facilities Management; Mr. Moffat, Manager, Property Management; Mr. J. Murphy, Manager, Policy and Development; Ms. Pilon, Regional Deputy Clerk; Ms. Rae, Legal Counsel; Mr. Roach, Manager, P.W. Financial Services.

Public Health: Mr. Jones, Director, Administration.

Public Works: Mr. Baker, Associate Director Engineering; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director, Water and Wastewater Services.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

305. Initiation of Projects Included in the 2007
Buildings & Equipment Capital Budget
CSD 158-2007

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 158-2007, October 31, 2007, respecting Initiation of Projects Included in the 2007 Buildings & Equipment Capital Budget, be received.

That financing in the amount of \$400,000 gross and net be approved from the 2007 Buildings & Equipment Capital Program for Project ZGD0705 Module system upgrade.

That approval be given to fund the project with financing consisting of \$400,000 Long Term Financing.

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

Carried.

306. Renovations to the Regional Council Chamber
CSD 167-2007

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 167-2007, October 31, 2007, respecting Renovations to the Regional Council Chamber, be received.

That the Council Organizational Review Committee be reconvened with representation from the Accommodations Steering Committee, to review the design options submitted by the Consultant with respect to renovations to the Regional Council Chamber, and make recommendations to Council on a preferred option.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

307. Niagara Water Strategy
CSO Management Action Plan
Project ZSW0004
CSD 169-2007 (PWA 165-2007)

Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Report CSD 169-2007 (PWA 165-2007), October 31, 2007, respecting the Niagara Water Strategy CSO Management Action Plan, Project ZSW0004, be received;

That this Committee recommends to Regional Council approval of the allocation of \$6,476,061 for 2007 Area Municipal projects identified in Table 1 for funding under the CSO Management Action Plan;

That Wastewater Reserve Fund financing in the amount of \$476,061 be transferred from Project ZSW9407 Improvements to Garner Road Lagoon to Project ZSW0004 Wet Weather Control Program, to accommodate the recommended 2007 Niagara Water Strategy CSO Management Action Plan projects;

That Area Municipalities be advised of the results of Regional funding support as set out in Table 1;

That Regional staff prepare and execute the respective partnership funding agreements for up to 50% funding support to Area Municipalities for qualifying projects to reflect the terms and conditions set out in the attached Appendix 3; and

That 2008 projects identified in Table 1 be given priority for CSO Management Action Plan funding, subject to approval of the 2008 Regional capital budget.

Carried.

(Please note that Report CSD 169-2007 (PWA 165-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

308. Tender Award for Contract 2007-T-122 (RN 07-22)
For the Lockview Combined Sewer Overflow Storage Tank
In the City of St. Catharines, Project ZSW9809/SW0625
CSD 168-2007 (PWA 166-2007)

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 168-2007 (PWA 166-2007), October 31, 2007 respecting the Tender Award for Contract 2007-T-122 (RN 07-22) for the Lockview Combined Sewer Overflow Storage Tank in the City of St. Catharines, Project ZSW9809/SW0625, be received;

That subject to City of St. Catharines approval of their share of the project costs in the amount of \$1,758,500, Contract 2007-T-122 (RN 07-22) Lockview Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Storage Tank in the City of St. Catharines be awarded to ROMAG Contracting Limited at their bid price of \$4,620,000.00.

That a contingency amount of \$500,000.00 be provided for additional construction costs on this project.

That a contingency amount of \$29,314.00 for additional engineering services be provided for GENIVAR Ontario Inc.

That long term financing in the amount of \$6,000,000 approved in the 2007 capital budget , gross and net, be allocated to Project ZSW0004, Wet Weather Flow Control Program; and that, subsequently \$1,366,641 of this financing be transferred to Project ZSW9809/SW0625, Lockview Combined Sewer Overflow Storage Tank;

That the gross budget for Project ZSW9809/SW0625, Lockview Combined Sewer Overflow Storage Tank, be increased in the amount of \$3,712,334, representing financing as follows:

• City of St. Catharines	\$1,758,500
• Millennium Partnership Initiative – Federal	\$ 976,917
• Millennium Partnership Initiative – Provincial	<u>\$ 976,917</u>
Total	<u>\$3,712,334</u>

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 ZSW9809/SW0625.

Carried.

(Please note that Report CSD 168-2007 (PWA 166-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

309. Review of Regional Development Charges
By-law and Related Policies
CSD 165-2007

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 165-2007, October 31, 2007, respecting Review of Regional Development Charges By-law and Related Policies, be received for information; and

That the proposal of the firm of C.N. Watson and Associates be approved with reserve funding as outlined in this report.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

MINUTES

310. 2-2007

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report 2-2007, being the minutes of the Regional Development Charges Task Force meeting of October 3, 2007, be received and approved.

Carried.

311. Corporate Employee Recognition Team (CERT)
"Recognition of Excellence" Award Winners
HR 31-2007

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report HR 31-2007, October 31, 2007, regarding Corporate Employee Recognition Team (CERT) "Recognition of Excellence" award winners be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Collins declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters relating to the Niagara Police Services as he has a family member employed by the Police and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

313. Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Communication CSC 43-2007, from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (October 2, 2007) respecting NRPS Variance Report to August 31, 2007 201.2007, be received.

Carried.

314. Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Communication CSC 44-2007, from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (October 2, 2007) respecting Purchasing – Alternate Fuel Initiatives & Hybrid Vehicle Replacements 2007 203.2007, be approved and forwarded to the Fleet Manager for information.

Carried.

315. Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Communication CSC 45-2007 from Craig Stirtzinger, Clerk, City of Welland (September 17, 2007) respecting The Arson Prevention Program for Children in Niagara Region be received and be received and forwarded to Public Health staff for report.

Carried.

316. Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Communication CSC 46-2007, being a Memorandum from Alan Gummo, Associate Director, Comprehensive Community Planning (October 31, 2007) respecting Smarter Niagara Incentives Program: Funding for Local Community Improvement Plans, be received.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

317. Report CSD 168-2007/PWA 166-2007

Councillor Burroughs requested clarification on the how the funds were allocated to the St. Catharines project. Mr. Lockyer advised that the funding commitment was calculated as 50% of net costs after the application of Federal and Provincial funding (Millennium Partnership Initiative).

318. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
LAS Investigator Program

Councillor Burroughs advised Committee that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has established an Investigator Program. The program will help municipalities proactively respond to forthcoming changes to the Municipal Act (Sections 239.1 and 239.2) related to "Closed Meeting" Investigations. This program will assist municipalities in fulfilling the Municipal Act requirements regarding closed meeting investigations without relying on the Provincial Ombudsman. The fees include a retainer fee of \$600 plus a \$1,250.00 daily investigation fee. Councillor Burroughs advised that the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, as well as other municipalities, has already made arrangements with AMO for this service.

319. Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) Bulletin

Mr. Lockyer, distributed a MFOA Bulletin, dated October 30, 2007, regarding the 2007 fall economic statement presented by the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance. Mr. Lockyer highlighted the bulletin, noting that, although there were no announcements specifically targeted at municipalities or municipal infrastructure, there are significant corporate and personal tax reductions and that GST funding will be reduced from 6% to 5%. There is, however, expected to be a municipal benefit to the government's announcement to reduce employment insurance rates.

CLOSED SESSION

320. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor D'angela

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

Carried.

321. Update – Proposed Acquisition of Property
By the Municipality – City of Welland
Confidential PHD 66-2007 (CSD 164-2007)

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Confidential Report CSD 164-2007, October 31, 2007 (PHD 66-2007, October 30) respecting Update – Proposed Acquisition of Property by the Municipality – City of Welland, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and that Committee receive an update on this matter in six weeks.

Carried.

322. Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

- (i) That members of the Accommodations Steering Committee be contacted and asked if they would like to participate, with members of C.O.R.C, in the meetings to discuss the renovations to the Regional Council Chambers. (Minute item 306) (Collins)
- (ii) Clarify whether the Oxford Atlas Wellington Sanitary Sewer should have qualified for the combined sewer overflow money. (Minute item 307) (Augustyn)
- (iii) Staff provide a breakdown of the projects making up the \$13 million approved for the Wainfleet Water and Wastewater Servicing. (Minute item 307) (Burroughs)
- (iv) That staff re-examine the timetable for passing Niagara's Development Charges By-law and provide options for accelerating the process. (Refer to minute 309) (Collins).
- (v) That staff proceed immediately to review and address the development charges policy with respect to exemptions, discounting, redevelopment credits and any other adjustments that affects Niagara's ability to recover growth related capital costs. (Refer to minute 309) (Bentley)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, November 21, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Michael Collins
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk