

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 9-2007

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 commencing at 1:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

- Committee: Councillors Rigby, Co-Chair, Smeaton, Co-Chair; Augustyn, Baty, Bylsma, Casselman, D’Angela, Gabriel, Henderson, Hodgson, McMullan, Puttick, Salci, Timms, Trombetta
- Staff: Messrs. Trojan, C.A.O., Neville, Commissioner, Public Works Department; Cambray, Commissioner, Planning & Development Department; Farley, Director of Planning Services; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Friesen, Director, Waste Management Services; Gohier, Acting Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Staines, Legislative Assistant.
- Other: Messrs. Colosimo, Senior Planner; Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Robson, Director of Community Integration
- Guests: Mr. Peter Damore, Mr. Dave Aston

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

269. Montrose Road, Niagara Falls – Sod Replacement

Mr. Peter Damore circulated pictures of his property. Some time ago a gas line on his property was moved to the Regional property adjacent necessitating digging up his lawn. Topsoil was replaced but re-sodding was not done properly resulting in a weed problem illustrated in the pictures. Mr. Damore was promised that this would be fixed in the spring of this year, but after aerating and re-seeding the weed problem still exists. The contractor agreed that weed killer should have been applied and allowed to work before sod was replaced.

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That staff contact a contractor to kill the weeds properly and leave sufficient time to ensure that the weeds do not re-appear before re-sodding this property.

Carried.

SPEAKERS – COMMITTEE REPORTS

270. Garrison Greens Subdivision

Mr. Dave Aston from MHBC Planning appeared on behalf of Garrison Greens Corporation to speak to DPD 81-2007, Official Plan Amendment No. 58, Garrison Greens Subdivision, Garrison Road (Regional Road 3) west of Concession Road, Town of Fort Erie. Mr. Aston thanked staff for the process and opportunity to work with them, and noted that his client is in support of the recommendations in this report. Mr. Aston noted that the Town of Fort Erie has adopted their Official Plan Amendment along with the Plan of Subdivision and no appeals have been received.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

271. Landfill Capacity Optimization
PWA 102-2007

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PWA 102-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting Landfill Capacity Optimization, be received; and

That loads of Industrial Commercial Institutional waste containing mattresses be banned from disposal at Niagara Region landfill sites.

Carried.

272. Parking Prohibition
Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue)
City of St. Catharines
PWA 103-2007

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 103-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting Parking Prohibition, Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue), City of St. Catharines be received;

That parking be prohibited on both sides of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) from Merritt Street to the CN Rail Tracks; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the appropriate amendment to Niagara Region's Traffic By-law No. 89-2000 imposing this change in prohibiting parking on Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) be presented to Council for approval on July 5, 2007.

Carried.

273. Draft Level of Service and Rate Study
PWA 105-2007 (CSD 100-2007)

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PWA 105-2007 (CSD 100-2007), June 27, 2007, respecting the Draft Level of Service and Rate Study, be received.

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PWA 105-2007 (CSD 100-2007), June 27, 2007, respecting the Draft Level of Service and Rate Study, be deferred for a further report to the next Planning & Public Works Committee meeting July 18, 2007.

Carried.

274. Parking Prohibition
Regional Road 69 (Pelham Road)
City of St. Catharines
PWA 106-2007

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 106-2007, respecting the Parking Prohibition, Regional Road 69, Pelham Road, City of St. Catharines, be received;

That parking be prohibited on both sides of Regional Road 69 (Pelham Road) from First Street Louth to Regional Road 72 (Louth Street); and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the appropriate amendment to Niagara Region's Traffic By-law No. 89-2000 imposing this change in prohibiting parking on Regional Road 69 (Pelham Road) be presented to Council for approval on July 5, 2007.

Carried.

275. Niagara Specialized Transit
Proposed Definitions – Employment and Education
PWA 107-2007

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report PWA 107-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting Niagara Specialized Transit, Proposed Definitions – Employment and Education, be received;

That the proposed definition of "Education" as described in Part A of this report be approved;

That the proposed definition of "Employment" as described in Part B of this report be approved; and

That the trip purposes for Niagara Specialized Transit clients, who are approved under the current "Eligibility Criteria", now include inter-municipal trips only for education and employment as defined in this report.

Carried.

276. Initiation of Projects Included in the
Water and Wastewater Capital Budget Programs
PWA 109-2007 (CSD 101-2007)

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report PWA 109-2007 (CSD 101-2007), June 27, 2007, respecting the Initiation of Projects included in the Water and Wastewater Capital Budget Programs be received;

That financing in the amount of \$6,850,000 gross and net be initiated and approved from the Water Capital Program and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A;

That approval be given to fund the Water projects with financing consisting of \$5,450,000 from the Water Capital Reserve Fund, \$1,000,000 from the Development Charge Reserve Fund, and \$400,000 Long Term Financing (1-10 years);

That financing in the amount of \$620,000 gross and net be initiated and approved from the Wastewater Capital Program and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A;

That approval be given to fund the Wastewater projects with \$620,000 from the Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund; and

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 109-2007 (CSD 101-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

277. Initiation of Projects in the Roads Capital Budget Program
PWA 110-2007 (CSD 96-2007)

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 110-2007 (CSD 96-2007), June 27, 2007, respecting the Initiation of Projects in the Roads Capital Budget Program, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$1,130,000 gross and net be approved from the 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 \$550,000 Capital Levy and \$580,000 Development Charge Reserve Fund; and

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 110-2007 (CSD 96-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

278. Initiation of Budget and Transfer of Funds for
Waste Management Capital Programs
PWA 111-2007 (CSD 102-2007)

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report PWA 111-2007 (CSD 102-2007), June 27, 2007, respecting the Initiation of Budget and Transfer of Funds for Waste Management Capital Programs be received;

That previously approved long term financing (1–10 years) in the amount of \$101,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0010/GL0024 Pump Station/Leachate Collection System at Humberstone Landfill Site to Project ZGL0706 Site Improvements at Humberstone Landfill Site;

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$86,575 be transferred from Project ZGL0301/GL0301 Site Improvements at Humberstone Landfill Site to Project ZGL0706 Site Improvements at Humberstone Landfill Site;

That Waste Management Reserve Fund financing in the amount of \$100,000 be initiated and transferred from Project ZGL0615 Closure Works to Project ZGL0706 Site Improvements at Humberstone Landfill Site;

That the projects included within this report with the exception of project ZGL0706 be subsequently closed following the transfer of funding; and

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 111-2007 (CSD 102-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

279. Transfer of Funds for Waste Management Capital Programs
Project ZGL0523
PWA 112-2007 (CSD 103-2007)

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report PWA 112-2007 (CSD 103-2007), June 27, 2007, respecting the Transfer of Funds for Waste Management Capital Programs, Project ZGL0523, be received;

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$268,900 be transferred from Project ZGL0511/GL0511 Storm Water Management System to Project ZGL0523 New Pump Station and Forcemain at Line 5 Landfill Site;

That previously approved Waste Management Reserve Fund financing in the amount of \$45,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0522/GL0522 Closure Works to Project ZGL0523 New Pump Station and Forcemain at Line 5 Landfill Site;

That previously approved Waste Management Reserve Fund financing in the amount of \$192,500 be transferred from Project ZGL0630/GL0630 Leachate Collection System Improvements to Project ZGL0523 New Pump Station and Forcemain at Line 5 Landfill Site;

That the projects included within this report with the exception of Project ZGL0523 be subsequently closed following the transfer of funding; and

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 112-2007 (CSD 103-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

280. Transfer of Funds for Waste Management Capital Programs
Project ZGL0629
PWA 113-2007 (CSD 104-2007)

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report PWA 113-2007 (CSD 104-2007), June 27, 2007, respecting the Transfer of Funds for Waste Management Capital Programs, Project ZGL0629, be received;

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$79,940 be transferred from Project ZGL0201/GL0417 Leachate Collection System Phase 3 to Project ZGL0629 Leachate Collection System Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site;

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$400,000 be transferred from Project ZGL9901/GL9901 Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL0629 Leachate Collection System Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site;

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$479,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0513/GL0513 Leachate Collection System Phase 4 to Project ZGL0629 Leachate Collection System Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site;

That the projects included within this report with the exception of Project ZGL0629 and Project ZGL9901 be subsequently closed following the transfer of funding;

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 113-2007 (CSD 104-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

281. Contract RN 07-12, (2007-T-112)
Reconstruction of Regional Road 27 (River Road)
Between Hewitt Road and Gents Road
In the Township of Wainfleet, Project ZRC0131/RC0131
PWA 114-2007 (CSD 106-2007)

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report PWA 114-2007 (CSD 106-2007), June 27, 2007, respecting Contract RN 07-12, (2007-T-112) Reconstruction of Regional Road 27 (River Road) Between Hewitt Road and Gents Road in the Township of Wainfleet, Project ZRC0131/RC0131, be received;

That Contract RN 07-12 (2007-T-112), Reconstruction of Regional Road 27 (River Road) Between Hewitt Road and Gents Road in the Township of Wainfleet, be awarded to the low tender, Hard Rock Construction Inc., at its bid price in the amount of \$1,574,758.00, subject to confirmation of Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and Ministry of Natural Resources approvals;

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$175,000.00 be provided for this contract;

That the engineering agreement with the consulting firm of Totten Sims Hubicki Associates (1997) Limited be extended to include contract administration and inspection services of \$117,070.00 with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursements basis;

That previously approved long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$560,000.00 be transferred from Project ZRC9817/RC0446 Rehabilitation of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) from Preakness Street to Thorold Stone Road, Stage 2 to Project ZRC0131/RC0131 Rehabilitation of Regional Road 27 (River Road) from RR Tracks to 1 km westerly;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-laws, including the by-law authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, are presented to Regional Council on July 5, 2007; and

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Parent Project ZRC0131/RC0131.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 114-2007 (CSD 106-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

(Refer to Staff Directions)

282. 2007 Roads Rehabilitation Program
PWA 115-2007

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report PWA 115-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting the 2007 Roads Rehabilitation Program, be received;

That the proposed 2007 strengthening and resurfacing lists as detailed in Appendix "1" and Appendix "2" be approved;

That staff be authorized to proceed forthwith with tender calls for the strengthening and resurfacing contracts covering the streets listed in Appendix "1"; and

That the project costs be charged to Parent Project ZRC0701, 2007 Road Rehabilitation Program.

Carried.

283. Initiation of Greater Niagara Circle Route Trails
Final Sections in Fort Erie, St. Catharines and
Niagara-on-the-Lake
Project ZPL0701
DPD 76-2007 (CSD 97-2007)

In response to a question, Mr. Cousins advised that the Class EA for Lakeshore Road should be completed by this Fall.

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report DPD 76-2007 (CSD 97-2007), June 27, 2007, respecting the Initiation of Greater Niagara Circle Route Trails, Final Sections in Fort Erie, St. Catharines, and Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$1,500,000 be approved from the 2007 Regional Capital Budget for works related to the Greater Niagara Circle Route Trails project;

That approval be given to fund the project with financing consisting of \$480,000 Capital Levy and \$1,020,000 Long Term Financing (1-10 years); and

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

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That financing in the amount of \$750,000 be approved from the 2007 Regional Capital Budget for the Fort Erie and St. Catharines projects related to the Greater Niagara Circle Route Trails project.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken the original motion, ***as amended***, was carried.

(Please note that Report DPD 76-2007 (CSD 97-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Bylsma declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to wind energy projects, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

284. Background Information Report
Proposed Wind Energy Policies
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 5-2007
DPD 77-2007

In response to a question it was noted that this policy also refers to household wind energy systems, with the appropriate land use provisions being the responsibility of the local municipalities. The anticipated timeframe for holding the public meeting and receiving comments is September with the final report to this Committee shortly after that.

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report DPD 77-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting the Background Information Report, Proposed Wind Energy Policies, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 5-2007, be received **as amended**;

That this report be circulated for review and comment to the local municipalities, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee, the Agricultural Sub-Committee, the Niagara North and South Federations of Agriculture, and other interested organizations and individuals; and

That an open house **and public meeting** be held to provide the opportunity for public review of the proposed Amendment.

Carried.

285. Background information Report
Proposed Amendment to Regional Road Allowance Policies
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 6-2007
DPD 78-2007

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report DPD 78-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting the Background Information Report, Proposed Amendment to Regional Road Allowance Policies, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 6-2007, be received;

That a copy of this report be circulated to the local municipalities and Provincial agencies for review and comments; and

That Regional staff be authorized to hold two public meetings, one each in Pelham and Port Colborne, to obtain comments on the proposed Policy Plan Amendment 6-2007.

Carried.

286. Implementing 'Grow South' and *Places to Grow*
Local and Regional Partnerships
Port Robinson West Urban Area
City of Thorold
DPD 85-2007

Mr. Cambray noted that this review and update to the Secondary Plan is necessitated because of the Places to Grow document. This area is in Thorold but borders on Welland. The map of the area is shown on Page 2 of the report. The land is within the urban boundary and slated for development; Smart Growth principles should apply. It is intended for mixed use including employment lands. The developer of the Rolling Meadows property is aware of this change.

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That Report DPD 85-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting the Implementing 'Grow South' and *Places to Grow* Local and Regional Partnerships, Port Robinson West Urban Area, City of Thorold, be received;

That due to the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Regional Strategy for Development and Conservation, the Port Robinson West Urban Area's policies be reviewed and updated through staff participation with the City of Thorold and funding at the level of up to \$50,000 be approved; and

That a copy of this report be sent to the City of Thorold for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

287. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
June 5, 2007

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting held Tuesday, June 5, 2007, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR DEBATE

288. Final Recommendations Report
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 3-2006
Urban Area Expansion
Central West Area
City of Welland

DPD 79-2007

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report DPD 79-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting the Final Recommendations Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 3-2006, Urban Area Expansion, Central West Area, City of Welland, be received;

That Regional Policy Plan Amendment 3-2006 to permit an expansion to the Urban Area in the City of Welland be approved;

That a By-law be prepared for adoption of Regional Policy Plan Amendment 3-2006 by Council.

That Notice of Council's decision regarding Regional Policy Plan Amendment 3-2006 be given in accordance with Planning Act requirements; and

That a copy of this report be forwarded to the City of Welland and the applicant.

Carried.

289. Final Recommendations Report
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2007
Addition of Smarter Niagara Incentive Policy
Grants and Loans for Community Improvement Plans
In Urban Areas in the Region of Niagara

DPD 80-2007

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report DPD 80-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting the Final Recommendations Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2007, Addition of Smarter Niagara Incentive Policy, Grants and Loans for Community Improvement Plans, be received;

That Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2007, attached as Appendix I, to add a policy for the provision of grants or loans between the Region and lower tier municipalities for the purpose of carrying out the goals of Community Improvement Plans in Urban Areas in the Region of Niagara, be approved;

That a By-law be prepared for adoption of Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2007 by Council; and

That notice of Council decision regarding Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2007 be given in accordance with the Planning Act requirements.

Carried.

290. Official Plan Amendment No. 58
Garrison Greens Subdivision
Garrison Greens Corporation
Garrison Road (Regional Road 3) west of Concession Road
Town of Fort Erie

DPD 81-2007

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report DPD 81-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 58, Garrison Greens Subdivision, Garrison Greens Corporation, Garrison Road (Regional Road 3) west of Concession Road, Town of Fort Erie, be received;

That Regional Council approve Amendment No. 58 to the Town of Fort Erie Official Plan;

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

That staff issue a notice of final decision for the Amendment 20 days after notice of Council's decision provided that no appeals have been lodged against the decision.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

291. Illegal Dumping

It was noted by Mr. Friesen that with respect to illegal dumping, spikes will occur when new programs are introduced, but they fall back to their original levels. He identified the 3 E's, Educate (public awareness), Enhance (clean up\monitoring) and Enforce as the way to help manage illegal dumping. Mayor Salci offered to discuss with staff, his municipality's potential assistance with enforcement. Response time is affected by whether heavy equipment will be needed to clean up the dumped material. It was suggested that the report be shared with the Seaway if this has not already been done. It was noted that a program in the schools is run by Niagara Recycling to educate students on recycling and littering. It was suggested that increasing fines substantially might help curb illegal dumping, and that staff report back to this Committee after reviewing the fine structure. Councillor D'Angela noted that any suggestions from staff to help out Thorold with respect to illegal dumping would be welcomed.

292. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That the following reports be received for information:

PWP 39-2007	Project Activity Report Transportation Services
PWP 40-2007	Waste Management Trends and Milestones
PWP 41-2007	2005-2007 National Roadside Survey Ontario Commercial Vehicle Survey
PWP 42-2007	Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals
PWP 43-2007	Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications
PWP 45-2007	An Assessment of Illegal Dumping In the Niagara Region
DPD 82-2007	Regional Comments on Development Proposals May 1, 2007 to June 10, 2007
DPD 83-2007	Tree Cutting and Enforcement Sumbler Road west of South Pelham Road City of Welland

DPD 84-2007 Niagara 2031: A Strategy for a Healthy, Sustainable Future
Status Report and Next Steps

Carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Trombetta declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters related to the MTO project to widen the QEW as a family member is employed by the contractor for this project, and she therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

293. Correspondence Items

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Correspondence Item PWC 27-2007, Information respecting the MTO QEW Widening Project Contract Award to Dufferin Construction Company, be received for information.

Carried.

294. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Correspondence Item PWC 28-2007, a Request from Town of Grimsby, May 25, 2007, for Traffic Review for the Main Street (RR#81) and Livingston Avenue (RR #512) Corridor be received and referred to staff.

Carried.

295. Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Correspondence Item PD 39-2007, a Letter to Ontario Municipal Board Re Appeal of Council's Decision to Modify and Approve Official Plan Amendment No. 41, Good Earth Cooking School, Town of Lincoln, be received for information.

Carried.

296. Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Correspondence Item PD 40-2007, a Letter from Zoocheck Canada Inc. requesting the Region To Enforce the Tree By-law with respect to tree removal, Holland Road and Highway 406, be received and referred to staff for investigation and consideration with Regional Policy Plan Amendment 8-2005.

Carried.

297. Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Correspondence Item PD 41-2007, Nine issues affecting Niagara Development and Conservation: Provincial Policy and Practices Elsewhere, be received and circulated to local municipalities for information.

Carried.

298. The First Phase of Regulations Under the Clean Water Act

Councillor Baty expressed the interests of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority on the representation on the Source Protection Committee.

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Correspondence Item PD 42-2007, a Letter to the Ministry of the Environment commenting on draft Provincial regulations on development of source water protection plans, be received for information.

Carried.

299. Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Correspondence Item PD 43-2007, a Letter from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake requesting the Region co-ordinate with Area Municipalities a review of agri-tourism policies and value added uses in agricultural areas be received and referred to staff for consultation and a report.

Carried.

300. Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Correspondence Item PD 44-2007, respecting Public Engagement, Niagara Growth Management Strategy, RiversideQuest Demonstration: 15 Locations and Times, be received for information.

Carried.

301. Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Correspondence Item PD 47-2007, respecting the Ontario Municipal Board decision and approval of a series of policies that protect future road allowances and transportation improvements, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2005, be received.

Carried.

302. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
May 30, 2007

Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the Minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting held Wednesday, May 30, 2007, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

303. Commissioners Cambray and Neville

Councillor Rigby noted that this would be the last meeting for both Commissioner Neville and Commissioner Cambray, and he praised the efforts of both Commissioners on behalf of the residents of Niagara. Commissioner Neville thanked councilors and staff for assisting him over the years, and referring to the Illegal Dumping report, praised the Ministry of Transportation for their recent efforts to clean up their roadways within the Region. Commissioner Cambray thanked Councillors for working over the years for the betterment of the Niagara community. Niagara is a special place and everyone needs to pull together for the overall welfare of Niagara. Mr. Cambray commented that working with staff has been very rewarding and thanked Councillor Smeaton for his leadership over the years.

CLOSED SESSION

304. Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Baty

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

Carried.

305. A Proposed Disposition of Land by the Municipality
Niagara Convention and Civic Centre (NCCC)
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 101-2007 (CSD 95-2007)

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 101-2007 (CSD 95-2007), June 6, 2007, respecting A Proposed Disposition of Land by the Municipality, Niagara convention and Civic Centre (NCCC), City of Niagara Falls, be received; and

That staff be authorized to continue negotiations with all parties involved and prepare a further report to the next Committee meeting of July 18, 2007, or if possible, to the Regional Council meeting of Thursday, July 5, 2007.

Carried.

306. A Matter of Negotiations with a Customer
Waste Management Services
PWA 104-2007 - CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Confidential Report PWA 104-2007, June 27, 2007, respecting a Matter of Negotiations with a Customer, Waste Management Services, be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

307. Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- Provide map showing actual area of reconstruction (See Minute Item #281)
- Provide information to Councillors regarding partnerships the Planning Department of the Region is involved in with municipalities including the level of funding. Also provide details of Public Works partnerships. (See Minute Item #286)
- Involve the Seaway Authority with comments and inform local BIA's (See Minute Item #286)
- Staff was requested to report back on this matter by August (See Minute Item #306)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m., to meet again on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Bill Smeaton
Co-Chair

Tim Rigby
Co-Chair

Betty Staines
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk