

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 5-2007**

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 commencing at 1:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

- Committee: Councillors Rigby, Co-Chair; Smeaton, Co-Chair; Regional Chair Partington, Augustyn, Badawey, Baty, Bentley, Bylsma, Casselman, D'Angela, Gabriel, Goulbourne, Henderson, Hodgson, Lepp, Marshall, Martin, Puttick, Salci, Timms, Trombetta, Zimmerman
- Staff: Messrs. 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.
- Staff (Part Time): Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk
- Other: Councillor Saracino
- Guests: Ms. Jones, Mr. Witteveen, Niagara Road 12 Citizens Liaison Committee; Mr. Fraser; Mr. Paul, Consultant

It was noted that PWA 50-2007 respecting the Proposed Disposal of Land, Former Railway Properties, Town of Fort Erie was pulled from the agenda.

**PRESENTATIONS**

138. Welland Canals Heritage Corridor

Councillor Timms spoke in support of A National Heritage Corridor for the Welland Canals. Councillor Timms pointed out the world-wide promotion of restoration of canals, in particular noting the Falkirk Wheel in Scotland reconnecting the Forth and Clyde and Union Canals between Glasgow and Edinburgh, and the Lachine Canal in Quebec. Councillor Timms spoke of the concept of designating the historic canals as a National Heritage Corridor, and creating a plan for restoration and redevelopment of the Corridor. This would include a plan for the restoration, recognition and promotion of the four old Welland Canals, their related buildings and structures, as a nationally significant heritage site to attract visitors from around

the world and build on Niagara's world-class tourism industry. This plan would build a culture of Heritage Conservation around the old Welland Canals structures and corridor, which would see the various levels of government working together to achieve common goals for the Historic Welland Canals Corridor.

A plan to "meet current needs" would include the clean up of water flowing in the second Welland Canal through Thorold and St. Catharines into Henley Pond and Lake Ontario as an environmental goal, and fulfilling requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act of 2005 to keep a municipal registry of properties of Cultural Heritage value or interest. Councillor Timms suggested a Canal Corridor Heritage Symposium including Niagara Region, Brock University, Canals Corridor Municipalities, Canals Corridor Historical Societies and Museums, and interested public parties, and the establishment of a National Commission to plan and coordinate a cooperative project with the municipalities of Niagara Region, the province and federal governments, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, the Ministry of Transport, the Museums of Niagara Association and the Welland Canals Foundation.

Councillor Timms pointed out the local benefits to the City of St. Catharines as a particular example, and other municipalities in the Region, and noted the work already done by Welland and Port Colborne. Councillor Timms noted that old structures are falling apart, the Provincial Greenbelt Plan and Places to Grow are putting development pressures on the Canal Corridor and adjacent properties, and water quality in the second Canal needs to be addressed. Councillor Timms suggested that tourism will be strengthened, and that this is an opportunity to properly recognize and celebrate the Welland Canals Heritage, which may be lost if action is not taken now. Councillor Timms would ask the federal government to join the Region and the Canal Corridor municipalities to explore the potential of this concept.

Councillor Badaway noted the great advantages of the Heritage Corridor designation and congratulated Councillor Timms for all the steps taken so far. Councillor Badaway supported the concept of the Heritage Corridor. Councillor Casselman noted that the Culture Committee has been engaging in public consultation to determine their direction with a summit to be held May 10 and 11. Councillor Casselman suggested that no decisions be made on the Heritage Corridor until after the Summit. There is a need to ensure resources are available to move forward. The Culture Committee has approved a motion to support in principle the designation of the Welland Canals Corridor as a National Heritage Corridor. Councillor Timms will be presenting a motion to the next Council meeting to obtain support for moving forward with this designation. Councillor Timms reiterated his comments that he would like the Culture Committee to work with Planning staff to develop a Symposium as described above, and to identify assets and their location for the registry of "Historic Places".

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the minutes of the Culture Committee for the March 12, 2007 meeting be lifted and dealt with at this time.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the motion of the Culture Committee to support in principle the designation of the Welland Canals Corridor as a National Heritage Corridor be supported, and referred to staff for a report.

Carried.

Councillors Lepp and Rigby requested that they be recorded as opposed to the aforementioned motion.

139. Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site Citizens Liaison Committee (CLC)

The first speaker on this subject, Carol Jones, advised Committee that the Niagara Road 12 Citizens' Liaison Committee is part and parcel of this site's Certificate of Approval. Ms. Jones advised that the Niagara Road 12 CLC had not been contacted prior to the report PWA 22-2007 being presented to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee in January, 2007. Ms. Jones voiced concern that the Terms of Reference (TOR) would be standardized for all PLC/CLC's when they should be site specific. Ms. Jones asked for clarification of the CLC's role, which shows under the existing TOR under "Mandate" that the CLC reports to Regional Council. Ms. Jones also noted failure of the Region to appoint members to the CLC within the designated timeframe under the Certificate of Approval.

The second representative of the CLC, Albert Witteveen, explained that the CLC had contacted the four municipalities serviced by the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site (Grimsby, Lincoln, Pelham and West Lincoln) to voice their concerns regarding standardizing the Terms of Reference, and the significance of the existing Terms of Reference to the responsibilities of the CLC. Mr. Witteveen referred to communications issues with Regional staff, and to the CLC request for funding for a solicitor to review and interpret the background documents that have led us to this point in time, so as to clearly define the role of the CLC, not just the Terms of Reference. Mr. Witteveen requested a meeting with the Director of Waste Services and two Regional Councillors who do not have a conflict in matters dealing with waste management.

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the presentation by Ms. Jones and Mr. Witteveen be received and referred to staff for a report.

Carried.

Councillor Goulbourne requested that he be recorded as opposed to the aforementioned motion.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

140. Organics Processing Capacity Selection Process

Mr. Friesen reviewed the Organics Processing Capacity Selection Process, noting the Elm Street contract ends March 31, 2009 and that the Niagara Region requires a cost-effective, best technology to process expected larger quantities of organics. One issue with composting is the high plastic contamination in the product leading to a high residual rate and higher costs. Niagara's household participation rate in food waste composting is relatively low (20-30%) when most programs at maturity have a rate of 80%, although the rate of participation for leaf and yard waste is comparatively higher. A Request for Qualifications was issued in March 2006, and these were reviewed with the assistance of a consulting team and the Region's Corporate Services Department (review of financial information). Four vendors were short-listed – Conestoga Rovers/Orgaworld (Waterloo), IMS (Niagara), Maple Reinders (Mississauga) and Miller Waste Systems (Markham) and a Request for Proposals issued in July 2006. All proposals were to have approved sites for Design/Build/Own/Operate operations. Tenders are being reviewed and a report to Planning & Public Works is expected April 25 respecting Plastic vs. Biodegradable bags.

Mr. Friesen was asked if the principles of Smart Growth were being considered in the evaluation of proposals, and whether traffic impacts were being considered. Mr. Friesen answered that the proposals were being evaluated on the technology, risk assessment, and whether the site was approvable. Also being considered is where the end product will be used. The proponent must ensure that the site is approvable and would have to consider traffic impacts to get that site approved. Councillor Hodgson asked at what point do we as a corporation bring in the overriding principles and philosophies to guide our decision. The Corporation should not be interested in a vendor with a facility that would have a problem obtaining EA approvals. The Town of Lincoln has concerns about the amount of truck traffic on Victoria Avenue having a negative impact on tourism, and would ask staff and Council to consider social costs for places like Lincoln to overcome greenbelt challenges, etc.

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the presentation by Mr. Friesen respecting the Organics Processing Capacity Selection Process be received.

Carried.

141. Key Items and Decision Points  
For Waste Management Services

Mr. Friesen reviewed the presentation on “Waste Management Services, Key Initiatives”. He outlined how Waste Management’s Business Plan aligns with Council’s Business Plan goals, CMT Draft Business Plan Objectives and Public Works Strategic Plan, pointing out the department’s Vision “to be a National Leader in setting the standard for Public Works Services by 2015”.

Mr. Friesen noted the timelines and initiatives under the following headings:

- Building Relationships for the Benefit of the Common Taxpayer
- Improving Communication and Engagement in the Community
- Promoting Continuous Improvement through Diversion Initiatives, and Contracts and Related Initiatives
- Service Review and Improvements
- Alignment of Corporate Goals & Decision-Making with Sustainability Principles

Mr. Friesen concluded with the following key decision milestones:

- Composting Processor Selection - April/May 2007
- Long Term Disposal Capacity - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2007
- Service Level Changes and New Rate (consultation, amendments & final approval) - 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2007
- Collection Contract - 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007

Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That the presentation by Mr. Friesen respecting Key Items and Decision Points be received for information.

Carried.

142. Official Plan Amendment No. 41  
Good Earth Cooking School –  
Accommodation and Banquet Facilities  
Lincoln Avenue, south of Greenlane  
Town of Lincoln  

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**DPD 49-2007**

Mr. Fred Paul, consultant for the property owners, noted the history of this property and the applicants. He noted that the family had been farming in Lincoln for over sixty years on this parcel of land and another. They are now managing the farm on this land and running the successful Good Earth Cooking School on the property. They have a strong commitment to agriculture and bring many individuals, groups and corporations to the Cooking School who experience the Niagara “atmosphere”. Mr. Paul noted that restricting the bed and breakfast operation to the present residence is untenable. With twelve people in cooking classes, there is not enough space in the three-bedroom residence to accommodate this many guests, and its proximity to the neighbours is not acceptable. The owner wishes to keep this as her family home, and it does not address the needs of the business. If approved as submitted a building presently on the property would be renovated adding slightly more height, not expanding the footprint of the building. It would therefore not take away any property from the farm operation. Mr. Paul asked for re-examination of the Planning staff’s position and approval of the application.

It was noted that there would be no change to the farming operation with the approval as requested.

Moved by Councillor Hodgson  
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That the presentation by Mr. Paul be received and referred to the discussion of DPD 49-2007.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hodgson  
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That Report DPD 49-2007, Official Plan Amendment No. 41, Good Earth Cooking School – Accommodation and Banquet Facilities, Lincoln Avenue, south of Greenlane, Town of Lincoln, be lifted and dealt with at this time.

Carried.

Mr. Cambray noted that Planning staff had previously approved the application for the Cooking School on this property and noted that they are recommending that the banquet facilities be a maximum of 235 square metres to conform to the same requirements as the estate wineries. Mr. Cambray pointed out the the Town of Lincoln supports this position (see PD 21-2007). Mr. Cambray noted that allowing

stand-alone bed and breakfast facilities does not conform with the Regional Policy, the Greenbelt or Provincial Policy Statement. These plans do make provision to allow the bed and breakfast operation in the principal residence. This policy was previously supported by The Agricultural Sub Committee. Conflicts with agriculture and the ability to adopt different farm practices are important considerations. Accommodation in the urban areas is encouraged with Jordan and Beamsville as good examples.

Committee members noted that this application would allow the use of an asset in the grape and tender fruit lands in a positive way. "Value added" use is extremely important to the long term sustainability and viability of agricultural operations. This approval is consistent with agri-tourism and worthy of support. This operation will not destroy the ambience of the area, but add to it, and the size of the operation would not affect traffic flow.

Moved by Councillor Hodgson  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the report be **amended** by removing the first bullet of Item 1 in the Recommendation.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hodgson  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report DPD 49-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 41, Good Earth Cooking School – Accommodation and Banquet Facilities, Lincoln Avenue south of Greenlane, Town of Lincoln, be received **as amended**;

That Amendment No. 41 to the Town of Lincoln Official Plan be approved with the following modifications:

- ~~That accommodation facilities in conjunction with a cooking school be permitted as a bed and breakfast facility up to six guestrooms in the principal residence;~~
- That the banquet facilities in conjunction with a cooking school be a maximum of 235 square metres;

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 has been given provided that no appeals have been lodged against the decision.

Carried.

143. Final Recommendations Report  
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2007  
Waterline Connections  
East Side of Rice Rd. South of Hurricane Rd.  
Town of Pelham  

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**DPD 52-2007**

Mr. L. Fraser, representing Kingdom Hall located on Rice Road, advised that the well water on their property is not potable. Bottled water must be brought in for use in the building, which is on occasion used for funeral receptions, etc. Coffee can't be served because they cannot rinse cups or coffee pot with the water available. Mr. Fraser asked for favourable consideration of allowing the waterline connections on behalf of Kingdom Hall and other residents of the area.

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report DPD 52-2007 respecting the Final Recommendations Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2007, Waterline Connections, East Side of Rice Rd. South of Hurricane Rd, Town of Pelham, be lifted and dealt with at this time.

Carried.

A Public Meeting was held regarding this application, and staff are recommending the approval for the waterline connections along Rice Road. Concerns of the Public Health Department related to how an abundance of water may affect sewer requirements was noted. Councillor Augustyn noted the support of the Town of Pelham for these connections.

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report DPD 52-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting the Final Recommendations Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2007, Waterline Connections, East Side of Rice Rd. South of Hurricane Rd., Town of Pelham, be received;

That Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2007, to permit waterline connections for land uses along the east side of Rice Rd. (between Hurricane Rd. and the City of Welland municipal boundary) in the Town of Pelham 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 those landowners that requested it and to the Town of Pelham, City of Thorold and the City of Welland.

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

144. Regional Municipality of Niagara's Participation  
In the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative  
**CHR 1-2007**

Concillor Rigby noted that funding for the Initiative in other areas is done through the Water budget, not through the Planning budget. In view of the importance of the quality of water in the Great Lakes to the Region, it was suggested that funding be provided through the Region's Water & Wastewater Services budget. It was noted that individual municipalities should also be members of this group, and if 50% of the municipalities in the Region are members, the Region's membership is half of the price.

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report CHR 1-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting the Regional Municipality of Niagara's Participation in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, be received and approved **as amended**; and

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara becomes a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, **with funding through the Water and Wastewater Services Division budget.**

Carried.

145. Landfill Public Liaison Committees  
Terms of Reference  
**PWA 22-2007 (Revised)**

It was noted that in January the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee requested that this report be deferred pending consultation with the various PLC's and CLC. Staff have included recommendations from these PLC's and CLC in the Revised report.

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Section 9.2 of the Terms of Reference be **amended** and the sentence "**The PLC may hire the consultant of their choice, provided they stay within their budget and the services provided are within the mandate of the committee**" be retained and followed by the words "**and provided that the procedure for retention of consultant shall adhere to Niagara Region's Procurement By-law as amended from time to time.**"

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report PWA 22-2007 (Revised), April 4, 2007, respecting the Landfill Public Liaison Committees Terms of Reference, **as amended**, be received;

That the revised Terms of Reference (TOR) be approved for the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility Public Liaison Committee (PLC), the Line 5 Landfill PLC and the Humberstone Landfill PLC;

That Regional staff present the revised Terms of Reference to the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility PLC, the Humberstone Landfill PLC and the Line 5 Landfill PLC at their first meeting in 2007; and

That Regional Staff present the revised TOR to the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Citizen Liaison Committee (CLC) at their next regular scheduled meeting, and report back to this Committee.

Carried.

146. Encroachment Agreement  
Feliciano Pingue & Sons Construction Ltd.  
Regional Road No. 102 (Stanley Avenue) and  
Regional Road No. 20 (Ferry Street)  
City of Niagara Falls  
**PWA 48-2007**

Moved by Councillor Salci  
Seconded by Chair Partington

That Report PWA 48-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting the Encroachment Agreement, Feliciano Pingue & Sons Construction Ltd., Regional Road No. 102 (Stanley Avenue) and Regional Road No. 20 (Ferry Street), City of Niagara Falls, be received;

That the Region enter into an Encroachment Agreement with Feliciano Pingue & Sons construction Ltd. To permit minor building encroachments within the road allowance for Regional Road No. 102 (Stanley Avenue) and Regional Road No. 20 (Ferry Street); and

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried.

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at this point in 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.

149. Road Closure and Disposal  
Part of Regional Road No. 420  
City of Niagara Falls  
**PWA 51-2007**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PWA 51-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting the Road Closure and Disposal, Part of Regional Road No. 420, City of Niagara Falls, be received;

That the parcel of land described as being Part 3 on Plan 59R-12916, being part of a Public Highway known as Regional Road 420 (formerly part of Highway 420) be closed and declared surplus to Region requirements;

That the subject parcel of surplus land be transferred to the City of Niagara Falls in exchange for two small parcels of City of Niagara Falls property described as being Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 59R-12916 which lands are to be dedicated as "highway" forming part of Regional Road 420; and

That the Region's solicitor be authorized to prepare, and the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute, all documents necessary to effect this transaction.

Carried.

150. Accessible Parking  
Regional Road 20 (Griffin Street)  
Township of West Lincoln  
**PWA 54- 2007**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PWA 54-2006, April 4, 2007, respecting Accessible Parking, Regional Road 20 (Griffin Street), Township of West Lincoln, be received;

That an on-street accessible parking space be provided on the west side of Regional Road 20 (Griffin Street) located south of the driveway of the Royal Bank; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on April 12, 2007.

Carried.

151. Transfer of Ownership, Whirlpool Recharge Station  
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
**PWA 55-2007**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PWA 55-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting the Transfer of Ownership, Whirlpool Recharge Station, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake; be received;

That the ownership and responsibility for the Whirlpool Recharge Pump Station and Pipeline be transferred to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake for a nominal fee of \$2.00;

That the property rights associated with the Whirlpool Recharge Pump Station and Pipeline be transferred to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, where applicable;

That the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake reimburse the Region of Niagara for 50% of the total legal survey costs of \$9,450.00; and

That this report be distributed to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the City of Niagara Falls for their records.

Carried.

152. Encroachment Agreement  
Irrigation Pipe Crossing  
Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue)  
Town of Lincoln  
**PWA 56-2007**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PWA 56-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting the Encroachment Agreement, Irrigation Pipe Crossing, Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue), Town of Lincoln, be received;

That authorization be granted for the Region's solicitor to prepare on the Region's behalf, and for the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute, a license/encroachment agreement wherein the Region grants to Greenlane Farms the temporary use of a portion of Regional Road 24 for irrigation pipe crossing purposes.

Carried.

153. Claim for Extra Costs  
Niagara Biosolids Program  
Project ZSW0302/SW0415  
**PWA 59-2007**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PWA 59-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting the Claim for Extra Costs, Niagara Biosolids Program, Project ZSW0302/SW0415, be received;

That the claim for additional costs in the amount of \$1,064,000 be approved for payment to Niagara Biosolids Incorporated for design/build services of the Alternative Biosolids Management processing facility in the City of Thorold, and the costs be charged against Project ZSW0302/SW0415.

Carried.

154. Initiation of 2007  
Waste Management Capital Program  
**PWA 60-2007 (CSD 62-2007)**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Chair Partington

That Report PWA 60-2007 (CSD 62-2007), April 4, 2007, respecting Initiation of 2007 Waste Management Capital Program, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$1,695,000 gross and net be approved from the 2007 Waste Management 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 \$1,495,000 (Long Term Financing 1 – 10 years) and \$200,000 (Waste Management 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 60-2007 (CSD 62-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

155. Initiation of 2007 Roads Capital Program  
**PWA 61-2007 (CSD 63-2007)**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Chair Partington

That Report PWA 61-2007 (CSD 63-2007), April 4, 2007, respecting the Initiation of 2007 Roads Capital Program, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$23,752.00 gross and \$15,207,000 net be approved from the 2007 Roads Capital Program and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A;

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing consisting of \$3,500,000 Capital Levy, \$6,972,000 Development Charge Reserve Fund, \$4,735,000 Long Term Financing (1-10 years), \$3,245,000 External Cost Sharing and \$5,300,000 Subsidies (Gas Tax Revenue); and

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

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

*(Please note that Report PWA 61-2007 (CSD 63-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

156. Niagara Specialized Transit –  
Trip Purpose and Hours of Service  
**PWA 62-2007**

Councillor Bentley requested consideration for service to residents in his municipality as they do not have specialized transit to their own hospital. Mr. Cousins advised that the by-law that achieved triple-majority approval clearly indicated that transit had to be inter-municipal. The by-law would have to be changed to offer trips within a municipality. Regional staff has been working with individual municipalities to address their specialized transit needs, and would assist Grimsby if requested to do so. If Grimsby initiated transit within their own boundaries they would qualify for assistance through the gas tax.

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Chair Partington

That Report PWA 62-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting Niagara Specialized Transit – Trip Purpose and Hours of Service, be received;

That the following report and amended recommendations, approved by the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee at its March 13, 2007 meeting, be recommended to Regional Council;

That the recommendation that the Niagara Specialized Transit trip purpose be changed to include trips for educational and employment purposes be deferred pending a follow-up report defining criteria for educational and employment purposes, including wording that such trips will still be within the context of the existing by-law; and

That the Niagara Specialized Transit service hours be changed to include late night service (Monday to Friday service to end at 10:00 p.m.) and Saturday service from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Carried.

157. Initiation of 2007 Buildings & Equipment Capital Program  
**PWA 64-2007 (CSD 64-2007)**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Chair Partington

That Report PWA 64-2007 (CSD 64-2007), April 4, 2007, respecting Initiation of 2007 Buildings & Equipment Capital Program, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$1,400,000 gross and net be approved from the 2007 Buildings & Equipment Capital Program for Projects ZGD0702 and ZGD0703;

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing consisting of \$200,000 Capital Levy, \$1,001,000 Long Term Financing (1-10 years) and \$199,000 in previously approved Capital Levy; and

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 64-2007 (CSD 64-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

158. Official Plan Amendment No. 120  
Community Improvement Policies  
City of Welland  
**DPD 40-2007**

Moved by Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report DPD 40-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 120, Community Improvement Policies, City of Welland, be received;

That Official Plan Amendment 120 which sets out Community Improvement Policies to create community improvement plans and also policies respecting the Committee of Adjustment's consideration of Variances to various Municipal By-laws in the City of Welland 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.

159. Addition of Smarter Niagara Incentive Policies  
Changes to the Planning Act (Bill 51)  
Grants and Loans for Community Improvement Plans  
Proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2007  
**DPD 50-2007**

Commissioner Cambray noted that an addition to the Regional Policy Plan is needed as it relates to provision of financial incentives for Community Improvement Plans. A Public Meeting will be held on this subject.

Moved by Councillor Gabriel  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report DPD 50-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting Addition of Smarter Niagara Incentive Policies, Changes to the Planning Act (Bill 51), Grants and Loans for Community Improvement Plans, Proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2007, be received;

That the proposed changes to the Regional Policy Plan set out in this report be received;

That a copy of the report be circulated for comment to all local municipalities, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to all affected agencies; and

That a public meeting be arranged at the Region's office to receive comments and answer questions from interested parties.

Carried.

160. Background Information Report  
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 3-2007  
Sewer Line Extension  
Quaker Road and Rice Road  
City of Welland  
**DPD 51-2007**

Mr. Cambray noted the Public Meeting to be held April 25 in the City of Welland.

Moved by Councillor Gabriel  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report DPD 51-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting the Background Information Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 3-2007, Sewer Line Extension, Quaker Road and Rice Road, City of Welland, be received for information.

Carried.

161. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That the following minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved:

Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 13, 2007;

Culture Committee meeting held Monday, January 22, 2007;

Culture Committee meeting held Monday, March 12, 2007;

Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held Thursday, March 8, 2007.

Carried.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

162. Councillor Attendance at Public Meetings

Regional Policy Plan Amendment 3-2007  
Sewerline Extension  
City of Welland  
Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2007  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: City of Welland Council Chambers

Councillors: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

163. Information Items

Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That the following items be received for information:

CSD 43-2007	Procedural Issues (Revised)
PWP 21-2007	Project Activity Report Transportation Services
PWP 22-2007	2007 Environment Days
PWP 23-2007	Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals
PWP 24-2007	Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications
PWP 25-2007/ PHD 23-2007	2007 Smart Gardening Campaign
DPD 53-2007	Consent Summary From February 26, 2007 to March 18, 2007
DPD 54-2007	Regional Comments on Development Proposals From February 26, 2007 to March 18, 2007
Minutes	Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee For January 11, 2007

Carried.

164. Correspondence Items

Moved by Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the following correspondence items be received for information:

PWC 13-2007 Letter from LEA Consulting Ltd., March 26, 2007, respecting Consolidated Traffic Signal Design, Westchester Avenue at Ramp 406 N – Westchester E, Replacement of Signal Truss at Fourth Avenue / Hwy. 406, and Barrier Replacement on Hwy. 406

PWC 14-2007 Letter from Totten, Sims Hubicki Associates respecting Bender Street/Falls Avenue/Roberts Street Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Niagara Falls

Carried.

165. Correspondence Items

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the following correspondence items be received for information:

PD 18-2007 Preliminary Agenda for Ontario Trails Council Summit, Marriott Renaissance Fallsview, City of Niagara Falls, May 15 to May 17, 2007

PD 19-2007 Letter to Mr. Derek Wittlib, Town of Lincoln, March 2, 2007, respecting Site Plan Application – 3<sup>rd</sup> Submission, Culp Transport Truck Terminal, 4815 Merritt Road North and North Service Road (R.R. 39), Town of Lincoln

PD 21-2007 Letter from the Town of Lincoln, March 28, 2007, respecting DPD 49-2007, Town of Lincoln Official Plan Amendment No. 41

Carried.

166. Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the following Correspondence Items be received and referred to staff for a report.

PD 20-2007 Letter from the Canadian Canal Society supporting the designation of the Welland Canals Corridor as a National Heritage Corridor,

PD 22-2007 Letter from International Shipmasters' Association supporting the designation of the Welland Canals Corridor as a National Heritage Corridor

Carried.

167. Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Correspondence Item PD 23-2007, Federal and Provincial announcement on Sunday towards the revitalization of horticultural research activities at Vineland, be received for information.

Carried.

Mr. Cambray pointed out the significance of this announcement. Councillor Smeaton congratulated the Regional Chair and Planning staff for their efforts to encourage this funding.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

168. Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

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.

169. A Proposed Disposition of Land  
By the Region, City of St. Catharines  
**PWA 52-2007 - CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Confidential Report PWA 52-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting A Proposed Disposition of Land by the Region, City of St. Catharines, be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

170. Proposed Lease Extension  
City of Niagara Falls  
**PWA 53-2007 - CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Chair Hodgson

That Confidential Report PWA 53-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting a Proposed Lease Extension, City of Niagara Falls, be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

171. A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality  
Real Estate Matter – Leasing of Space  
Regional Municipality of Niagara  
**PWA 58-2007 (PHD 22-2007) – CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Confidential Report PWA 58-2007 (PHD 22-2007), April 4, 2007, respecting A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality, Real Estate Matter – Leasing of Space, Regional Municipality of Niagara, be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

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

172. A Matter of the Property of the Municipality  
Town of Grimsby  
**PWA 63-2007 (CSD 60-2007) – CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Confidential Report PWA 63-2007 (CSD 60-2007), April 4, 2007, respecting A Matter of the Property of the Municipality, Town of Grimsby, be deferred pending completion of the Niagara Regional Police Services Accommodations Plan.

Carried.

173. Committee Membership  
**PWA 65-2007 - CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That Confidential Report PWA 65-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting Committee Membership, be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction)

174. A Matter of Security of Property of the Municipality  
City of Welland  
**PWA 66-2007 (PHD 25-2007) - CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That confidential Report PWA 66-2007 (PHD 25-2007), April 4, 2007, respecting A Matter of Security of Property of the Municipality, City of Welland, be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

175. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

### **STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was requested to:

- Provide report respecting presentation by Niagara Road 12 CLC (See Minute Item #139)
- Provide a copy of the list of roads to be included in future capital expenditures to Councillor Lepp (See Minute Item #155)
- Provide information to Councillor Trombetta to take to her Council (See Minute Item #169)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 4:20 p.m., to meet again on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Tim Rigby  
Co-Chair

Bill Smeaton  
Co-Chair

Betty Staines  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk