

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 7-2008

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Co-Chair; Baty, Acting Regional Chair; Augustyn; Badawey; Bentley; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; D'Angela; Heit; Puttick; Saracino.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk.

Staff

Others: Corporate Services: Mr. Kaas, Capital Analyst; Mr. Moffatt, Manager, Property Management; Ms. M. Murphy, Associate Director, Current and Capital Budgets; Mr. Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Ms. Williams,
Planning: Mr. Gummo, Associate Director, Comprehensive Community Planning.
Public Works: Mr. Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works.

PRESENTATION

110. Regional Chair for a Day

Councillor Baty, Acting Regional Chair, introduced the Region's fifteenth "Regional Chair-for-a-Day", Desiree Halliwell. This event takes place annually as part of the Adopt-a-School Partnership with Kernahan Park Secondary School.

Desiree was chosen as this year's "Chair" by her teachers for her helpfulness, kindness, thoughtfulness and co-operative nature. She is a Grade 10 student whose interests include physical education, hospitality and tourism, woodworking, and environmental issues. She is involved in Student Council and has played on the school teams for volleyball, basketball and track. Desiree's career goal is to become a chef.

Desiree will, as "Regional Chair-for-a-Day", tour Fleet Services and the Sign Shop, Emergency Services, GIS, the Environmental Centre, Decew Falls Water Treatment Plant and Police Headquarters. She will also tour and enjoy lunch at the Linhaven Long Term Care Facility. Desiree will attend Regional Council on May 22, 2008 to receive a Certificate and an album of photos of her day as "Chair".

111. Project Niagara (International Music Festival)
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Mr. Ken Brothers, Commissioner Public Works, provided Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation entitled "International Music Festival Information Presentation", recapping the information presented to Regional Council on April 10, 2008. He noted that in order for the project to advance, Council was being requested to formalize the Region's participation.

Mr. Brothers provided an overview of the draft maps showing potential sites for the lagoon, the proposed wastewater treatment plant and forcemains, and outlined the future Transportation Master Plan. A direct cost summary was provided as follows:

- \$15 M for Water & Wastewater Servicing
- 5.6 M local transportation improvements
- Total of \$20.6 M cost estimate

A lengthy discussion included:

- whether the development would be allowed under greenbelt legislation;
- how much funding might be available from the provincial and federal levels of government;
- which portions of the Transportation Master Plan were directly related to this project;
- whether alternate sites for the project and the proposed parking lot had been considered
- membership on the project's Steering Committee, which includes the MPPs, the Regional Chair, Regional staff, the CEO of NEDC, the Co-Chairs of the Culture Committee, and Project Niagara Consultants, with meetings being called by the Regional Chair
- the economic benefits of the project to Niagara

In response to questions, Mr. Brothers advised that the existing road network could service the site and traffic issues would be addressed as they arise (i.e. future increases in attendance at the site). It was pointed out that the Project Niagara Consultant had considered several sites and recommended this location as the preferred one.

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Mr. Brothers presentation entitled "International Music Festival Information Presentation" be received for information.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

112. Project Niagara (International Music Festival)
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
PWA 26-2008

The Committee had for consideration, the first recommendation from Report PWA 26-2008, which was dealt with at Regional Council on April 10, 2008, and referred to the Corporate Services and Planning and Public Works Committees for further discussion.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report PWA 26-2008, April 10, 2008, respecting Project Niagara (International Music Festival), Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received;

That staff be directed to initiate formal discussions with Project Niagara, including the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, for discussion of, but not limited to, development issues, potential partnerships, timing, cost sharing and joint funding support for municipal infrastructure required for the project.

Moved by Bentley
Seconded by Augustyn

That the recommendation be amended to include a direction for staff to provide further reports to Council on the results of discussions before any financial commitments are made

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That the recommendation be amended to include consideration of other potential sites for this project.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the original motion, as amended, and which now reads as follows, was carried.

That Report PWA 26-2008, April 10, 2008, respecting Project Niagara (International Music Festival) Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received, **as amended**;

That staff be directed to initiate formal discussions with Project Niagara, including the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, for discussion of, but not limited to, development issues, potential partnerships, timing, cost sharing and joint funding support for

municipal infrastructure required for the project, **and include consideration of other potential sites for this project;** and

That staff provide further reports to Council on the results of discussions before any financial commitments are made.

(Please note that Report PWA 26-2008 can be found behind the PPW Blue Book Tab)

113. Initiation of 2008 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
Capital Budget
CSD 61-2008

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report CSD 61-2008, May 14, 2008, respecting Initiation of 2008 Niagara Peninsula Conservation authority Capital Budget, be received;

That financing of \$2,468,844 net be approved and initiated for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2008 Capital Program;

That the financing consists of \$2,468,844 debenture financing (1-10 years); and

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

Carried.

114. Encroachment Agreement
Cammann Investments Inc. (Mercedes Benz Dealership)
Regional Road No. 42 (369 Ontario Street)
City of St. Catharines
CSD 64-2008 (PWA 49-2008)

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report CSD 64-2008 (PWA 49-2008), May 14, 2008, respecting Encroachment Agreement Cammann Investments Inc. (Mercedes Benz Dealership) Regional Road No. 42 (369 Ontario Street) City of St. Catharines, be received;

That Cammann Investments Limited be authorized to maintain the encroachments upon the public highway known as Regional Road No. 42 (Ontario Street) of landscaping and two existing light poles having an area of approximately 177 square meters more or less, as described herein and in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in an Encroachment Agreement between The Regional Municipality of Niagara and Cammann Investments Limited; and

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the Encroachment Agreement.

Carried.

(Please note that Report CSD 64-2008 (PWA 49-2008) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

115. Allocation of Funding Received for
Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII)
Enviro Centre Green Retrofit Project
CSD 65-2008 (PWA 47-2008)

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report CSD 65-2008 (PWA 47-2008), May 14, 2008, respecting Allocation of Funding Received for Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) Enviro Centre Green Retrofit Project, be received;

That previously approved long term financing in the amount of \$1,185,000 for Project ZGL0810 Facility Equipment – Recycling Centre be substituted with Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) funding;

That approval be given to increase the gross budget for Project ZGL0608 Groundwater Remediation – Recycling Centre in the amount of \$550,000 with MIII funding;

That approval be given to increase the gross budget for Project ZGL0809 Exterior Improvements – Recycling Centre in the amount of \$975,000 with MIII funding; and

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

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

(Please note that Report CSD 65-2008 (PWA 47-2008) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

116. Smarter Niagara Incentives Program - Pilot Public Domain Incentives Program
CSD 67-2008 (DPD 21-2008)

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report CSD 67-2008 (DPD 21-2008), May 14, 2008, respecting *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program – Pilot Public Domain Incentives Program, be received;

That the submissions from the City of Welland and the City of Niagara falls under the 2007 Pilot Public Realm Domain Incentives Program be approved, subject to the installation of appropriate signage reflective of the collaboration between the Local Municipalities and the Region and the scheduling of an appropriate commemorative event to celebrate the successful collaboration on completion of each project;

That the Pilot Public domain Incentives Program be continued for 2008 in accordance with the guidelines for the 2007 Program, it being understood that the residual \$100,000 funding from the 2007 Program will be applied to the budget for the 2008 Program; and

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

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

(Please note that Report CSD 67-2008 (DPD 21-2008) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

MINUTES

117. 2-2008

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report 2-2008 being the minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project meeting of Thursday, April 17, 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that Report 2-2008 minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

118. 4-2008

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report 4-2008 being the minutes of the Regional Development Charges Task Force meeting of Tuesday, April 29, 2008, be approved.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

119. Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That the following communications be received and **Communication CSC 33-2008 be referred to the Development Charges Task Force:**

CSC 33-2008 Sriram Subrahmanyam, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance (April 17, 2008) regarding new "residual commercial class".

CSC 34-2008 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (April 22, 2008) respecting NRPS Variance Report to March 31, 2008 89.2008.

CSC 35-2008 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (April 22, 2008) respecting Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee (RNRSC) Think and Drive Road Safety Campaign 86.2008.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

120. Opportunities for Partnership Funding

Councillor D'Angela asked that Councillors be provided with an annual list of items that are eligible for "financial subsidy" from the Region to the Area Municipalities, as well as the deadlines for applications (i.e. bike lanes, rain barrels, CIPs).

CLOSED SESSION

121. Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

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.

122. Matters Concerning Security of Property of the Municipality and Litigation (OLG Tax Appeal)
Confidential CAO 7-2008

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Confidential Report CAO 7-2008, May 14, 2008, respecting Matters Concerning Security of Property of the Municipality and Litigation (OLG Tax Appeal), be deferred pending receipt of additional information.

Carried.

123. A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 20 Town of Pelham
Confidential CSD 60-2008 (PWA 46-2008)

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report CSD 60-2008 (PWA 46-2008), May 14, 2008, respecting A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 20, Town of Pelham, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

124. Matters of Proposed Dispositions of Land, Litigation And Solicitor-Client Advice – City of Niagara Falls
Confidential CSD 68-2008

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Confidential Report CSD 68-2008, May 14, 2008, respecting Matters of Proposed Dispositions of Land, Litigation and Solicitor-Client Advice, City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

125. A Matter of Labour Relations: CUPE Local 1019
(EMS) Contract Negotiations Update
Confidential HR 12-2004

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Confidential Report HR 12-2008, May 14, 2008, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations: CUPE Local 1019 (EMS) Contract Negotiations Update, be received for information.

Carried.

126. A Matter of Labour Relations: CUPE 1263
(Homes for the Aged) Interest Arbitration Award
Confidential HR 13-2008

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Confidential Report HR 13-2008, May 14, 2008, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations: CUPE 1263 (Homes for the Aged) Interest Arbitration Award, be received for information.

Carried.

127. Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Provide a report with respect to the accounting “flow-through” for the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) projects (Refer to Minute Item #115) (Councillor Burroughs))
- Provide information to Area Municipal Councils as well as staff. (Refer to Minute Item #116) (Councillor Augustyn)
- Provide a report which tracks funding of Community Improvement Programs (CIPs) projects and how any residual funding will be applied to future budgets. (Refer to Minute Item #116) (Councillor Bentley)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Co-Chair

Michael Collins
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk