

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REPORT 1-2010 BUDGET

Minutes of a meeting of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, June 18, 2009, commencing at 4:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Chair; Augustyn; Baty; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Heit; Hodgson; Katzman; Puttick; Saracino; Timms.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, C.A.O.; Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Mr. Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning; Mr. McQueen, Operating Officer, PH; Mr. Bain, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Others: Corporate Services: Mr. Diakow, Director, IT Solutions; Mr. Kaas, Tangible Capital Assets Analyst; Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Ms. Murphy, Associate Director, Current & Capital Budgets; Mr. Norder, Manager, Facilities Management; Mr. Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Ms. Stranges, Capital Assets Analyst.
Administration: Mr. Roberts, Executive Officer to Regional Chair; Ms. Vanecko, Acting Director, Administration.
Community Services: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services.
Public Health: Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services, PH.
Public Works: Mr. Baker, Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Engineering; Mr. Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Councillor Martin, Chair, Budget Review Committee of the Whole, called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

Councillor Martin advised that in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Act, and the Regional Notice Policy, a notice was placed on the Region's website on May 29, 2009, advising of Council's consideration of the Budget Guidelines and Infrastructure Stimulus Capital Budget, on Thursday, June 18, 2009, and inviting public input. Interested persons were invited to submit comments in writing or to the website, or to request an appointment to speak. No written submissions or requests to speak at this meeting were received.

The Committee Chair inquired as to whether anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Budget Guidelines and Infrastructure Stimulus Capital Budget. There being no speakers, the meeting proceeded.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Capital Stimulus Budget

Mr. John Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services, provided a presentation on the "Stimulus" Capital Budget. (A copy of this presentation is attached to the minutes.)

Following this presentation, the following resolutions were passed:

3. Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the 2009 "Stimulus" Capital Budget for Regional projects, as presented and summarized below, be approved.

Gross Expenditures:	\$88.2 million
Financing Sources:	
Reserves (Wastewater)	\$27.3 million
Long-term Financing (Roads)	\$ 2.1 million
External contributions	<u>\$58.8 million</u>
Total	\$88.2 million

Carried.

4. Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate agreement(s) with the Provincial and/or Federal Governments as required to implement Infrastructure Stimulus Funding requirements, such agreement(s) to be satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.

Carried.

5. Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Council delegate to the Chief Administrative Officer Council's authority under the Purchasing By-law, as outlined in the revised report CSD 94-2009, for the period from July 31, 2009 to September 9, 2009 inclusive, provided that the CAO's authority shall only relate to previously approved Capital projects and the CAO shall report to Council all actions taken pursuant to this delegation at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Carried.

6. Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That an exception to the Capital Management Policy be granted so that the "Stimulus" Capital projects, which are the subject of this Stimulus Capital Budget, be deemed to be both approved and initiated for purposes of the Capital Management Policy.

Carried.

7. 2010 Budget Guidance

Mr. Bergsma provided an overview of the Proposed 2010 Budget Guidance. (A copy of this presentation is attached to the minutes.)

Following this presentation, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Hodgson
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Council defer a decision respecting 2010 Budget Guidance pending the outcome of the June 25, 2009 Regional Council Business Planning Session – Upload Principles – in order to incorporate the Upload Principles at the start of the 2010 budget preparation process.”

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Budget Review Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Doug Martin
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk