

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 8-2009

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, 2201 St. David's Rd., Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, June 15, 2009 commencing at 9:12 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Councillors

Other: Councillor Smeaton.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Bain, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Others: Corporate Services: Mr. Diakow, Director, IT Solutions; Ms. Elliott, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Hager, Labour Relations Manager; Mr. Inman, Associate Director, Energy Management; Mr. Kaas, Tangible Capital Assets Analyst; Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management & Planning; Ms. Maleszyk, Purchasing Manager; Ms. M. Murphy, Associate Director, Current & Capital Budgets; Mr. Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality & Improvement; Ms. Rae, Legal Counsel; Mr. Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services.
Administration: Mr. Roberts, Executive Officer to Regional Chair; Ms. Vanecko, Acting Director, Administration.
Public Health: Mr. Cunnane, Director, EMS; Mr. McQueen, Operating Officer, P.H.; Mr. Smith, Associate Director, EMS; Mr. Van Valkenburg, Associate Director, EMS.
Integrated Community Planning: Mr. Weaver, Director, Community & Corporate Planning.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

142. Shared Service Agreement
The Regional Municipality of Niagara and
1812 Legacy Council

CSD 90-2009

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 90-2009, June 15, 2009 respecting Shared Service Agreement The Regional Municipality of Niagara and 1812 Legacy Council, be received;

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to sign the Shared Service Agreement between the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the 1812 Legacy Council.

Carried

143. New Purchasing Bylaw

CSD 94-2009

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report CSD 94-2009, June 15, 2009, respecting New Purchasing Bylaw, be received and approved, ***as amended.***

That Purchasing By-law Number 78-2006, as amended, be repealed and replaced with the new Purchasing By-law as outlined in this report for purposes of an interim pilot project with Public Works Department, to be reviewed within one year's time for recommendations for a permanent change.

That the report be amended to substitute "Treasurer or Designate" with "Treasurer or CAO".

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

144. Impact on EMS – Emergency Department Conversions as Part of
the Niagara Health System's Hospital Improvement Plan

CSD 89-2009 (PHD 26-2009)

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report CSD 89-2009, June 15, 2009 (PHD 26-2009, June 11, 2009) respecting Impact on EMS – Emergency Department Conversions as Part of the Niagara Health System's Hospital Improvement Plan, be received and approved, ***as amended.***

That additional temporary EMS resources of 2.4 ambulances (42,048 equivalent hours) and 19.2 FTE's, representing a total budget impact of \$1,104,998 (2009), be approved to manage the impact of the conversions of the Emergency Departments (ED's) in Port Colborne and Fort Erie as outlined in the IBI report.

That these additional EMS resources be temporarily phased-in parallel to the conversions of each Niagara Health System Emergency Department (as needed to address increased demand) and be reviewed no later than March 31, 2010, or once the actual impact is able to be measured;

That the Region **seek** 100% funding of these resources from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) in recognition of these MOHLTC and LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) approved changes to the Niagara Health System and its impact on Niagara Region resources and expenditures;

That in the interim, the Region's contingency reserve be used to fund the requested amount of \$1,104,998;

That Niagara EMS staff develop the 2010 budget forecasts with any necessary resource and financial implications along with alternate solutions and options for Regional Council consideration as part of the budget process; and

That the Region continue discussions with the LHIN and NHS to identify alternate solutions and options to address the impact on local Emergency Departments and Niagara EMS; and

That the Regional Chair and appropriate staff request a meeting with the Boards of the Niagara Health System (NHS) and Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to discuss the implications on Niagara's Emergency Services and the impact on Niagara's resources and expenditures due to the NHS Hospital Improvement Plan.

That the Regional Chair write a letter to Minister David Caplan, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, requesting that the Province continue the funding for nurses to manage EMS patients in a transitional unit (to reduce offload delays) until a sustainable program is in place.

Carried.

(Please note that Report CSD 89-2009 (PHD 26-2009) can be found behind the Joint Reports Blue Book Tab)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Bylsma declared a pecuniary interest with respect to any matters that deal with Wind Energy Projects, as he has a family member involved in a Wind Energy Project Development in the Niagara Region and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter

145. Wind Energy Niagara Project Update
CSD 85-2009(Amended)

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councilor Henderson

That Report CSD 85-2009(Amended), June 15, 2009, respecting Wind Energy Niagara Project Update, be received for information.

Carried.

146. Development Charge Reserve Funds – January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008
CSD 91-2009

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 91-2009, June 15, 2009, respecting Development Charge Reserve Funds – January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

CORRESPONDENCE

147. Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That the following communications be received and dealt with as noted in these minutes:

CSC 25-2009 Memorandum from Gord Lockyer, Treasurer/Director,
Financial Management & Planning (May 28, 2009) regarding
Councillor Information Requests (Close-out Projects)

--Received.

CSC 26-2009 Memorandum from Gord Lockyer, Treasurer/Director,
Financial Management & Planning regarding Councillor
Information Requests Water and Wastewater Rates

--Received.

CSC 27-2009 Draft Budget Review Committee of the Whole Agenda 1-2010 Budget

--Received and remove "Report CSD 94-2009, New Purchasing Bylaw" and "Delegation of Authority" matters off the Budget Review Committee of the Whole agenda.

Carried.

MINUTES

148. 4-2009 (RDC)

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report 4-2009 (RDC) being the minutes of the Regional Development Charges Task force meeting of Monday, May 27, 2009 be received and minute items 36 and 37 approved.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Martin declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Matters of Labour Relations Regarding ONA Public Health Conciliation and ONA Local 9 (Homes for the Aged) Interest Arbitration Award, as his spouse is a member of CUPE and he therefore vacated Committee Room 4 and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

149. Moved by Councillor Casselman
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 a Matter of Labour Relations Regarding ONA Public Health Conciliation - Update.

Carried.

150. A Matter of Labour Relations Regarding ONA Public Health Conciliation - Update
Oral Report (Confidential)

Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services, provided an update on a matter of Labour Relations regarding ONA Public Health Conciliation.

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That the Confidential Oral Report by Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations Regarding ONA Public Health Conciliation - Update, be received.

Carried.

151. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

152. Moved by Councillor Casselman
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 a Matter of Labour Relations Regarding ONA Local 9 (Homes for the Aged) Interest Arbitration Award.

Carried

153. A Matter of Labour Relations: ONA Local 9 (Homes for the Aged)
Interest Arbitration Award
CSD 95-2009 (Confidential)

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Confidential Report CSD 95-2009, June 15, 2009, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations: ONA Local 9 (Homes for the Aged), Interest Arbitration Award, be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

154. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

155. Confidential-Open Reports
Labour Relations Matters

Councillor D'Angela asked staff to examine the feasibility of preparing two reports - confidential and public, if appropriate, with respect to Labour Relations matters. Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Service, advised that staff would look into this matter.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

That staff:

- (i) Provide clarification on Section 38(d) of proposed Purchasing By-law with respect to conflict of interest and further define "delegate" as proposed purchasing authority. (Heit/Augustyn/Badawey) Refer to minute 143.
- (ii) Circulate Report CSD 91-2009, Development Charge Reserve Funds – January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, to the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee. (D'Angela) Refer to minute 146.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 11:15 p.m. to meet again on **THURSDAY**, July 2, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Dave Augustyn
Co-Chair

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk