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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 1-2001

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee, held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, January 10, 2001, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Chair; Zimmerman, Regional Chair; Adams, Badawey, Beamer, Burroughs, Davidson, Hildreth, Martin, Partington, Saracino.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Bacchus, Director of Corporate Services; Hollick, Regional Clerk; Lockyer, Assistant Director/Treasurer; Ms. Reilly, Committee Secretary.

Staff
(Part-time): Ms. Gilroy, Assistant Clerk; Mr. Milutinovic, Geac Project Manager.

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

1. Monthly Web Site Activity Report
- December 2000

Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report CLK 1-2001, January 10, 2001, respecting Monthly Web Site Activity Report – December 2000, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Distribution of Committee and Council Materials

Mr. Trojan, C.A.O. apprised members of a discussion that took place at the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting on January 9, 2001 regarding the distribution of committee and council agendas, reports and

background materials. It was suggested that each Councillor receive a binder with all agendas and reports and that minutes and addendum items be circulated, for inclusion in the binder, when available. This would eliminate the need for the Blue Book and duplication of materials.

Staff will examine this procedure and any logistical problems associated with this change and prepare a report for Committees.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

3. Geac Update – Volume 2, Issue 2

Mr. Bacchus, Director of Corporate Services, advised that Report CSD 01-2001 provides an update on the implementation of the various modules of the Geac Smartstream Financial System. Committee and Council will be updated as further modules and phases are implemented.

Mr. Bacchus apprised Committee of the communication from John Caldwell, President and Chief Executive Officer who responded to the concerns of the Region with respect to Geac's recent restructuring. The three issues of concern were responded to as follows:

- Company will be bought out or go out of business.

was obligated to disclose and consider these inquires and as a result Geac engaged CIBC to look at financial implications, thereby causing stocks to slide. Whether bought out or not, the SmartStream project would be viable and serviceable.

- Restructuring plan that Geac is undergoing.
Restructuring is ongoing and is primarily with their operations in Europe and will not affect the SmartStream applications suite or services provided the Region.

- Banking situation – Line of Credit used up.
Geac is in discussions with their banks to replace or extend current bank facility and expect to satisfactorily conclude these arrangements in the coming months.

Mr. Bacchus commented that based on discussions with Geac representatives, the Region does not anticipate any problems with Geac's commitment to the Region of Niagara.

Moved by Councillor Partington
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Report CSD 01-2001, January 10, 2001, respecting Geac Update – Volume 2, Issue 2, and Communication CFS 2-2001 from John Caldwell, President and Chief Executive Officer, Geac Computer Corporation Limited, be received.

Carried.

4. Approval of Spending Limits During
The Interval Prior to the Approval
of the 2001 Budget Estimates

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Adams

That Report CSD 02-2001, January 10, 2001, respecting Approval of Spending Limits During the Interval Prior to the Approval of the 2001 Budget Estimates, be received.

That, in the absence of an adopted 2001 Current and Capital Budget, Regional Departments, Boards, and Agencies be allowed to incur costs to a level of 30% of the departmental expenditure budget of the prior year.

That Capital items deemed essential by a department be approved by the respective Standing Committee, Board or Agency and Corporate and Financial Services Committee prior to purchase.

That this policy be communicated to all Department Directors, Boards and Agencies.

Carried.

5. 2001 Current Borrowing By-law

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Adams

That Report CSD 03-2001, January 10, 2001, respecting 2001 Current Borrowing By-law, be received.

That, pursuant to Section 110 of the Regional Municipalities Act, RSO, 1990, as amended, a by-law be prepared to authorize the Regional Chair and Treasurer to borrow to meet current expenditures for the year 2001.

Carried.

6. Proposal to Undertake a Review of
Workers' Compensation Funding Strategies
and New Deposit Levels

Moved by Councillor Adams
Seconded by Councillor Partington

That Report CSD 04-2001, January 10, 2001 (HR 02-2001, January 9, 2001), respecting Proposal to Undertake a Review of Workers' Compensation Funding Strategies and New Deposit Levels, be received.

That the proposal submitted by Nexus Actuarial Consultants Ltd. to undertake a Review of the Region's Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (W.S.I.B.) Compensation Liabilities, at a cost of \$10,000 plus GST as well as an estimated \$250 in expenses, be approved.

That funding for the Review, as proposed, be made from the Region's W.S.I.B. Reserve.

That the Director of Corporate Services be authorized to execute an appropriate agreement with the Consultant on the Region's behalf.

Carried.

(Report CSD 04-2001, January 10, 2001 (HR 02-2001, January 9, 2001), is attached to Human Resources Committee Report 1-2001.)

7. Tender Award for Contract RN.00-31
Reconstruction of Regional Road 81 (King Street)
Between Ontario Street and Aberdeen Road
In the town of Lincoln

Moved by Chair Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 06-2001, January 10, 2001 (PWA 1-2001, January 9, 2000), be received.

That subject to confirmation of cost sharing by the Town of Lincoln, PenWest Utilities, Great Lakes Christian College and Cogeco Cable TV, Contract RN 00-31, Reconstruction of Regional Road 81 (King Street) between Ontario Street and Aberdeen Road in the Town of Lincoln be awarded to the low bidder, Stephens and Rankin Inc., at its bid price in

the amount of \$3,386,110.00, excluding GST and subject to clarification of contingency allowance amount contained within the report.

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$100,000.00 be provided for this contract.

That the engineering agreement with the consulting firm of V & S Engineering Group Ltd. be extended to include additional design and contract administration and inspection, with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursements basis, estimated at \$224,270.00, plus G.S.T.

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 January 18, 2001.

That funding in the amount of \$2,720,000.00 gross and \$477,590.00 net be approved from the 2001 Roads Capital Budget, for Capital Works Project ZRC9920 (previously R99-20, sub-ledger RC9920), Reconstruction of Regional Road 81 (King Street) from Queen Street to Aberdeen Road, Town of Lincoln, to award this contract.

Carried.

(Report CSD 06-2001, January 10, 2001 (PWA 1-2001, January 9, 2000), is attached to Public Works and Utilities Committee Report 1-2001.)

8. **CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION**

The Regional Chair presented Certificates of Recognition to Pamela Gilroy, Assistant Clerk and Thomas R. Hollick, Clerk, for their personal (attaining a Masters Degree in Public Administration) and professional achievements during their employment at the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

MINUTES

9. **Report 4-2001 Budget**

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report 4-2001, being the minutes of the Budget Review Committee meeting of December 19, 2000, be received.

Carried.

10.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Chair Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Communication CFS 1-2001, Regional Municipality of Waterloo (December 19, 2000) News Release "Region earns ultimate rating of Aaa from Moody's", be received.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Partington
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Communication CFS 3-2001, James Flaherty, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Native Affairs (December 27, 2000) regarding the Provincial Offences Act transfer initiative, be received.

Carried.

11.

ACCOUNTS

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That the following accounts payable expense summary for the period ending November 30, 2000 in the following amounts be approved.

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| Administration & Corporate Services | \$1,719,337.03 |
| Community Services | 3,798,344.16 |
| Planning & Development | 8,456.35 |
| Public Health | 1,035,819.73 |
| Public Works | 3,064,613.03 |
| Police Service | 881,695.00 |
| Outside Boards & Agencies | 271.00 |
| Non-departmental | <u>14,022,584.62</u> |
| Total Departmental Expense | \$24,531,120.92 |

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, January 24, 2001, in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Chair

Gail Reilly
Committee Secretary

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk