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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 9-2001

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

- Committee: Councillors Badawey, Chair; Davidson, Eke, Forster, Harry, Hildreth, Konkle, Mc Mullan, Redekop, Rigby, Thomson, Trombetta.
- Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Neville, Director of Public Works; Payne, Assistant Director, Solid Waste Management Division; Sidawi, Assistant Director, Operational Support Services Division; Brcic, Assistant Director, Water & Wastewater Division; Ms. Pilon, Committee Secretary.
- Staff (Part-time): Messrs. Hughes, Manager, Transportation Engineering; Johnson, Manager, Traffic System; Ms. Ralph, Manager, Policy and Planning.

ADMINISTRATION

214. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Mc Mullan

That Report PWA 83-2001, April 24, 2001, respecting Economic Assessment of Interim Waste Disposal Alternatives, be lifted from PWA Summary - April 24, 2001 and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

215. Economic Assessment of Interim
Waste Disposal Alternatives
PWA 83-2001

Mr. Merriman of MacViro Consultants Inc., provided the Committee with an overview of the Final Report on Economic Assessment of Interim Waste Disposal Alternatives for the Regional Municipality of Niagara. The Committee was advised of the Niagara Region's disposal capacity options; the location of non-Regional facilities; MacViro's findings regarding export disposal; the current approved Regional capacity; disposal alternatives to be considered; the methodology MacViro used in their analysis; the estimated 2002 UDR; an explanation of the 2002 UDR's; the implications of the alternatives; MacViro's conclusion and recommendations.

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWA 83-2001, April 24, 2001, respecting the Economic Assessment of Interim Waste Disposal Alternatives, be deferred for one month to provide the Committee members with sufficient time to review the information they have been provided with.

Carried.

(Refer to Minute Item 237, for an additional motion – PWA 83-2001)

Staff Recommendations
For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in PWA Summary and Addendum, April 24, 2001:

216. Municipal Traffic By-laws
PWA 77-2001

That the following local traffic by-laws be approved:

No. 2274(2001)	Town of Pelham	All Way Stop Sign Control
No. 2273(2001)	Town of Pelham	Speed Limit Reductions
No. 2001-105	City of St. Catharines	Stop Sign Locations

(Transportation)

217. Proposed 2001 Traffic Signal Installation
and Rehabilitation Programs

PWA 78-2001

That staff be authorized to proceed with the proposed 2001 New Traffic Signal Installation and Rehabilitation Programs, as outlined in report PWA 78-2001. (Transportation)

218. Tender Award for Contract RN. 01-07
Thorold Patrol Yard Building Reparatons

PWA 79-2001

That Contract RN. 01-07 for the new siding and roof replacement at the Thorold Patrol Yard be awarded to the low tenderer John Kenyon Ltd. at its bid price of \$84,600.00, excluding G.S.T.;

That a contingency allowance, in the amount of \$10,000.00, be provided for this contract;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-laws authorizing the Regional Chair and Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, are presented to Regional Council on May 3, 2001;

That project costs be charged against the Capital Works Project GD0111. (Operational Support Services)

219. Proposed Stopping Up and Closing
Untravelled Road Allowance
Between Lots 14 and 15, Concession 5
Town of Lincoln

PWA 80-2001

That the Town of Lincoln be advised that the Region of Niagara has no objections to the stopping up and closing of part of the road allowance between Lots 14 and 15, Concession 5 (Township of Clinton). (Operational Support Services)

220. Proposed Stopping Up and Closing
Untravelled Road Allowance
Between Lots 22 and 23, Concession 5
Town of Lincoln

PWA 81-2001

That the Town of Lincoln be advised that the Region of Niagara has no objections to the stopping up and closing of part of the road allowance between Lots 22 and 23, Concession 5 (Township of Louth). (Operational Support Services)

221. Approval for Consultant Engineering Services
Niagara Falls Water Pollution Control Plant
Phase II Upgrade
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 82-2001

That the consultant agreement with Hydromantis Inc., the engineering consultant for the project, be extended to include services beyond the original scope of work, in the amount of \$92,509.82, plus G.S.T.;

That the costs associated with the work be charged against Project I.D. SW9523. (Water & Wastewater)

222. Tender Award Contract RN. 01-14
Addition of Left Turn Lanes on
Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road)
At Anderson Lane
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
PWA 84-2001

That subject to confirmation of cost sharing by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Contract RN. 01-14, Addition of Left Turn Lanes on Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) at Anderson Lane in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be awarded to the low tenderer, Norjohn Contracting Limited, at its bid price in the amount of \$293,040.00 plus GST;

That a contingency in the amount of \$35,000.00 be provided for this contract;

That the engineering agreement with the firm of Upper Canada Consultants be extended to include contract administration and inspection, with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursement basis, estimated at \$24,100.00, 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 May 3, 2001.

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Project ID No. ZRC0127 (NL – Rehabilitation on Regional Road 55 Niagara Stone Road from Niven Road to Anne Street).

223. 2001 Roads Rehabilitation Program and
Authority to Proceed with Tender Call for the
2001 Hot Mix Resurfacing – Part 1 and
Cold Mix Resurfacing Programs
PWA 85-2001

That staff be authorized to proceed forthwith with tender calls for the strengthening and resurfacing contracts covering the streets listed in Appendix "1".

That the project costs be charged to Capital Works Project ZRC0101, Road Rehabilitation Program.

224. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Konkle

That PWA Summary and Addendum, April 24, 2001, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 77-2001 to PWA 82-2001 inclusive, PWA 84-2001 and PWA 85-2001, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

225. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, April 24, 2001, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 39-2001 – **TENDER OPENING** – Contract RN. 01-11, Reconstruction of Regional Road 38 (Martindale Road) from Vansickle road to Elderwood Drive, City of St. Catharines, which opens at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2001.

-- Received.

PWC 40-2001 – **TENDER OPENING** – Contract RN. 01-15, Rehabilitation of Wilhelm Road Railway Bridge, Regional Road 98 (Wilhelm Road), City of Port Colborne, which opens at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2001.

-- Received.

PWC 41-2001 – **TENDER OPENING** – Contract RN. 01-21, Sale of Surplus Property, Vacant Land Fronting on the West Side of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) in the City of Niagara Falls, which opens at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2001.

-- Received.

226. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That the PWC Summary, April 24, 2001, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

227. *Backgrounder: Focus On: Transportation, Vol.1, Issue 6*
Backgrounder: Focus On: Garbage (Solid Waste Management), Vol. 1, Issue 7

The Committee was provided with the Backgrounders: Focus On: Transportation, Vol. 1, Issue 6 and Garbage (Solid Waste Management), Vol. 1, Issue 7, for information purposes.

PROGRESS REPORTS

228. Construction Progress Report
Solid Waste Management Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 40-2001, April 24, 2001, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Solid Waste Management Division Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

229. Construction Progress Report
Water and Wastewater Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 41-2001, April 24, 2001, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water and Wastewater Division Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

230. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 42-2001, April 24, 2001, respecting Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

231. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 43-2001, April 24, 2001, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

232. Automation Audit – Water Treatment Plants
Summary of Findings and Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 44-2001, April 24, 2001, respecting the Automation Audit – Water Treatment Plants, Summary of Findings and Recommendations, be received for information.

Carried.

233. Engineers' Report for Water Works

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 45-2001, April 24, 2001, respecting the Engineers' Report for Water Works, be received for information.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

234. Road Improvements on
Regional Road 40 (South Service Road)
at Casablanca Boulevard
Town of Grimsby

The Director of Public Works introduced the above matter for public hearing and advised the Committee that the notice of the proposed by-law was published in the Grimsby News on three occasions, namely April 4, 11 and 18, 2001; in the Grimsby Independent on four occasions, namely March 21, April 4, 14, and 18, 2001; and in the St. Catharines Standard on four occasions, namely March 31, April 4, 14, and 18, 2001.

Mr. Hughes, Manager, Transportation Engineering, provided the Committee with an overview of the proposed road improvements on Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) at Regional Road 10 (Casablanca Boulevard) in the Town of Grimsby.

The Chair asked whether any person present would like to be heard with respect to the road improvements (there were no responses).

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That for the road improvements outlined in the Public Notice of March 26, 2001 and the Director of Public Works Report PWA 29-2001, February 6, 2001, this Committee authorizes the road improvements on Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) at Regional Road 10 (Casablanca Boulevard) in the Town of Grimsby, and further, recommends that the construction by-law be submitted to Regional Council for that purpose.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

235. Seventh Avenue Louth
and Third Avenue
City of St. Catharines

Councillor Rigby asked that staff ensure that the concerns expressed by Mr. Maurice Edwards at the April 10, 2001 meeting of this Committee are taken into consideration when preparing the subsequent report on the Sodium Chloride (Salt) Usage for Winter Maintenance Purposes.

236. Regional Council's Deferral of
This Committee's Decision on the
Magnotta Brothers Property
Regional Road 77 (Fourth Avenue) at
Vansickle Road
City of St. Catharines

The Region of Niagara's solicitor will be asked to attend and address Regional Council on the above matter in closed session at the May 3, 2001, Regional Council meeting.

237. Economic Assessment of Interim
Waste Disposal Alternatives
PWA 83-2001
(Refer to Minute Item 215)

Moved by Councillor Mc Mullan
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That staff report back to Committee with an analysis that contains private sector alternatives as well as the alternatives already stated in the report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on May 8, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey
Chair

Janet Pilon
Committee Secretary

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk