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**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

**JOINT  
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AND  
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT CFS 2-2002/PW 2-2002**

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Minutes of a meeting of the joint Corporate and Financial Services Committee and Public Works and Utilities Committee, held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, January 16, 2002, commencing at 11:30 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Mr. Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Mr. Brcic, Director of Water & Wastewater Division; Mr. Murphy, Manager of Policy & Development; Mr. Payne, Director of Waste Management Services; Ms. Ralph, Manager of Waste Policy and Planning; Mr. Roach, Manager of Public Works Financial Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

**WATER AND WASTEWATER DIVISION**

1. **2002 Water and Wastewater Uniform Wholesale Rates**

Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Mr. Brcic, Director of Wastewater and Water Division, provided an overview of the financial plan and recommended uniform wholesale rates charged to the Area Municipalities for the Water and Wastewater Systems for the year 2002. The Wastewater Capital Program increased 28% to \$24.4 million from \$19.1 million in 2001. The Water Capital Program increased 33% to

\$23.2 million from \$17.4 million from 2001. These programs are subject to new Master Plan's recommendations.

Mr. Diakow provided a brief update on the Wide Area Network (WAN) initiative and advised that a report will be coming forward in a couple of weeks outlining more preliminary results of the plan that is being developed.

Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Rigby declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to WAN as he is on the Board of the St. Catharines's Hydro Commission and therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on this matter.

Councillor Badawey declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to WAN as he is on the Board of the Port Colborne Hydro Commission and therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on this matter.

Committee requested a detailed list of the water and wastewater projects and explanation on why they are needed and the impact of delaying any of these projects.

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That these Committees recommend to Regional Council that the following be approved:

A) Wastewater System

1. The Wastewater Works expenditure totaling \$45,483,000 be approved for 2002.
2. The Wastewater Works capital expenditure totaling \$24,350,000 be approved for 2002.
3. The uniform rate charged to area municipalities for wastewater treatment for 2002 be established at \$0.503 per cubic meter, representing a 3% change, for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.
4. Regional Development Charges and debt financing as appropriate be used towards financing growth-related capital costs as identified for the wastewater system.

5. Substitution of unfunded debt with contributions from reserve fund totalling \$700,000 be approved as part of the Financial Plan for the Wastewater Capital Program.
- B) Water System
6. Waterworks expenditures totalling \$26,260,000 be approved for 2002.
  7. The Water Works capital expenditure totalling \$23,170,000 be approved for 2002.
  8. The uniform rate charged to the area municipalities for the production of water be established at \$0.340 per cubic meter, representing an increase of 7%, for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.
  9. Debt financing totalling \$8.0 million and Regional Development Charges be used towards financing growth-related capital costs as identified for the waterworks system.
  10. Substitution of unfunded debt with contributions from reserve fund totalling \$1.0 million be approved as part of the Financial Plan for the Water Capital Program.
  11. In accordance with the financing strategies adopted by Council for the wastewater and water systems, a \$2.5 million loan from the wastewater reserve be approved as part of the Financial Plan recommended for the water system for 2002. That such loan be repaid with interest at a rate equivalent to the Region's average transactional rate as determined by the Regional Treasurer.
- C) The Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws be prepared for presentation to Regional Council.
- D) This report be circulated to the Area Municipal Treasurers and Clerks for information.

Carried.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

2. 2002 Waste Management Division  
Operating and Capital Budgets

Mr. Payne, Director of Waste Management Division and Ms. Ralph, Manager of Waste Policy and Planning provided a brief overview of the 2002 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Chair Zimmerman

That these Committees recommend to Regional Council that the following be approved:

- A) The Waste Management Division Operating expenditures totaling \$30,094,150 be approved for 2002.
- B) That financing be approved for the 2002 Waste Management Capital Program for \$12,840,000 gross and \$ 12,220,000 net amounts.
- C) That apportionment of Waste Management Operating Costs to the Area Municipalities for 2002 be undertaken in the same fashion as recommended and approved for both the year 2000 and 2001 budgets, as follows:
  - a) Apportionment of Waste Disposal Costs based on 2000 actual tonnages and the recommended UDR of \$72.83 for 2002.
  - b) Apportionment of Waste Collection costs based on actual contractual costs and proportionate share of waste collection expenses.
  - c) Apportionment of Recycling Collection, Processing, Waste Reduction and HHW costs based on 2000 area municipal share of assessment (including Pii).
  - d) Apportionment of Administration and Planning costs based on 2000 area municipal share of assessment (including Pii).

- D) That for the purpose of charging the user for waste management services that the Region continue to provide two (2) Options to the Area Municipalities. Municipalities may determine their own charge approach, either a uniform charge or a separate waste management rate, as follows:
- a) Option 1 – Requisitions to the Area Municipalities, whereby the total cost of services delivered by the Region is calculated and charged or requisitioned from each municipality.
  - b) Option 2 – Based on the Requisitions to the Area Municipalities, the Region will calculate a Waste Management rate for each property class that can be applied by the Area Municipalities. The Waste Management rate calculation per property class would be undertaken simultaneously with the calculation of the General Regional Levy.

That staff examine the methodology wherein the diversion costs are shared on the basis of assessment; and

That a methodology, which provides an incentive to those with successful diversion programs, be explored.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTION**

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Provide a detailed list of water and wastewater projects, why they are needed and the impact of delaying projects.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Doug Martin  
Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Vance Badawey  
Chair

Thomas R. Hollick  
Regional Clerk