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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 5-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer; Mr. Hollick, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff
(Part-time): Mr. Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Mr. Cunnane, Director of Public Safety; Mr. Roberts, Project Mgr., Public Safety.

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

49. Monthly Web Site Activity Report – February 2003

Moved by Councillor Muir
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CLK 10-2003, March 12, 2003, respecting Monthly Web Site Activity Report – February 2003, be received for information.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

50. Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the 2003 Niagara Regional Housing Capital Program, Project ZRH0301

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Badawey declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Report CSD 31-2003 regarding the 2003 Niagara Regional Housing Capital Program, as a family member is Chair of the Board, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 31-2003, March 12, 2003, respecting Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the 2003 Niagara Regional Housing Capital Program for \$2,050,000 gross and \$1,006,345 net, be received.

That the financing for the project include debentures financing (1-10 years) of \$770,890 and \$235,455 from Community Services LSR Reserve.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

51. Request for Capital Budget Allocation and Financing
Approval for Project ZSS0301
Vehicle and Equipment Replacement

Moved by Councillor Muir
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report CSD 32-2003, March 11, 2003, (PWA 37-2003, March 12, 2003) respecting the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program 2003 – Phase 1, be received.

That the budget allocation in the gross and net amount of \$1,877,940 from the 2003 Capital Budget be approved for Project ZSS0301, Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program;

That the financing for the project include capital levy financing of \$223,300 and Fleet Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund financing of \$1,654,640;

That the Public Works Department be authorized to advertise forthwith for equipment recommended for replacement on Schedule "A" attached to this report.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

52. Request from Hotel Dieu for "Recovery Plan" Funding

Moved by Chair Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Report CSD 33-2003, March 12, 2003 (PHD 21-2003, March 10, 2003) respecting Request from Hotel Dieu for "Recovery Plan" Funding, be received.

That the Hotel Dieu's request for additional funding in the amount of \$169,783 for purposes of Hotel Dieu's Recovery Plan be approved, and that the funding be charged to the 2002 operations for ambulance services.

Carried.

MINUTES

53. Report 1-2003

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Badawey declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to all matters contained in the Audit Committee minutes related to Niagara Regional Housing, as a family member is Chair of the Board, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report 1-2003, being the minutes of the Audit Committee of February 26th, 2003, be approved.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

54. Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Muir

That Accounts Payable Expense summary for the Period ending January 31, 2003, in the following amounts be approved:

Administration & Corporate Services	\$ 908,120.14
Community Services	3,462,223.14
Planning & Development	19,642.01
Public Health	1,549,460.80
Public Works	5,661,340.36
Police Service	1,172,172.10
Outside Board's & Agencies	0.00
Non Departmental	<u>29,752,210.39</u>

Total	42,525,168.94
G.S.T. Rebate	<u>1,198,247.99</u>
Total Expense Payable	43,723,416.93
Holdback Amount	<u>12,683,617.12</u>
Total Expenses Paid	<u>\$31,039,799.81</u>

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

55. Ad Hoc Committee of Council on
Property Assessment and Taxation Reform

Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services, advised that a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. The Commissioner advised that staff would be bringing forward optional tax ratio plans, together with staff's recommendation, for review and consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to meet on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk