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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 8-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, April 23, 2003, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Chair; Beamer; Bentley; Burroughs; Davidson; Hildreth; Saracino; Timms.

Staff: Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Cooperate Services; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff
(Part-time): Mr. Banting, Director, Legal Services; Mr. Cambray, Commissioner, Planning Services; Mr. Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Ms. Chamberlain, Fixed Assets Analyst.

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

93. Monthly Web Site Activity Report – March 2003

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report CLK 13-2003, April 23, 2003, respecting Monthly Web Site Activity Report- March 2003, be received for information.

Carried.

94. Bonding of Employees

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Report CSD 56-2003, April 23, 2003, respecting Bonding of Employees, be received and approved.

That this report constitute the proof of Bonding of Employees required pursuant to section 287 of the Municipal Act.

Carried.

95. Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations
First Quarter 2003

Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 57-2003, April 23, 2003, respecting Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations First Quarter 2003, be received for information.

Carried.

96. Closure of Levy Support Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report CSD 58-2003, April 23, 2003, respecting Closure of Levy Supported Capital Projects, be received.

That total net transfers from the Capital Levy Reserve (0035-0960) of \$26,064.78, as shown in Appendix 1, be approved to accommodate the closure of Community Services Capital projects.

That total net transfers from the Capital Levy Reserve (00350960) of \$7,609.62, as shown in Appendix 2, be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing and close-outs of Roads capital projects.

That total net transfers to the Police Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund (0030-0946) of \$263,610.00 and total net transfers to the Policy Capital Levy Reserve (0035-0958) of \$174,823.88, as shown in Appendix 3, be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing, budget reductions and close-outs for Police Capital Projects.

That project closeouts be completed as indicated.

That the Regional Clerk be instructed to prepare the appropriate by-law(s) for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CFS 59.)

97. Proposed 2003 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation
And Installation Programs

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report CSD 59-2003, April 23, 2003 (PWA 66-2003, April 22, 2003), respecting Proposed 2003 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation and Installation Programs, be received.

That staff be authorized to proceed with the proposed 2003 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program and New Traffic Sign Installation Programs as outlined in this report.

Further, that Council reaffirm the approval previously granted to staff (PWA 154-98, May 1998) to continue with the standardization of traffic cabinets, controllers and signal heads by negotiating directly with Econolite for the supply of those materials.

Carried.

98. Tender Award for Contract RN. 03-19
Rehabilitation of Dominion Road Bridge
Town of Fort Erie

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report CSD 65-2003, April 23, 2003 (PWA 73-2003, April 22, 2003), respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN. 03-19, Rehabilitation of Dominion Road Bridge in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That financing (capital levy) in the amount of \$120,000.00 be transferred from Project ZRC0012, Structure Rehabilitation Program to Project ZRC0135;

That Contract RN 03-19, Rehabilitation of Dominion Road Bridge (Structure No. 001205), Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) 1.30 km west of Stonemill Road, in the Town of Fort Erie, be awarded to the low tenderer, Diamond Stonebridge Contracting Limited (Diamond Stonebridge), at the bid price of \$167,716.27;

That a contingency amount of \$20,000.00 be provided for this contract;

That the engineering agreement with the firm of V&S Engineering Group Limited (V&S) be extended to include contract administration and inspection

services, with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursements basis, estimated at \$32,700.00, 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 1, 2003, and;

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Project ID No. ZRC0135, (Deck Replacement, Structure No. 001205 on Dominion Road, west of Stonemill Road).

Carried.

99. Initiation of ZPO0301, IT Equipment Replacement

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 61-2003, April 23, 2003, respecting Initiation of ZPO0301, IT Equipment Replacement be approved and initiated with a gross and net cost of \$460,000.

That financing for the project include Police Capital Levy Reserve of \$78,885 and debenture (1-3 years) of \$381,115.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction CFS 59.)

100. 911 Emergency Telephone Services and AT&T Canada Corporation Agreement

Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 62-2003, April 23, 2003, respecting 911 Emergency Telephone Services and AT&T Canada Corporation Agreement, be received.

That Regional Council authorize the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to sign an agreement with AT&T Canada Corporation for the provision of E911 Emergency Calling Service in the Province of Ontario within the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Carried.

101. 2003 Provincial Budget Overview

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 63-2003, April 23, 2003, respecting 2003 Provincial Budget Overview, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CFS 59.)

102. Regional Agricultural Task Force:
Consulting Assistance

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Report CSD 64-2003, April 23, 2003 (DPD 61-2003), respecting Regional Agricultural Task Force: Consulting Assistance, be received.

That a total of \$16,000 be used from the Regional Contingency Reserve for consulting assistance for the Agricultural Task Force.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

103. Joint Committee on Municipal Services

Councillors were advised that the meeting of the Joint Committee on Municipal Services scheduled for Thursday, April 24th has been cancelled.

104. Audit Committee

Councillors were advised that a meeting of the Audit Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. (prior to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting).

105. N.R.B.N. Agreement

Mr. Bacchus advised that a report on the progress being made regarding N.R.B.N. Agreement would be coming direct to the next Council meeting on May 1, 2003, as staff is still working on pertinent clauses for the agreement.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Provide additional information in the close out report section of the Capital Management Policy (upon its review) to:
 - Establish guidelines to determine a reasonable threshold of percentage overages for which explanations are required in the report.
 - feasibility of setting a target of "0" for net transfer from Reserve Fund (Refer to minute item #96.)
- (ii) That the adjustments related to projects with "active" status be removed from "Closure of Levy Supported Capital Projects" report. (Refer to minute item #96.)
- (iii) That information in Report CSD 58-2003, Closure of Levy Supported Capital Projects regarding Community Services closeouts be provided to the next Community and Health Services Committee meeting on April 28, 2003 with explanations for significant variances. (Refer to minute item #96.)
- (iv) A followup report regarding the disposal of IT Equipment Replacement. (Refer to minute item #99.)
- (v) Prepare a report on the application of the proposed Education Property Tax Relief Program as it applies to Seniors in particular whether the refund will be based on income. (Refer to minute item #101.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m. to meet on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk