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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT 17-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, October 8, 2003, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff
(Part-time): Mr. Cambray, Commissioner of Planning Services.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

240. Debrief Regarding Recent Power Outage

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report CSD 138-2003, October 8, 2003, respecting Debrief Regarding Recent Power Outage, be received for information.

Carried.

241. Smart Growth Implementation
Urban Design Principles and Model Guidelines

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report CSD 139-2003/DPD 121-2003, October 8, 2003, respecting Smart Growth Implementation – Urban Design Principles and Model Guidelines, be received.

That a qualified consultant be recruited to develop Regional Niagara Urban Design Principles and Model Guidelines in accordance with the attached terms of reference and within the approved project budget.

That a minimum of three qualified firms be interviewed by members of the technical committee for consideration as project consultants.

That local planning staff be invited to participate as members of a technical committee to provide input to the consultant.

That the budget allocation in the amount of \$100,000 from the 2003 Capital Budget be approved for Project ZPL0301, Growth Related Studies.

That this report be forwarded to the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee for information and request for comment as the project proceeds.

That staff be authorized to enter into a contract for services with the qualified consultant, and report same to the Planning Services Committee.

That on completion of the project the proposed Regional Niagara Urban Design Principles and Model Guidelines be brought to Council for consideration for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report CSD 139-2003/DPD 121-2003, October 8, 2003, respecting Smart Growth Implementation – Urban Design Principles and Model Guidelines, be received and approved as **amended**.

That a qualified consultant be recruited to develop Regional Niagara Urban Design Principles and Model Guidelines in accordance with the attached terms of reference and within the approved project budget.

That a minimum of three qualified firms be interviewed by members of the technical committee for consideration as project consultants.

That local planning staff be invited to participate as members of a technical committee to provide input to the consultant.

That the budget allocation in the amount of \$100,000 from the 2003 Capital Budget be approved for Project ZPL0301, Growth Related Studies.

That this report be forwarded to the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee for information and request for comment as the project proceeds.

That staff not enter into a contract for services with the qualified consultant, until a further report is presented to the Corporate and Financial Services and Planning Services Committees on the outcomes of the consultation process respecting Policy Plan Amendment Number 183 and further information provided on the recruitment of the qualified consultant.

That on completion of the project the proposed Regional Niagara Urban Design Principles and Model Guidelines be brought to Council for consideration for adoption.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That the Terms of Reference for the Regional Niagara Smart Growth Urban Design Principles and Model Guidelines be amended as follows:

“Under No. 3 Policy and Program Context:”

First paragraph be **amended** to read as follows:

“The Region is now considering Amendment Number 183 to the Regional Policy Plan, “Places for People: Investing in Urban Communities”, which is intended to introduce Smart Growth supportive policies into the Regional Policy Plan. **The guidelines must include possible options being considered in Amendment Number 183.** Adoption of design principles at the Regional level, and design guidelines at the local level, is intended to be a fundamental “next step” in effective implementation of these policies.”

And

Second paragraph be **amended** to read as follows:

“The Region has also adopted two components of a Regional Smart Growth Incentive Program, and is actively considering three additional incentive packages, to assist in creating a favourable investment climate for developers who wish to work with **local municipalities** and the Region in achieving Smart Growth objectives. Eligibility for some incentives is directly linked to consistency with design principles.

Carried.

Upon a vote being called, the original motion, **as amended**, was carried.

MINUTES

242. Report 6-2003

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report 6-2003, being the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of Wednesday, September 24, 2003, be approved.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Timms declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters related to Regional Development Charges as his family owns a development company and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting, on these matters.

243. Report 5-2003

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report 5-2003, being the minutes of the Regional Development Charges Task Force meeting of Tuesday, September 23, 2003, be approved.

Carried.

Councillor Saracino wished to be recorded as opposed to the foregoing motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

244. Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Chair Zimmerman

That the following communication be received and filed.

CFS 60-2003 Deb Morton, Executive Director, RMON Police Services Board (September 12, 2003) requesting an extension to the Region's budgetary reporting timelines.

Carried.

245. Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the following communications be received.

- CFS 61-2003 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Members' Advisory (September 24, 2003) respecting Call for Resolutions for Consideration by the FCM National Board of Directors.
- CFS 62-2003 P.K. Misra, Director, Waste Management Policy Branch, (September 12, 2003) respecting the timing in which municipalities will receive funding through the Blue Box Program Plan.
- CFS 63-2003 Deb Morton, Executive Director, RMON Police Services Board (September 30, 2003) respecting NRPS Capital Project Initiations – Computer Room Air Conditioning & Police Facility Feasibility Study.
- CFS 64-2003 Deb Morton, Executive Director, RMON Police Services Board (September 30, 2003) respecting NRPS 2004 Budget Preparation Guidelines & Timetables.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

246. Moved by Chair Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the period ending August 31, 2003 in the following amounts be approved:

Administration & Corporate Services	\$ 5,345,403.55
Community Services	2,900,503.00
Planning & Development	11,540.09
Public Health	1,755,973.83
Public Works	3,877,615.34
Police Service	1,155,643.69
Outside Board's & Agencies	0.00
Non Departmental	<u>29,792,932.81</u>
Total	44,839,612.31
G.S.T. Rebate	<u>1,016,670.78</u>
Total Expense Payable	45,856,283.09
Holdback Amount	<u>15,066,905.05</u>
Total Expenses Paid	\$ <u>30,789,378.04</u>

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

247. Budget Review Committee

A discussion ensued regarding the Budget Review Committee process and Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services, advised that a report will be coming forward to Committee and Council on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 11:20 a.m. to meet on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk