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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 2-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 commencing at 1:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Badawey, Chair; Regional Chair Zimmerman; Burroughs, Eke, Forster, Harry, Rigby, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services Division; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services Division; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services Division; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part-time): Messrs. Bousfield, Manager, Property & Facility Management; Bergen, Transportation Planning Technologist; Rosati, Traffic Operation Technologies; Taylor, Graphics Designer; Theriault, Fleet Technologist; Dopke, Approvals Technician; Ms. Habermebl, Manager, Waste Collection and Diversion Operations; Ms. Staines, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Waste Management.

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

27. National Public Works Week
Regional Municipality of Niagara – “Runner Up”

Mr. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works, advised the Committee that the Regional Municipality of Niagara at the APWA (Ontario Chapter) Awards Luncheon held in Toronto two weeks ago, was awarded Second Place for “Best Program” during the 2002 National Public Works Week, which is held annually across North America during the third week of May.

Mr. Neville congratulated the National Public Works Week Organizing Committee members; Ms. Habermebl, Committee Chair, Ms. Staines; Ms. Gibbons; Ms. Leadley; Messrs. McInnis; Bergen; MacLeod; Rosati; Theriault; Dopke; Ceci; Bis; Watson; Taylor on their outstanding accomplishment.

The Committee responded warmly to the congratulations extended by Committee Chair Badawey and Regional Chair Zimmerman.

ADMINISTRATION

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, January 28, 2003:

28. The Mid-Peninsula Transportation Corridor
Environmental Assessment
Terms of Reference

PWA 11-2003 (DPD 13-2003)

That Report PWA 11-2003 (DPD 13-2003), January 28, 2003, respecting The Mid-Peninsula Transportation Corridor, Environmental Assessment, Terms of Reference, be received for information.

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara indicate to the Ministry of Transportation that it supports the Environmental Assessment procedures outlined in this report. (Transportation/Planning)

(Please note that PWA 11-2003/DPD 13-2003 is attached to the Planning Services Committee minutes.)

29. Proposed Building Addition
Mr. Frank Martino
Regional Watermain Easement
City of St. Catharines

PWA 12-2003

That Report PWA 12-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Proposed Building Addition, Mr. Frank Martino, Regional Watermain Easement in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That the Region enter into an agreement with Mr. Frank Martino to permit the encroachment of a proposed building addition into a Regional watermain easement. (Operational Support Services)

30. 2003 Environmental Monitoring Program
Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site
Retention of Consulting Services

PWA 13-2003

That Report PWA 13-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the 2003 Environmental Monitoring Program at the Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site, Retention of Consulting Services, be received.

That Gartner Lee Limited be retained to carry out the 2003 Environmental Monitoring Program at the Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site at an estimated cost of \$174,500 excluding GST, with an option of a one-year extension. The 2003 Environmental Monitoring Program includes an amount of \$137,500 in 2003 and \$37,000 in 2004, excluding the GST.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council on February 6, 2003 authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That the 2003 project costs be charged against the following 2003 Operating Budget Cost Centre and Account Number - 5947-2014. (Waste Management Services)

31. Retention of Consulting Services
Contract RN. 02-55
Environmental Monitoring Programs at the
Bridge Street, Elm Street, Humberstone,
Station Road, Perry Road, and Winger Road
Landfill Sites

PWA 14-2003

That Report PWA 14-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services, Contract Number RN. 02-55 – Environmental Monitoring Programs at the Bridge Street, Elm Street, Humberstone, Station Road, Perry Road and Winger Road Landfill Sites, be received.

That Conestoga-Rovers & Associates be retained to carry out the necessary monitoring services at the Bridge Street, Elm Street, Humberstone, Station Road Perry Road and Winger Road Landfill Sites for a three (3) year term from 2003 to 2005 (including the completion of the Annual Report in 2006) at an estimated cost of \$410,684.50 plus GST.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council on February 6, 2003 authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That the 2003 project costs be charged against the following 2003 Operating Budget Cost Centres and Account Numbers - 5946-2014, 5949-2014, 5950-2014, 5955-2014, and 5957-2014. (Waste Management Services)

32. Retention of Consulting Services
Contract RN. 02-60
Environmental Monitoring Programs
at the Niagara Road 12, Line 5, Quarry Road,
Park Road, Centre Street, Caistor Road,
and Mountain Road Landfill Sites

PWA 15-2003

That Report PWA 15-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services, Contract RN. 02-60, Environmental Monitoring Program at the Niagara Road 12, Line 5, Quarry Road, Park Road, Centre Street, Caistor Road and Mountain Road Landfill Sites, be received.

That Jagger Hims Limited be retained to carry out the necessary monitoring services at the Niagara Road 12, Line 5, Quarry Road, Park Road, Centre Street, Caistor Road Landfill Sites for a three (3) year term from 2003 to 2005 and at the Mountain Road Landfill Site for a two (2) year term from 2004 to 2005, including the completion of the Annual Report in subsequent years, at an estimated cost of \$531,766.45 plus GST.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council on February 6, 2003 authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That the 2003 project costs be charged against the following 2003 Operating Budget Cost Centres and Account Numbers - 5951-2014, 5952-2014, 5953-2014, 5954-2014, 5956-2014 and 5958-2014. (Waste Management Services)

33. Humberstone Public Liaison Committee (PLC)
Replacement of Council Representative

PWA 16-2003

That Report PWA 16-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Humberstone Public Liaison Committee (PLC), Replacement of Council Representative, be received.

That Council approve the replacement of Councillor Dan Beaudoin with Councillor Sandy O'Dell as one of two Welland Council representatives on the Humberstone Public Liaison Committee. (Waste Management Services)

34. Speed Limit Reduction
Regional Road 81 (York Road)
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

PWA 17-2003

That Report PWA 17-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Speed Limit Reduction, Regional Road 81 (York Road) in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received.

That the existing speed limit on Regional Road 81 (York Road) from Town Line to Concession 7 Road be reduced from 80 km/h to 60 km/h; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on February 6, 2003. (Transportation Services)

35. Road Closure Action Plan
Policy Guidelines and Recommendations
PWA 18-2003

That Report PWA 18-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Road Closure Action Plan – Policy Guidelines and Recommendations, be received.

That the “Road Closure Action Plan – Revised Draft Policy Guidelines and Recommendations (October 2002)” be endorsed by Regional Council as the framework for managing major road closure incidents in the Region of Niagara;

That the Niagara Regional Police Services, the Ontario Provincial Police, Area Municipal Councils of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and Fort Erie, the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission and the Buffalo-Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority be requested to support the implementation of the Road Closure Action Plan. (Transportation Services)

36. Proposed Property Disposal
Dorchester Manor Long Term Care Facility
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 19-2003

That Report PWA 19-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Proposed Property Disposal, Dorchester Manor Long Term Care Facility in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the approximately 3.5 acre parcel of surplus property, known as Dorchester Manor, be declared surplus to Regional requirements and that staff be authorized to arrange for its disposal in accordance with Regional policy. (Operational Support Services)

37. Niagara Recycling Processing Contract
PWA 20-2003

That Report PWA 20-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Niagara Recycling Processing Contract, be received.

That the Waste Management Services staff be authorized to enter into formal negotiations with the Region’s current partner, Niagara Recycling, to extend the

existing agreement for the processing of recyclable materials for the period of April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2006. (Waste Management Services)

38. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the PWA Summary, dated January 28, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 11-2003 (DPD 13-2003) to PWA 20-2003 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

39. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary and Addendum, dated January 28, 2003, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 2-2003 – (January 14, 2003) **Media Release – Waste Diversion Ontario**
“LCBO Assists Municipalities with Recycling Costs”.

-- Received and referred to Waste Management Services Division.

PWC 3-2003 – (January 20, 2003) – **Michael Bricks**, Senior Environmental Planner, URS Cole, Sherman & Associates, to Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services, being a notice of Public Information Centre #5 for the Mid-Peninsula Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference, to be held in Burlington, Welland and Rockton.

-- Received.

PWC 4-2003 – (January 21, 2003) – **Anne Cataford**, Ministry of Transportation, to Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services, attaching an Order In Council for the transfer of Highway 420 (Roberts Street) from Stanley Avenue to the Rainbow Bridge, effective December 6, 2002.

-- Received.

40. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That the PWC Summary and Addendum, dated January 28, 2003, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

41. Water and Sewage Billing Quantities
By Municipality – Report for 4th Quarter 2002

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 5-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Water and Sewage Billing Quantities By Municipality – Report for 4th Quarter 2002, be received for information.

Carried.

42. Construction Progress Report
Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 6-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

43. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 8-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

44. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 9-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

45. Construction Progress Report
Transportation Services

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 10-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Transportation Services, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

46. Minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, January 15, 2003

Mr. Neville advised the Committee that he will attend the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meetings and in the event that he cannot attend he will ensure that another member of his staff is in attendance.

Regional Chair Zimmerman advised the Committee members of the Design Charrettes being held on Saturday, February 8, 2003 at the Lion's Merriton Community Centre, 7 Park Avenue in the City of St. Catharines. Two Design Charrette sessions will be held, the first for the Queenston Neighbourhood from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the second for the Hartzel Road area from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 15, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

47. Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, January 14, 2003

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

48. Garbage on Fire Lanes
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Councillor Burroughs requested the assistance of Waste Management Services staff in resolving the problem of residents setting out their garbage too far in advance of their scheduled garbage pick up day on the Fire Lanes in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Mr. Payne, Director, Waste Management Services advised the Committee that he will contact Councillor Burroughs to discuss possible solutions.

CLOSED SESSION

49. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Regional Chair Zimmerman

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for the purpose of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to property matters.

Carried.

50. Property Acquisition
Widening of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue)
Marineland Parkway to Dixon Street
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 10-2003 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report PWA 10-2003, January 28, 2003, respecting the Property Acquisition, Widening of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) Marineland Parkway and Dixon Street in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

51. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 1:50 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on February 11, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk