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## **THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

### **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

#### **REPORT 3-2003**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, February 11, 2003 commencing at 1:40 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Badawey, Chair; Regional Chair Zimmerman; Burroughs, Eke, Harry, Konkle, McMullan, Redekop, Rigby, Thomson.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services Division; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services Division; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Ms. Habermehl, Manager of Collection and Diversion Operations; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

#### **PRESENTATION**

52. Widening of Henley Bridge Structures on QEW

Mr. Dan Remollino and Mr. Reno Radolli of the Ministry of Transportation provided the Committee with an overview of the schedule for the widening of Henley Bridge structures on the QEW from four to six lanes, which is currently in the Design phase.

The Committee was advised that the bridge would be widened to three through lanes, one ramp lane with an increased shoulder width, from the existing two through lanes and one ramp lane. The pilings however, will be widened to accommodate five lanes in both directions, as an investment for the future.

The existing heritage features of the bridge; the concrete arches, open spandrel columns, ornate corbelling, pilasters along the bridge barriers and the arched piers will be continued on the new structure. The illumination will be relocated to the centre from the outside and the centre monument will not be impacted. The corner monuments however, will be relocated to the outside of the new structure, with the exception of one being kept in storage until the Ministry of Transportation has acquired the property required.

The Committee discussed the Ministry of Transportation's future plans for the QEW and that the extension of the pilings for the Henley Bridge to accommodate five lanes in both directions does not comply with Regional Council's view on the further expansion/widening of the QEW.

The Committee was assured that the construction debris, dust and noise would be rigidly controlled.

The Committee was apprised of the Ministry of Transportation's plans to reduce the lanes on the QEW from two to one lane between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on weekdays only, which will require the closure of Niagara bound ramps the Highway 406 ramp and the Service Road ramp during the lane reductions. Detours have been established and will be signed accordingly.

The Committee requested that the Ministry of Transportation ensure that the debris that falls into 12 Mile Creek is removed/eliminated at the site location as well as further down the creek at the rowing facility through the placement of a catchment facility (a pontoon system).

Councillor Badaway, Committee Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked Mr. Remollino and Mr. Radolli of the Ministry of Transportation for the presentation.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary and Addendum, February 11, 2003:

53. Henley Bridge Widening Project  
City of St. Catharines

**PWA 21-2003**

That Report PWA 21-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Henley Bridge Widening Project in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) be advised that Council for the Regional Municipality of Niagara endorse the MTO's proposed improvements to the Henley Bridge Structure, subject to the following conditions:

- that the proposed detour route along Fourth Avenue/Ontario Street/QEW be utilized and signed **only** during evening closures, and
- that the alternate detour route along Highway 406/QEW/7<sup>th</sup> Street also be signed as per the approved Detour Route/Traffic Management Plan.

That the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the City of St. Catharines for their information. (Transportation Services)

54. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the  
2003 Waste Management Capital Program  
**PWA 22-2003 (CSD 14-2003)**

That Report PWA 22-3003 (CSD 14-2003), February 11, 2003, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the 2003 Waste Management Capital Program, be received.

That financing be approved for the 2003 Waste Management Capital Program for \$5,611,000 gross and net amounts and allocated to the individual programs as summarized in Schedule A.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on February 20, 2003. (Operational Support/Waste Management Services)

*(Please note that Report PWA 22-2003/CSD 14-2003 is attached to the Corporate & Financial Services Committee minutes.)*

55. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the  
2003 Water Capital Program  
**PWA 23-2003 (CSD 15-2003)**

That Report PWA 23-2003 (CSD 15-2003), February 11, 2003, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the 2003 Water Capital Program, be received.

That financing be approved for the 2003 Water Capital Program in the gross and net amount of \$10,400,000 and allocated to the individual programs as summarized in Schedule A.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on February 20, 2003. (Operational Support/Water & Wastewater Services)

*(Please note that Report PWA 23-2003/CSD 15-2003 is attached to the Corporate & Financial Services Committee minutes.)*

56. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the  
2003 Wastewater Capital Program  
**PWA 24-2003 (CSD 16-2003)**

That Report PWA 24-2003 (CSD 16-2003), February 11, 2003, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the 2003 Wastewater Capital Program, be received.

That financing be approved for the 2003 Wastewater Capital Program in the gross and net amount of \$19,145,000 and allocated to the individual programs as summarized in Schedule A.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on February 20, 2003. (Operational Support/Water & Wastewater Services)

*(Please note that Report PWA 24-2003/CSD 16-2003 is attached to the Corporate & Financial Services Committee minutes.)*

57. Overall Waste Audit Results  
Linhaven Home for the Aged  
Public Health Department  
St. Catharines Childcare Centre

**PWA 25-2003**

That Report PWA 25-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Overall Waste Audit Results, Linhaven Home for the Aged, Public Health Department and St. Catharines Childcare Centre, be received.

That a Corporate Waste Reduction Committee be established to oversee waste management issues at Regional facilities.

That the recommendations included in this report be implemented, subject to budget limitations, in 2003 or 2004.

That budgets be developed within each department starting in 2004 to provide funds for the implementation of recommendations in this report and those in report PWP 20-2001.

That all initiatives be further evaluated by the Corporate Waste Reduction Committee. (Waste Management Services)

58. Cancellation of the Electronics  
Recycling Collection Program

**PWA 26-2003**

That Report PWA 26-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Cancellation of Electronics Recycling Collection Program, be received.

That the Region cancel the electronics recycling collection program. (Waste Management Services)

59. Tender Award for Contract RN. 02-29  
Hixon Street Reservoir Expansion  
Town of Lincoln

**PWA 27-2003**

That Report PWA 27-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN.02-29, Hixon Street Reservoir Expansion in the Town of Lincoln, be received.

That Contract RN 02-29 Hixon Street Reservoir Expansion be awarded to North America Construction (1993) Ltd. at their bid price of \$1,234,567.89 plus GST.

That a contingency amount of \$75,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the engineering assignment with CH2M HILL Canada Limited be extended to provide for contract administration and site supervision services in the amount of \$93,190.00 plus G.S.T.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Project CW0118. (Water & Wastewater Services)

60. Installation of Four-Way Stop Control  
Regional Road 90 (Airport Road) at Queenston Road  
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
**PWA 28-2003**

That Report PWA 28-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Installation of Four-Way Stop Control, Regional Road 90 (Airport Road) at Queenston Road in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received.

That an all way STOP control be instituted at the above referenced intersection.

That approach speed limits on all four legs of the intersection be reduced to 60 km/hr.

That appropriate temporary signage notifying the public of the above changes be placed on all four legs of the intersection for a period of 30 days prior to the introduction of the four way STOP and speed reductions.

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on February 20, 2003.

That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. (Transportation Services)

61. Building Encroachments – 750 Elm Street  
Regional Road 3 (Main Street West)  
City of Port Colborne

**PWA 29-2003**

That Report PWA 29-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Building Encroachments – 750 Elm Street onto Regional Road 3 (Main Street West) in the City of Port Colborne, be received.

That the Region enter into an agreement with Ralph Rotella and Lynda Rotella to permit the encroachment of a building at 750 Elm Street onto Regional Road 3 (Main Street West) in the City of Port Colborne. (Operational Support Services)

62. Tender Award for Quotation Contract RN 02-62  
Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant Upgrades  
To Meet Ontario Regulation 459/00  
City of Port Colborne  
PWA 30-2003 (CSD 17-2003)

That Report PWA 30-2003 (CSD 17-2003), February 11, 2003, respecting the Tender Award for Quotation Contract RN 02-62, Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant Upgrades to Meet Ontario Regulation 459/00 in the City of Port Colborne, be received.

That subject to Committee and Council approval of reports PWA 23-2003 and CSD 15-2003 for the Capital Budget Allocation By-law for the 2003 Water Capital Program, that Quotation Contract RN 02-62, Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant Upgrades be awarded to Procon Niagara at their quoted price of \$179,884.00, excluding G.S.T.;

That a contingency amount of \$36,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for submission to Regional Council, including authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That all project costs be charged against Project I.D. CW9621. (Water and Wastewater Services)

*(Please note that Report PWA 30-2003/CSD 17-2003 is attached to the Corporate & Financial Services Committee minutes.)*

63. Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated February 11, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 21-2003 to PWA 30-2003 (CSD 17-2003) inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

64. Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That PWC 8-2003 - (January 24, 2003) – **John Rizzo**, Project Manager Transportation Engineering, to James O'Mara of MOE, expressing the Region's concern with the City of Niagara Falls' selection of Option #4 regarding the Main Street Environmental Assessment, be deferred to the February 25, 2003 Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting.

Carried.

65. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated February 11, 2003, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 5-2003 – (January 17, 2003) – **Alan Minarcik**, Minister of St. Andrews United Church, Main Street, St. Catharines, to Brian Hughes, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering, expressing appreciation for assistance in the installation of a “drop off lane” in front of the church.

-- Received.

PWC 6-2003 - (January 20, 2003) – **Honourable Janet Ecker**, Minister of Finance, to Regional Chair Debbie Zimmerman, advising that the Region's application of funding under the Millennium Partnerships Initiative has been approved by Cabinet, in the amount of \$39 million, and listing the 20 projects approved in this package.

-- Received and referred to the Budget Review Committee.

PWC 7-2003 - (February 3, 2003) – **Russ Howell**, Manager of Fleet Services, to Chris Fisher, Niagara Regional Police Service, indicating that Transportation's Safety & Training Co-ordinator, Cecil Cooke, will be made available for Tow Motor Certification Training for Police staff.

-- Received.

PWC 9-2003 - (January 20, 2003) – **Pat Fiacco**, Mayor of the City of Regina, extending an invitation to Council and senior staff to participate in the “*Municipal Leaders' Forum on Implementing Kyoto*”, which will be held in Regina, April 27 to 29, 2003.

-- Received.

66. Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the PWC Summary not including PWC 8-2003, dated February 11, 2003, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

67. Ontario Regulation 239/02  
Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways

Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 11-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Ontario Regulation 239/02, Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways, be received for information purposes.

Carried.

68. Collection Contractors – 2002 Performance

Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 12-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Collection Contractors – 2002 Performance, be received for information.

Carried.

69. Construction Progress Report  
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 13-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

70. Public Works Staff Comments on  
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 14-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff  
Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

71. Public Works Staff Comments on  
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 15-2003, February 11, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff  
Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

**MINUTES**

72. Minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee  
Meeting of Thursday, January 9, 2003

Moved by Regional Chair Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting held on  
Thursday, January 9, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained  
therein referred back to staff for comment.

Carried.

73. Minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee  
Meeting of Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Councillor Burroughs advised the Committee that at the February 11, 2003, Waste  
Management Planning Steering Committee released the Task A and Task C  
Technical Briefs for distribution.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Regional Chair Zimmerman declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the matter of the use of the local Armouries personnel during the planning process and the implementation Emergency Road Closure Plan as her son is involved with the Armoury, and therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

74. Road Closure Action Plan  
Policy Guidelines and Recommendations

Councillor Redekop advised the Committee that the statement in report PWA 18-2003, January 28, 2003 that refers to a reduction in truck queuing on the QEW and Highway 405, is incorrect, the truck traffic queuing is an ongoing problem in the Town of Fort Erie and that the "queue-end warning" system mentioned in the report is currently not operational.

The Committee was advised that the Ministry of Transportation and Transportation Division staff are currently meeting to discuss the off-highway truck staging facility in the vicinity of the Gilmore Road interchange.

Councillor Redekop requested that a report of this nature in the future should be distributed to the various area municipalities for comment prior to it being distributed to the Committee for approval, for an accurate reflection of what is happening.

Councillor Burroughs advised the Committee of the Armouries' interest in assisting the Region of Niagara during emergencies and the planning process.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

75. Snow Removal on Regional Roads

The Committee was advised that a report on shared services should be distributed to the Committee very shortly and should address the snow removal issues that are occurring on Regional Roads.

76. Progress of the Wind Monitoring Program

Mr. Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services, advised the Committee that the Wind Monitoring Program pilot project has been progressing fairly well. Staff has been monitoring the wind resources and collecting data and that a report with the results of the pilot project will be distributed to the Committee in early Spring.

77. State of Michigan's Possible Decision to Discontinue Accepting the City of Toronto's Waste

The Committee was advised that the City of Toronto has had discussions with Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, State of Michigan, where the City of Toronto's waste is now being diverted and where the Governor has stated her objection and the review of the diversion of the City of Toronto's waste to the State of Michigan.

The Committee was also advised that the Province of Ontario has eluded to the possibility forcing other municipalities in the province to accept a portion of the City of Toronto's waste in the event of an emergency, which would be defined as the discontinuation of the agreement between the State of Michigan and the City of Toronto.

In effect, if the Province of Ontario was to pass legislation to force municipalities in the province to accept the City of Toronto's waste, those municipality's such as the Region of Niagara who has been diligent in finding alternatives to landfills would be penalized and forced to accept the City of Toronto's waste.

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario be advised that the Regional Municipality of Niagara should not be included in any diversion plans for the City of Toronto's waste; and

That the diversion of the City of Toronto's waste to other municipalities in the Province of Ontario would not be considered as Smart Growth.

That the letter be circulated to the area municipalities for their support.

Carried.

### **STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was requested to:

- notify the local MPP's, MP's, the provincial and federal Ministry of Transportation's of the ongoing traffic queuing situation at the borders. (Refers to Minute Item # 74)
- provide all members of Regional Council with a copy of the Task A and Task C Technical Briefs and the Task A presentation material. (Refers to Minute Item # 73)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 2:50 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on February 25, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey  
Chair

Janet Pilon  
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick  
Regional Clerk