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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 6-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, March 25, 2003 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Badawey, Chair; Zimmerman, Regional Chair; Davidson, Forster, Harry, McMullan, Redekop, Rigby, Thomson, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Bacchus, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Kellendonk, Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Operations; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Hughes, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering; Ms. Ralph, Manager Waste Policy and Planning; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

CLOSED SESSION

125. Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

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

Carried.

126. Moved by Regional Chair Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That this Committee do now rise without report.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, March 25, 2003:

127. Proposed Bruce Trail Crossing of QEW
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 45-2003/DPD 44-2003

That Report PWA 45-2003 (DPD 44-2003), March 25, 2003, respecting the Proposed Bruce Trail Crossing of QEW in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to sign an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario respecting the design, construction, use and future maintenance of a pedestrian bridge crossing the Queen Elizabeth Way at Sand Plant Hill, in the City of Niagara Falls.

That the Region agrees to contribute up to a maximum amount of \$200,000 towards the design and construction of this structure.

That the firm of McCormick Rankin Corporation be retained to complete the detailed design of this structure and approaches at a total cost not to exceed \$46,250.

That the Region apply for SuperBuild funding to assist in financing this project.
(Transportation Services)

(Please note that Report PWA 45-2003 (DPD 44-2003) is attached to the Planning Services Committee minutes.)

128. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw
For the 2003 Buildings and Equipment Capital Program

PWA 46-2003/CSD 37-2003

That Report PWA 36-2003 (CSD 37-2003), March 25, 2003, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw for the 2003 Buildings and Equipment Capital Program, be received.

That financing be approved for Project ZGD0210 Regional Radio System included in the 2003 Buildings and Equipment Capital Program for \$1,191,408 gross and net amounts.

That financing be approved for Project ZGD0306 ARWIS / Brine Station Strategies included in the 2003 Buildings and Equipment Capital Program for \$500,000 gross and net amounts.

That debenture financing (1-5 years) in the amount of \$1,515,001 be approved for these two projects.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on April 3, 2003.
(Operational Support Services)

(Please note that Report PWA 46-2003 (CSD 37-2003) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes.)

129. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and
Financing Approval for the 2003 Roads Capital Program
PWA 47-2003/CSD 38-2003

That Report PWA 47-2003 (CSD 38-2003), March 25, 2003, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for the 2003 Roads Capital Program, be received.

That budget allocations from the approved 2003 Capital Budget for the Roads Capital Program in the amount of \$19,975,000 gross and \$18,775,000 net be approved for the projects listed in Appendix A attached.

That financing for the projects, including debenture financing (1-10) years of \$13,556,908 be approved for each individual project as listed.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on April 3, 2003.
(Operational Support Services)

(Please note that Report PWA 47-2003 (CSD 38-2003) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes.)

130. Retention of Consultant Services for the
Upgrades to the Rosehill Water Treatment Plant
Town of Fort Erie
PWA 48-2003

That Report PWA 48-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting the Retention of Consultant Services for the Upgrades to the Rosehill Water Treatment Plant in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That the consulting firm of Earth Tech Canada Inc. be retained to provide engineering services for the operational improvements to the Rosehill Water Treatment Plant in the Town of Fort Erie.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$144,000.00 exclusive of GST.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That the cost associated with this project be charged against Project CW0224. (Water & Wastewater Services)

131. Appointment of By-law Enforcement Officer for the Purpose of Enforcement of Regional By-law 145-1999

PWA 49-2003

That Report PWA 49-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting the Appointment of By-law Enforcement Officer for the Purpose of Enforcement of Regional By-law 145-1999, be received.

That Mr. Ron Donovan be appointed as Regional By-law Enforcement Officer pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act for the purpose of enforcing the Waste Management System By-law No. 145-1999, as amended by By-law 39-2001, By-law 88-2001 and By-law 28-2002. (Waste Management Services)

132. Amendment to By-law to Appoint By-law Enforcement Officers for Purposes of By-law 39-2002

PWA 50-2003

That Report PWA 50-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting the Amendment to By-law to Appoint By-law Enforcement Officers for Purposes of By-law 39-2002, be received.

That for the purposes of administration and enforcement of Regional By-law 39-2002, Regional staff, as listed in Report PWA 50-2003, be authorized and appointed; and

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-law be presented to Regional Council. (Water & Wastewater Services)

133. Waste Collection Services – Smart Growth

PWA 51-2003

That Report PWA 51-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting Waste Collection Services – Smart Growth, be received.

That this report be forwarded to both the Waste Management Steering Committee and the Smart Growth Community Steering Committee for information. (Waste Management Services)

134. Regional Wastewater Billing Error
City of Welland

PWA 52-2003/CSD 44-2003

That Report PWA 52-2003 (CSD 44-2003), March 25, 2003, respecting the Regional Wastewater Billing Error, City of Welland, be received.

That this report describing the billing error for wholesale wastewater flows charged to the City of Welland from October 1997 be received;

That the Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to make the necessary financial arrangements to address the overcharging in a manner acceptable to the City of Welland;

That the agreed upon refund be taken from the Region's Wastewater Reserve Fund. (Water & Wastewater Services)

(Please note that Report PWA 52-2003 (CSD 44-2003) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes.)

135. Niagara Recycling Processing Contract

PWA 53-2003

That Report PWA 53-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting the Niagara Recycling Processing Contract, be received.

That Regional Niagara extends its existing agreement with Niagara Recycling for the processing of recyclable materials for three years covering the period of April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2006.

That, upon finalization of this agreement, the Regional Clerk be authorized to prepare the necessary by-laws. (Waste Management Services)

136. Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That the PWA Summary, dated March 25, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 45-2003 (DPD 44-2003) to PWA 53-2003 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

137. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary and Addendum, dated March 25, 2003, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 13-2003 – (February 25, 2003) – **Honourable Norm Sterling**, Minister of Transportation, to Scott Steward, City of Hamilton, concerning the Burlington Lift Bridge and Skyway Bridge closures, and use of Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue) as an alternate truck detour route.

-- Received for action and consideration of Burlington Bridge closing impact on West End (RCAP).

PWC 14-2003 – (February 24, 2003) – **Cheryl Miclette**, Town Clerk, Town of Pelham to the Honourable Norman Sterling, Minister of Transportation, being a Town Council resolution supporting the City of Welland resolution recommending that the Townline Tunnel be fully reviewed as a possible Welland Canal crossing for the Mid-Peninsula Corridor.

- Received

PWC 15-2003 – (February 26, 2003) – **Tim Gilchrist**, New York State Department of Transportation, and **Bruce McCuaig**, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, enclosing copies of the Session Summary form the second meeting of the New York/Ontario Bi-Regional Transportation Strategy Working Group, held November 25, 2002.

-- Received

PWC 16-2003 – (March 6, 2003) – **Andrew Burt**, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, to Mike Trojan, CAO, requesting support for a Regional Aquifer Chemical Characterization Study, as proposed by the MOE and Upper Thames River Conservation Authority.

-- Received.

PWC 17-2003 – (March 13, 2003) – Ron Davidson, Associate Director of Transportation Operations, to Paul Mustard, City of St. Catharines, submitting a draft document for the City's consideration for the basis of a new agreement between the Region and the City for future highway maintenance works.

-- Received.

PWC 18-2003 – (March 24, 2003) – Ron Davidson, Associate Director of Transportation Operations, being a summary of pothole patching activity in the City of St. Catharines.

-- Received.

138. Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the PWC Summary and Addendum, March 11, 2003, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

139. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 27-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

140. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 28-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

141. Construction Progress Report
Transportation Services

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 29-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Transportation Services, be received for information.

Carried.

142. Construction Progress Report
Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 30-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

143. Transportation Division's Adopt-a-Road Program

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWP 31-2003, March 25, 2003, respecting the Transportation Division's Adopt-a-Road Program, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

144. Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

145. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the accounts list for the period ending February 28, 2003, in the amount of \$4,577,978.04, be approved for payment.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

146. Virtual Reality Demonstration - Niagara College

Regional Chair Zimmerman advised the Committee that she had the opportunity to attend a demonstration of the Virtual Reality Lab at Niagara College, a state of the art system used to create simulations, combined with engineering and animation, to provide the user with a virtual experience through a three-dimensional finished product.

The Chair encouraged staff of the Region to utilize the technology that is available at Niagara College whenever possible.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- arrange a tour of the Virtual Reality Lab at Niagara College for the Public Works and Utilities Committee either after a meeting or during a meeting scheduled at the college.
Commissioner of Public Works (Refers to Minute Item # 146)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 1:55 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on April 8, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk