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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 8-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Badawey, Chair; Burroughs, Davidson, Eke, Forster, Harry, McMullan, Redekop, Rigby, Thomson.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services; Brcic, Director, Water and Wastewater Services; Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management; Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

ADMINISTRATION

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, April 8, 2003:

147. Closure of Various Water, Wastewater and
Waste Management Capital Projects
PWA 54-2003 (CSD 50-2003)

That Report PWA 54-2003 (CSD 50-2003), April 8, 2003, respecting the Closure of Various Water, Wastewater and Waste Management Capital Projects, be received.

That transfers to and from the Wastewater Capital Works Reserve Fund (0030-0961), as shown in Appendix 1, be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing and closeouts for Wastewater Capital Projects. Since the net transfers to the Wastewater Capital Works Reserve Fund are equal to the transfers from the Wastewater Capital works Reserve Fund, the net effect on the reserve balance is nil;

That total net transfers to the Water Operations Capital Works Reserve Fund (0030-0962) of \$449,510.81, as shown in Appendix 2, be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing and closeouts for Water Capital Projects;

That total net transfers to the Solid Waste Reserve Fund (003-0970) of \$740.52, as shown in Appendix 3, be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing and closeouts for Waste Management capital projects;

That funding allocations and project closeouts be completed as indicated in the respective Appendices;

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

(Please note that Report PWA 54-2003 (CSD 50-2003) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes.)

148. Award of Quotation Contract RN 03-16
Ontario Street Pumping Station Upgrades
Town of Lincoln
PWA 55-2003 (CSD 51-2003)

That Report PWA 55-2003 (CSD 51-2003), April 8, 2003, respecting the Award of Quotation Contract RN.03-16, Ontario Street Pumping Station Upgrades in the Town of Lincoln, be received.

That financing (Wastewater Capital Reserve) in the gross and net amount of \$150,000.00 be transferred from Project ZSW0104 Victoria Avenue Pumping Station Upgrades to Project ZSW0105, Ontario Street Pumping Station Upgrades.

That Quotation Contract RN 03-16, Ontario Street Pumping Station be awarded to W. A. Stephenson Mechanical Contractors Ltd. at their bid price of \$345,000.00, plus GST.

That a contingency amount of \$35,000.00 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. SW0105. (Water & Wastewater Services)

(Please note that Report PWA 55-2003 (CSD 51-2003) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes.)

149. Closing and Conveyance of a Portion of Highway
Part of Regional Road 18 (Ontario Street)
Town of Lincoln

PWA 56-2003

That Report PWA 56-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Closing and Conveyance of a Portion of Highway, Part of Regional Road 18 (Ontario Street) in the Town of Lincoln, be received.

That the Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare and that the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute a by-law for the closing of that portion of highway (described as being Parts 3, 4 and 5 on Plan 30R-10791) which is known as being part of Regional Road 18 (locally known as Ontario Street) in the Town of Lincoln.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute an Agreement of Purchase and Sale wherein the Region conveys the aforementioned Parts 3, 4 and 5 on Plan 30R-10791, to Marlene Smith's Decorating and Gifts Ltd., with compensation being established as described within this report. (Operational Support Services)

150. Request for An All-Way Stop Control
Intersection of Regional Road 122 (Helena Street)
And Albany Street/Washington Road
Town of Fort Erie

PWA 57-2003

That Report PWA 57-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Request for an All-Way Stop Control Intersection of Regional Road 122 (Helena Street) and Albany Street/Washington Road in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That an all-way stop control be erected at the intersection of Regional Road 122 (Helena Street) and Albany Street/Washington Road;

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on April 17, 2003. (Transportation Services)

151. Proposed Disposal of Property
Lot Adjacent to the Shoalts Drive Reservoir Site
Town of Pelham

PWA 58-2003

That Report PWA 58-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Proposed Disposal of Property Lot Adjacent to the Shoalts Drive Reservoir Site in the Town of Pelham, be received.

That the vacant lot adjacent to the Shoalts Drive Reservoir site, described as being Lot 416 on Plan M-19 in the Town of Pelham, be declared surplus to Regional requirements.

That staff be authorized to proceed with the disposal of these lands in accordance with Regional Policy. (Operational Support Services)

152. Tender Award for Contract RN 03-12
End Use Plan (Phase 1)
Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site
(former Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site)
City of St. Catharines

PWA 59-2003

That Report PWA 59-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN.03-12, End Use Plan (Phase 1), Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site (former Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That Contract No.: RN 03-12 End Use Plan (Phase 1) at the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site in the City of St. Catharines be awarded to Stevensville Lawn Service Inc. at the tender price of \$1,062,174.75 excluding the Goods and Services Tax;

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$50,000 be provided for this contract;

That peter j. smith & company, inc. be retained to carry out the contract administration and field inspection services at an estimated cost of \$24,540 excluding the Goods and Services Tax with the fees being calculated on a time-plus disbursement basis;

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws including the by-law authorizing the Chair and Clerk to execute the contracts on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara are presented to Regional Council on April 10, 2003; and

That the project costs be charged against Capital Project No. GL0101 End Use Plan – Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site, St. Catharines.
(Waste Management Services)

(Refer to Other Business, Minute Item # 160)

153. Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the PWA Summary, dated April 8, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 54-2003 (CSD 50-2003) to PWA 59-2003 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

154. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report PWP 32-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff
Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

155. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report PWP 33-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff
Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

156. Construction Progress Report
Waste Management Services

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report PWP 34-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress
Report, Waste Management Services, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

157. Minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting held on
Wednesday, March 19, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained
therein approved.

Carried.

158. Minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 13, 2003

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 13, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein referred back to staff for comment.

Carried.

159. Minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Meeting of Tuesday, April 1, 2003

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

160. Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site (former Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site) City of St. Catharines

The Committee commended staff and everyone involved in the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site project for their work in moving this initiative forward.

161. Haulage of Biosolids to the Humberstone Landfill Site

Councillor Forster advised the Committee that the City of Welland was not notified of the Region's decision to haul biosolids to the Humberstone Landfill Site.

Mr. Payne, Director, Waste Management Services advised the Committee that this was a one-time occurrence that was initiated during an emergency situation, as all of the Wastewater facilities licensed to store biosolids were at capacity.

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that the Humberstone Landfill Site is not licensed to landfill biosolids, but received the Ministry's approval to accept 4,400 tonnes of biosolids in total and that the biosolids will be mixed with soil and used as alternative cover. Mr. Payne reassured the Committee that the mix of soil and biosolids is in a completed area of the site with a leachate collection system in place.

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that the odor initially experienced during the spreading of the biosolids are eliminated once the biosolids are mixed with the soil.

Mr. Brcic, Director, Water and Wastewater Services advised the Committee that the diversion of 25% of the biosolids generated to an alternative process will assist the Region in diminishing the need to use alternate facilities during emergency situations.

The Committee was advised that the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site was not utilized during this emergency situation, as the site is licensed only to accept waste (including biosolids) from the Town of Pelham, the Township of West Lincoln, the Town of Grimsby and the Town of Lincoln.

The Committee noted that the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site is now a Regional facility and should be available to the Region, in cases such as this, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That staff be directed to include the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site in the Mid-Term Study and apply for licensing to permit all of Niagara's municipalities to utilize the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

162. Bowen Road and Thompson Road Intersection
Town of Fort Erie

Councillor Redekop advised the Committee of the mound of dirt obstructing Bowen Road due to the construction that took place at the intersection some time ago.

Mr. Cousins, Director, Transportation Services advised the Committee the mound of dirt is on the railways property and that staff continues to work with the railway authority to rectify the situation.

Councillor Redekop advised the Committee that the Town of Fort Erie would send a letter to the railway, while the Region's Public Works staff continues to work with the Town's Public Works staff.

163. QEW Ramp Improvements at
Garrison Road
Town of Fort Erie

Councillor Redekop advised the Committee of the improvements being made on the QEW Ramp at Garrison Road in the Town of Fort Erie and that the Town of Fort Erie is requesting the Region's commitment to contribute through cost sharing for the road improvements being made to Gilmore Road.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the Region has provided the Town of Fort Erie with a written commitment to cost share on the Regional part of Gilmore Road.

Mr. Cousins also advised the Committee that there may be funds available through the Border Infrastructure Fund (BIF) application.

CLOSED SESSION

164. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Harry

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

Carried.

165. Reconstruction of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road)
Property Purchase from Niagara Block Company Limited
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 60-2003 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 60-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Reconstruction of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road), Property Purchase from Niagara Block Company Limited in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

166. Transfer of Road Widenings to the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines
Wellandvale Sewage Pumping Station
Wellandvale and Old Sawmill Road
City of St. Catharines

PWA 61-2003 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 61-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Transfer of Road Widenings to the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines, Wellandvale Sewage Pumping Station, Wellandvale and Old Sawmill Road in the City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

167. Co-Location of Land Ambulance Station
Walnut Street Firehall – Merritton
City of St. Catharines

PWA 62-2003 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved By Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report PWA 62-2003, April 8, 2003, respecting the Co-Location of Land Ambulance Station, Walnut Street Firehall – Merritton in the City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

168. Proposed Property Acquisition
Ridgeway Ambulance Station Site
Town of Fort Erie
PWA 63-2003 (PHD 30-2003) CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PWA 63-2003 (PHD 30-2003), dated April 7 and 8, 2003, be deferred to the May 6, 2003 meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee to allow staff the opportunity to evaluate another option.

Carried.

169. Financial Support for Regional Staff
Charged or Penalized
PWA 64-2003 (CSD 53-2003/HR 19-2003)

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 64-2003 (CSD 53-2003/HR 19-2003), April 8, 2003, respecting the Financial Support for Regional Staff Charged or Penalized, be received and approved.

That, effective immediately, Regional Council approve the granting of financial support for Regional staff of the Water and Wastewater Division and Councillors who are charged with offences or ordered to pay Administrative Monetary Penalties, even though they were not negligent and did carry out their duties in a good, faithful and duly diligent manner.

That a corporate policy be prepared as quickly as possible, to provide more specific guidelines on Councillor and Employee Legal Indemnification.

That Regional Council members be polled by phone or e-mail to ratify this decision, effective the date of the poll.

Carried.

170. Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- provide the Committee with information respecting the financial arrangements that have been agreed upon with the contractors hauling the biosolids when an emergency situation occurs. (Refers to Minute Item # 161) **Water and Wastewater**

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on April 22, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk