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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 9-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 commencing at 1:37 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; 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; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

CLOSED SESSION

171. Moved by Councillor Harry
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 property matters.

Carried.

172. Proposed Property Disposal
Former Dorchester Manor Long Term Care Facility
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 65-2003 (COM 24-2003) CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWA 65-2003 (COM 24-2003), April 22, 2003, respecting the Proposed Property Disposal, Former Dorchester Manor Long Term Care Facility in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the tender in the reported amount as received from Panoramic Properties Inc., for the sale of the surplus property as described in Contract RN 03-14 be accepted; and

That the parcel of surplus land being the south-most 50ft., wide strip of the Dorchester Manor property be sold to the City of Niagara Falls with compensation being in the amount reported including payment of applicable survey costs; and

That the Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare and the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the documentation required to effect the above-described transactions.

Carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor McMullan declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to PWA 71-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Purchase of E.S. Fox Lands and Premises, Niagara Enviro-Centre as his father is the Chair of the Board at Niagara Recycling, and he therefore vacated the Committee room during the discussion and voting on this matter.

173. E. S. Fox Lands and Premises
Niagara Enviro-Centre

Mr. Payne, Director, Waste Management Services, provided the Committee with additional information pertaining to the purchase of the E.S. Fox Lands.

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the Committee supports staff's direction with the receipt of further information at Regional Council on May 1, 2003.

Carried.

Councillor Konkle requested that he be recorded as opposed to the above resolution.

174. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

175. Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PWA 72-2002, April 22, 2003, respecting the Award of Tender 2003-T-19, Supply and Delivery of Recycling Boxes and Organics Containers, be lifted from PWA Summary - April 22, 2003 and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

176. Award of Tender 2003-T-19
Supply and Delivery of Recycling Boxes
And Organics Containers
PWA 72-2003

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that residents are being requested to use a container of their choice (bag, their own container or the container that will be available from the Region), to encourage participation from the majority of Niagara's residents.

The Committee commented on the results from the pilots, which indicated a much higher level of participation from residents who used plastic bags, than those who used a container to collect organics.

The Committee discussed the need for plastic bags, if every household in Niagara Region was provided with a curbside organics collection container, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That every household in the Niagara Region be supplied with a curbside organics collection container.

Lost.

The Committee noted that to encourage participation from the residents, the Region would have to allow the residents to select the method they would be most comfortable with, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report PWA 72-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Award of Tender 2003-T-19, Supply and Delivery of Recycling Boxes and Organics Containers, be received.

That Tender Number 2003-T-19 covering the:

- Supply of 15,000 blue recycling boxes;
- Supply of 130,000 grey recycling boxes;
- Supply of 130,000 kitchen organics collection containers;
- Delivery of a grey recycling box and kitchen organics container to the front door of every single family household and multi-residential property with 5 units or less in Grimsby, Lincoln, and Pelham;
- Delivery of a grey recycling box and kitchen organics container to the front door of every single family household and multi-residential property with 5 units or less in the remaining municipalities, unless a more cost effective alternative is available;
- Supply of 80,000 curbside organics collection containers through truckload sales to be held throughout the Region

be awarded to Norseman Plastics Limited, Rexdale, Ontario, at a total estimated cost, including applicable taxes, of \$3,055,746.78.

That the supply and delivery of an estimated 130,000 sample packages, containing 4 liner bags for the kitchen organics collection container and promotional materials, be awarded to The Clorox Company of Canada, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, at no cost to the Region. (Waste Management Services)

Carried.

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, April 22, 2003:

177. Proposed 2003 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation
And Installation Programs
PWA 66-2003 (CSD 59-2003)

That Report PWA 66-2003 (CSD 59-2003), April 22, 2003, respecting the Proposed 2003 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation and Installation Programs, be received.

That staff be authorized to transfer \$125,000 (Capital Levy) from Project ZRT0301 New Signal Installation Program to Project ZRT0302 Signal Rehabilitation Program (as approved on PWA 47-2003 of March 25, 2003 and CSD 38-2003 dated March 26, 2003).

That staff be authorized to proceed with the proposed 2003 Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program and New Traffic Sign Installation Programs as outlined in this report.

Further, that Council reaffirm the approval previously granted to staff (PWA 154-98, May 1998) to continue with the standardization of traffic cabinets, controllers and signal heads by negotiating directly with Econolite for the supply of those materials. (Transportation Services)

(Please note that Report PWA 66-2003 (CSD 59-2003) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes.)

(Refer to Staff Directions)

178. Extension of Contract RN 02-26
Reconstruction of Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue)
From Lockhart to Glendale Ave.
City of St. Catharines
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PWA 67-2003

That Report PWA 67-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Extension of Contract RN 02-26, Reconstruction of Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue) from Lockhart to Glendale Avenue in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That subject to the receipt of Niagara Escarpment Commission and Ministry of the Environment of Ontario approval, Contract RN 02-26, Reconstruction of Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue), from Lockhart Drive to Glendale Avenue, in the City of St. Catharines, be extended to include additional road works from Lockhart Drive to just north of the Shaver Hospital driveway;

That this additional work be awarded to the low tenderer for Contract RN 02-26, Steed and Evans Limited, at their bid price in the amount of \$639,389.90 (excluding GST);

And further, that all project costs be charged against Capital Works Project ID No. RC0021 (Reconstruction of Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue), Lockhart Drive to Westchester Crescent - Phase 1). (Transportation Services)

179. Roberts Street Gateway Project
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 68-2003

That Report PWA 68-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Roberts Street Gateway Project in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the Region's Legal Services Division be authorized to initiate expropriation procedures, on a priority basis, for the acquisition of the remaining properties required for the Roberts Street Gateway Project.

That the Niagara Parks Commission be requested to appoint the Region as its agent for the purpose of acquiring land for the landscaping component of the Roberts Street Gateway Project. (Operational Support Services)

180. Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel
Shape the Future Discussion Paper
PWA 69-2003

That Report PWA 69-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel, *Shape the Future* Discussion Paper, be received.

That the maps of the existing and proposed economic corridors (land-based), shown on page 7 of the *Shape the Future* discussion paper, be amended to (i) more accurately reflect the Mid-Peninsula Transportation Corridor as recommended in the Niagara Peninsula Transportation Needs Assessment Study (ii) recognize Highway 406 as an existing economic corridor and (iii) show the section of Highway 407 between Highway 401 and the QEW as an existing economic corridor.

That the *Shape the Future* discussion paper include a recommendation that encourages early development of bus transit services in corridors proposed for the rapid transit systems over the medium to long term with the objective of building transit ridership in the corridors over time to eventually support the development of rapid transit services.

That the *Shape the Future* discussion paper clearly recommend that a portion of the gasoline tax, the sales tax and/or the income tax be made available to municipalities in order to provide a sustainable source of funding for the development and operation of transit services.

That the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Planning Services Committee for inclusion in Regional Niagara's final comments to the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel.

That the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel for their information. (Transportation Services)

181. Retention of Consultant

Niagara Enviro-Centre

PWA 70-2003

That Report PWA 70-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Retention of Consultant, Niagara Enviro-Centre, be received.

That this Committee recommends to Regional Council, conditional upon approval of the report entitled "Purchase of E. S. Fox Lands and Premises – Niagara Enviro-Centre":

That Gartner Lee Limited be retained to complete the Request for Proposal process for the engineering, procurement and construction of the processing equipment for the Materials Recycling Facility at the new Niagara Enviro-Centre at an estimated cost of \$172,200 excluding the Goods and Services Tax;

That Gartner Lee Limited be retained to carry out Stage 1 of the site plan design for the Niagara Enviro-Centre at an estimated cost of \$99,400 excluding the Goods and Services Tax;

That the said consultant's costs be charged against Capital Project No. GL0216 RW – Capital Purchases/ Equipment/ Facilities Upgrades, Materials Recycling Facility; and

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 and associated documents on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara are presented to Regional Council on May 1, 2003. (Waste Management Services)

182. Purchase of E. S. Fox Lands and Premises
Niagara Enviro-Centre

PWA 71-2003

That Report PWA 71-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Purchase of E.S. Fox Lands and Premises, Niagara Enviro-Centre, be received.

That the conditions on the Offer to Sell for the lands and premises known municipally as 4935 Kent Avenue, 5200 Montrose Road and 5028 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls be deemed to be satisfied;

That the purchase price and associated costs be charged against Capital Project No. GL0226 Proposed Acquisition – New Materials Recycling Facility included in the approved 2002 Consolidated Capital Budget; and

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 and associated documents on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara are presented to Regional Council on May 1, 2003. (Waste Management Services)

183. Tender Award for Contract RN. 03-19
Rehabilitation of Dominion Road Bridge
Town of Fort Erie

PWA 73-2003 (CSD 65-2003)

That Report PWA 73-2003 (CSD 65-2003), April 22, 2003, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN. 03-19, Rehabilitation of Dominion Road Bridge in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That financing (capital levy) in the amount of \$120,000.00 be transferred from Project ZRC0012, Structure Rehabilitation Program to Project ZRC0135;

That Contract RN 03-19, Rehabilitation of Dominion Road Bridge (Structure No. 001205), Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) 1.30 km west of Stonemill Road, in the Town of Fort Erie, be awarded to the low tenderer, Diamond Stonebridge Contracting Limited (Diamond Stonebridge), at the bid price of \$167,716.27;

That a contingency amount of \$20,000.00 be provided for this contract;

That the engineering agreement with the firm of V&S Engineering Group Limited (V&S) be extended to include contract administration and inspection services, with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursements basis, estimated at \$32,700.00, plus G.S.T.;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-laws, including the by-law authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, are presented to Regional Council on May 1, 2003, and;

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Project ID No. ZRC0135, (Deck Replacement, Structure No. 001205 on Dominion Road, west of Stonemill Road). (Transportation Services)

(Please note that Report PWA 73-2003 (CSD 65-2003) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes.)

184. Tipping Fee Increase by IMS at the
Residential Waste Drop-Off Centre

PWA 74-2003

That Report PWA 74-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Tipping Fee Increase by IMS at the Residential Waste Drop-Off Centre, be received.

That the Region support Integrated Municipal Services (IMS) proposal to amend the tipping fees at the residential waste drop-off depot in the City of Thorold.

That the Region forgoes the \$10.00 per tonne royalty payment for 2002 and for the remainder of the partnership agreement. (Waste Management Services)

185. Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That the PWA Summary, dated April 22, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 66-2003 (CSD 59-2002) to PWA 71-2003 and PWA 73-2003 to PWA 74-2003 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

186. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated April 22, 2003, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 19-2003 – (April 2, 2003) – **Nicola Crawhall**, Senior Policy Advisor, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to Janine Ralph, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning, expressing appreciation for Ms. Ralph's contribution to the Waste Diversion Ontario Blue Box Program.

-- Received.

PWC 20-2003 – (April 11, 2003) – **Jan Moore**, of Top Hat Cleaners in Beamsville, to Regional Chair Debbie Zimmerman, requesting that truck traffic be re-routed from the downtown area of King and Ontario Streets in Beamsville.

-- Received and referred to Transportation Services.

187. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the PWC Summary, April 22, 2003, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

188. Construction Progress Report
Transportation Services

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 35-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Transportation Services, be received for information.

Carried.

189. CRS Trucking Limited Liquid Fuel Spill
On Regional Road 20 at CPR Overpass
In the Township of West Lincoln

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 36-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the CRS Trucking Limited Liquid Fuel Spill on Regional Road 20 at the CPR Overpass in the Township of West Lincoln, be received for information purposes.

Carried.

190. Proposed "Take it Back Niagara"
Point-of-Return Pilot Program

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 37-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the Proposed "Take it Back Niagara" Point-of-Return Pilot Program, be received for information.

Carried.

191. 2003 Environment Days (E-Days)

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 38-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the 2003 Environment Days (E-Days), be received for information.

Carried.

192. 2003 National Public Works Week

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 39-2003, April 22, 2003, respecting the 2003 National Public Works Week, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

193. Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee Meeting of Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

194. Minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee Meeting of Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

195. Public Works Week

Mr. Neville extended an invitation to all Committee members to visit the Pen Centre on Friday, May 23, 2003 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 24, 2003, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to see the Public Works Week display.

196. Note of Appreciation

Mr. Neville highlighted the recent letter of appreciation from Association (AMO) of Municipalities of Ontario to Ms. Janine Ralph, Manager, Waste Policy & Planning thanking her for her contributions to the Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) process as a member of the AMO Stewardship Ontario Task Group and the WDO Working Group.

The Committee responded warmly with congratulations to Ms. Ralph.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- contact staff at the City of Welland to discuss the intersections which require audible signals. (Refers to Minute Item # 177)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:10 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on May 6, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk