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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 10-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, May 6, 2003 commencing at 1:36 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

PRESENTATION

197. Water Well Decontamination and Commissioning Program

Mr. Dean Ostryhon of the Township of West Lincoln and Mr. Mike Rose of Land Care Niagara provided the Committee with information on the Water Well Decontamination and Decommissioning Program.

The program is a land owner assistance program with funding provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation in partnership with Regional Niagara, Ontario Stewardship and Niagara North Federation of Agriculture and Niagara South Federation of Agriculture. The program is meant to support the Regional Niagara's Water Quality initiative and will provide land owners for well decontamination with up to 64% of the individual project cost to a maximum of \$1,750 and for well decommissioning with up to 90% of the individual project cost.

The Committee thanked Mr. Ostryhon and Mr. Rose for their presentation and requested that they attend Municipal Council meetings as well as Regional Council to inform the public of the Water Well Decontamination and Decommissioning Program.

DELEGATION

198. Bokeestyn Greenhouse Driveway Entrance

Mr. Kerie Morgan and Mr. Tom Pymont residents of the Fourth Avenue and 11th Street area provided the Committee with their concerns regarding the current Bokeestyn Greenhouse driveway entrance.

Mr. Morgan advised the Committee that, in his opinion, the current location of the driveway entrance is in the vicinity of a hollow which presents several sight line issues; it would not allow for the safe entry and exit of trucks from the greenhouse due to the existing speed limit on 11th Street (80 km.) and would require that the trucks cross the double yellow line to maneuver the trucks properly in line to enter the driveway, which with the sight line issues would be very dangerous.

Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pymont advised the Committee that they met with Mr. McInnis, Supervisor of Permits and Mr. Zelenak, Inspector, Regional staff earlier today and staff did agree with Mr. Morgan's diagram of where the driveway should be located on Fourth Avenue.

Mr. Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services advised the Committee that although staff felt that the existing location was acceptable, Mr. Morgan's suggestion to move the driveway entrance would also be an acceptable location and that staff is recommending that the driveway be relocated.

The Committee was advised that the owners of the Bokeestyn Greenhouse will accept what staff is proposing.

Moved by Regional Chair Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Konkle

That the Committee approve staff's recommendation for the relocation of the Bokeestyn Greenhouse driveway entrance to Fourth Avenue (43 metres east of the center line of 11th Street to the center line of the proposed driveway), pending the receipt of further details and the submission of the site plan.

That Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pymont contact Mrs. Dale, Director of Planning and Development and Mr. Kukalis, Director of Public Works at the Town of Lincoln, to discuss this matter further.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, May 6, 2003:

199. Niagara's Water Treatment Plant 2002 Compliance Reports
PWA 79-2003

That Report PWA 79-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting Niagara's Water Treatment Plant 2002 Compliance Reports, be received.

That the 2002 Compliance Reports for Niagara's six water treatment plants be received in accordance with Section 52 of the Ontario Water Resources Act.

That Regional Council designates the Director of Water and Wastewater Services as the signing authority on behalf of the corporation, who takes full responsibility for the information provided in the Compliance Reports.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate resolutions are prepared for submission to Regional Council, including authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to confirm that the 2002 Compliance Reports have been presented and approved by Council. (Water & Wastewater Services)

200. Tender Award for the Installation of the
New Watermain on Bunting Road from
Carlton Street to Scott Street in the
City of St. Catharines
PWA 80-2003

That Report PWA 80-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the Tender Award for the Installation of the New Watermain on Bunting Road from Carlton to Scott Street in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That the Regional portion of the City of St. Catharines Contract No. P03-060 be awarded to the firm of V. Gibbons Contracting Ltd. at a total price of \$479,648.50 plus G.S.T.

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$25,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the Region pay the City of St. Catharines for the engineering design, contract administration, and site inspection services costs associated with this project in the estimated amount of \$50,464.85.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Project ID ZCW9810 (CW9810). (Water & Wastewater Services)

201. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the PWA Summary, dated May 6, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 79-2003 and PWA 80-2003, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

202. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated May 6, 2003, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 21-2003 – (April 23, 2003) – **John Rizzo**, Project Manager, Transportation Engineering, to James O'Mara of the MOE EA and Approvals Branch, confirming that the Region's preferred alternative is 5A with reference to the Main Street Environmental Assessment in the City of Niagara Falls.

-- Received.

PWC 22-2003 – (April 25, 2003) - **Ralph Scholz**, Senior Transportation Project Engineer, to Carolyn Kett, Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie, being a response to her letter of April 17th and Town Council resolution requesting a delay to the Dominion Road Bridge Replacement Project and to commence the work after Labour Day.

-- Received

PWC 23-2003 – (April 4, 2003) – **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, Advisory to Members re "FCM Urges Municipal Governments to Participate in National Antenna Tower Policy Review". Correspondence is for information and will be referred to staff for a Report as per Ian Neville, Commissioner of Public Works.

-- Received and referred to staff for Report.

PWC 24-2003 – (April 9, 2003) – **George Barkwell**, President of GD Barkwell & Associates Inc. to Regional Chair Debbie M. Zimmerman presenting results of a Niagara Regional Infrastructure Survey commissioned by the Heavy Construction Association of Regional Niagara.

-- Received.

PWC 25-2003 – (April 16, 2003) – **D.L. Whitehouse**, Senior Director of Parks, Niagara Parks Commission to Ron Davidson, Associate Director Transportation Operations, Regional Municipality of Niagara expressing thanks and appreciation to Murray Potts, Superintendent of Forestry and Road Operations, who participated as a judge for the arboriculture contest of the Mid-Atlantic Field Day co-presented by Niagara Parks School of Horticulture and Niagara College.

-- Received.

PWC 26-2003 – (April 22, 2003) – **Bill Fitzpatrick**, Senior Policy Analyst, Ontario SuperBuild Corporation to Ian Neville, Commissioner of Public Works to express thanks for Mr. Neville's letter of March 10, 2003 regarding agreements for Millennium projects approved in the Niagara Region.

-- Received.

PWC 27-2003 – (April 30, 2003) – **Kerie Morgan and Sophie Morgan**, 2060 4th Avenue, St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 6P9. Fax addressed to Cheryl Parkinson, Clerk's Department. Kerie and Sophie Morgan together with Tom Pymont wish to speak as a delegation with regard to the location and configuration of the Boekestyn Greenhouse driveway entrance.

-- Received and considered with the presentation by the Delegation (Minute Item # 198)

203. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That the PWC Summary, May 6, 2003, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

PROGRESS REPORTS

204. Construction Progress Report
Water & Wastewater Services

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 40-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services, be received for information.

Carried.

205. 2002 Reserve Wastewater
Treatment Capacities

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 41-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the 2002 Reserve Wastewater Treatment Capacities, be received and circulated to the Ministry of the Environment and area municipalities for their information.

Carried.

206. 2002 Reserve Water
Treatment Capacities

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 42-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the 2002 Reserve Water Treatment Capacities, be received and circulated to the Ministry of the Environment and area municipalities for their information.

Carried.

207. Summary of Quotations, Tenders
and Authorizations

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 43-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the Summary of Quotations, Tenders and Authorizations, be received and accepted.

Carried.

208. Request for Proposal for the Provision
of Winter Maintenance Services

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 44-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the Request for Proposal for the Provision of Winter Maintenance Services, be received for information purposes.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

209. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 45-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff
Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

210. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 46-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the Public Works Staff
Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

211. Construction Progress Report
Waste Management Services

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 47-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress
Report, Waste Management Services, be received.

Carried.

212. Potential Infestation of Ash Trees by the
Emerald Ash Borer

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 48-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the Potential Infestation of Ash
Trees by the Emerald Ash Borer, be received for information purposes.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

213. Rehabilitation of Dominion Road Bridge (Structure No. 001205)
Town of Fort Erie

Councillor Redekop advised the Committee that the Town of Fort Erie and the Fort Erie Business Improvement Association is very satisfied with the actions being taken by Regional staff prior to and during the rehabilitation of the Dominion Road Bridge in the Town of Fort Erie.

214. Drinking Water
City of Port Colborne

The Regional Chair advised the Committee that the drinking water in the City of Port Colborne meets the Ministry of the Environment standards and that Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health provided the Niagara Region with an update on the protocols that surround the testing of water in the Niagara Region.

The Committee was advised that the Region and the City of Port Colborne were made aware of the Port Colborne drinking water issue through the media rather than through the Ministry of the Environment.

Regional Chair Zimmerman thanked staff for acting swiftly in assuring the residents of the City of Port Colborne that the testing of the drinking water has been in progress and will continue to be tested.

The Committee noted that a communications plan should be initiated to ensure the residents of the Niagara Region that their water from all water sources is being tested on a regular basis.

215. 81 Greenlane Road
Town of Lincoln

Councillor Konkle advised the Committee that 81 Greenlane Road in the Town of Lincoln is up for sale and that staff should at this time review the past safety issues at the intersection of Greenlane Road and Durham Road and the potential for reconfiguration of the intersection.

216. 2002 SuperBuild Millennium Partnership
Infrastructure Funding – Next Steps

The Committee discussed the manner in which the Region would submit the projects for the \$14 million balance of the \$39 million, 2002 SuperBuild Millennium Infrastructure funds allocated to the Region of Niagara.

Mr. Trojan advised the Committee that the process would be similar to the process utilized in 2002, the municipal C.A.O.'s would meet once all of the project applications have been received to evaluate the projects with the required criteria, prioritize the projects and forward a report to Regional Council on the results of their evaluation.

The Committee was advised that a report respecting the 2002 SuperBuild Millennium Partnership Infrastructure Funding will be included on the next Public Works and Utilities Committee agenda, for the Committee's consideration.

CLOSED SESSION

217. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
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.

218. Waste Management Issue
Township of West Lincoln

Councillor Trombetta apprised the Committee of a waste management issue affecting the Township of West Lincoln.

The Committee agreed that the Region's Waste Management staff and the township's staff should work together on the waste management issue that is affecting the Township of West Lincoln.

219. Co-location of Land Ambulance Station
Walnut Street Fire Station – Merritton
City of St. Catharines

PWA 62-2003 REVISED - CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWA 62-2003 REVISED, May 6, 2003, respecting the Co-location of Land Ambulance Station, Walnut Street Fire Station – Merritton in the City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

220. 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 Rigby

That, subject to the Committee and Council approval of Reports PHD 27-2003 and CSD 48-2003 for the Capital Budget and Financing Approval for Public Health Capital Project ZGR0101 – Land Ambulance Buildings, that Report PHD 30-2003/PWA 63-2003, dated April 7 and 8, 2003, be received and the recommendations therein be approved.

That construction of the proposed Ridgeway Ambulance Station facility be deferred pending further consultation on the project with relevant stakeholders.

Carried.

221. Property Purchase from Canada Lands
Company CLC Limited, Long Term
Wastewater Servicing Strategy
City of St. Catharines
PWA 76-2003 (CSD 70-2003) CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 76-2003 (CSD 70-2003), May 6, 2003, respecting the Property Purchase from Canada Lands Company CLC Limited, Long Term Wastewater Servicing Strategy in the City of St. Catharines, be received, and the recommendations therein approved.

That financing in the amount reported (Wastewater Capital Reserve) be transferred from Project ID SW0010 Sewage System Servicing Assessment to Project ID SW 9901 Land Acquisition for Wastewater Facilities to allow for this property purchase.

That all costs associated with the purchase be charged against Capital Works Project SW9901 Land Acquisition for Wastewater Facilities.

Carried.

222. Lease for Parking, Regional Police
Division 22, City of Niagara Falls
PWA 77-2003 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 77-2003, May 6, 2003 respecting the Lease for Parking, Regional Police Division 22 in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

223. Proposed Property Acquisition for
Widening of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue)
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 78-2003 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 78-2003, May 6, 2003, respecting the Proposed Property Acquisition for Widening of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

224. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- ensure that there is closer cooperation with local municipalities for the provision of Winter Maintenance Services. **Transportation Services** (Refers to Minute Item # 208)
- divert traffic to both Thunderbay Road and Bernard during the rehabilitation of Dominion Road Bridge in the Town of Fort Erie. **Transportation Services** (Refers to Minute Item # 202 - PWC 22-2003)
- contact the Mayors of the respective municipality if staff has any questions on the municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:22 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on May 27, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk