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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 11-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 commencing at 1:42 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Redekop, Vice-Chair presiding; Regional Chair Zimmerman; Burroughs, Davidson, Harry, McMullan, Rigby, Thomson, Trombetta, Forster.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services, Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Brcic, Director, Water and Wastewater Services; Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management; Lisa Ricci, Acting - Legislative Assistant, Pam Gilroy, Deputy Clerk.

Regrets: Councillor Konkle

PRESENTATION

225. Mr. Bruce Irwin, Manager, Information Management Systems & Communications, provided a brief overview of the GIS implementation and approach, core data sets and mapping, GIS at Niagara Meeting Group, Connecting Niagara and GeoSmart projects, as well as the future directions of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The program will allow the access of non-spatial data, better management of information, linkage to map databases, will take CAD to the next level and also allow the access, interrogation and analysis of data via a map interface. The program has a project duration of 12 months, a budget of \$1 million with \$500,000.00 from SuperBuild, a private partnership with Direct IT Canada and 10 of 12 area municipalities and Region participation. Formal project approval was received from MNR May 23, 2003.

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That Report PWP 51-2003, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Progress Report be moved forward and dealt with at this time.

Carried.

226. Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Progress Report

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That Report PWP 51-2003, May 27, 2003, respecting Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Progress Report, be received for information.

Carried.

For Committee Consideration

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

227. Tender Award For Contract RN. 02-52
Niagara Falls Water Pollution control Plan
Rotating Biological Contactors (RBC)
Media Replacement
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 82-2003

That Contract RN 02-52, Niagara Falls Water Pollution Control Plant, Rotating Biological Contactors (RBC's) Media Replacement, be awarded to the low tenderer, Glover-Hill., at their bid price of \$3,467,000.00, plus G.S.T.

That a contingency amount of \$125,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the engineering assignment with Hydromantis Inc. be extended to provide for the related engineering services in the amount of \$14,000.00, plus G.S.T.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for submission to Regional Council, 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. SW0229.
(Water & Wastewater Services)

228. Authorization for Quotation Award
Contract RN 03-10
Pre-Selection of Filter Underdrain
Equipment for the Niagara Falls Water
Treatment Plant Upgrade – Phase I
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 83-2003

That the quotation for pre-selection of filter underdrain equipment be awarded to AWI Filter Optimization as part of the Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Upgrade, Phase 1 project at a quoted price of \$1,917,100.00 plus G.S.T.

That an additional \$195,040.00 plus G.S.T. as quoted be included for the supply and installation of filter sand for the 16 filters.

That the project costs be charged against Capital Works Project CW0128.
(Water & Wastewater Services)

229. High Rate Treatment Feasibility Study
City of St. Catharines

PWA 84-2003

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the execution of the agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to receive funding in the amount of \$100,000 under the Green Municipal Enabling Fund (GMEF) for the St. Catharines High Rate Treatment Feasibility Study.

That the City of St. Catharines be authorized to administer the project on a chargeback basis to the Region in accordance with the conditions outlined in the FCM agreement. (Water & Wastewater Services)

230. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That the PWA Summary, dated May 27, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 81-2003 (CSD 81-2003) to PWA 84-2003 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

231. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated May 27, 2003, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 28-2003 – (April 22, 2003) – **Marlaine Koehler**, Water Trail and Greenway, to Regional Councillor Brian McMullan, expressing appreciation and thanks to the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee for the generous support of the Trail's Collaborative Communication and Promotion Plan.

--Received.

PWC 29-2003 – (April 5, 2003) – **Brian McHattie**, President, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, to Derek Ali, extending appreciation and thanks for arranging and chairing the meeting between the stakeholders involved in the decommissioning of the Biggar Sewage Lagoons.

--Received.

PWC 30-2003 – (May 5, 2003) – **Russ Howell**, Manager of Fleet Services, to the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, confirming that Public works will make six generators available for the Club's field day on June 28 and 29, 2003.

--Received.

232. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That the PWC Summary, May 27, 2003, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

233. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 52-2003, May 27, 2003, respecting Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

234. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PWP 53-2003, May 27, 2003, respecting Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

235. Construction Progress Report
Transportation Services

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 54-2003, May 27, 2003, respecting Construction Progress Report Transportation Services, be received for information.

Carried.

236. City of Hamilton - Region of Niagara
Waste Management Partnership Discussions

Mr. David Payne, Director, Waste Management Services, highlighted the decisions made at the Waste Management Steering Committee held earlier this morning. He indicated that the Committee approved a working group consisting of 8 members, 4 from each Municipality. At the Steering Committee meeting held earlier in the day Niagara agreed to the same representation as Hamilton, 3 political and 1 non-political members, being Councillors Harry, Rigby and Burroughs and Mr. Andrew Cvasin. The other Committee members will serve as alternates if those appointed are unable to attend a meeting.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report PWP 55-2003, respecting Waste Management Partnership Discussions, be received and

That the membership proposal as presented by Mr. Payne be approved.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

237. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the accounts list for the period ending March 31, 2003, in the amount of \$4,252,651.77, be approved for payment.

Carried.

238. Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That the accounts list for the period ending April 30, 2003, in the amount of \$4,483,384.90 be approved for payment.

Carried.

MINUTES

239. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, May 6, 2003

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 6, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

240. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, May 6, 2003

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 6, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

241. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 10, 2003

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting of Thursday, April 10, 2003, be received and the recommendation as contained therein be approved.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

242. Request for Information
Re: Report PWP 55-2003
City of St. Catharines

Councillor McMullan expressed concerns that glass collected may not be recycled but may be stockpiled or landfilled.

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That staff be directed to prepare a report regarding glass recycling procedures, particularly with respect to industry stewardship and costs to municipalities.

Carried.

Councillor Forster requested that the Report include information about glass recycling in Alberta, with particular reference to deposit/return programs.

243. Dixon / Dunn Street Lane
City of Niagara Falls

Councillor Thomson expressed the following concerns about the widening of Stanley Avenue from Dixon to Dunn Street: the timing of construction, the 2 lane portion which will require widening in the future, the adverse effect on business and the removal of the directional signs at Highway 420.

Joe Cousins, Director, Transportation Services advised that he will continue talks with the Ministry about placing temporary signage at Highway 420, and continue to work with local businesses via monthly meetings and Departmental newsletters.

Councillor Thomson provided a copy of a memo from a concerned business owner to Mr. Cousins for his review and follow up.

244. Proposed Reconstruction of Glenridge Avenue
from Westchester Avenue to - Edgedale Road

Councillor Rigby expressed the following concerns brought up at St. Catharines Council regarding the proposed Reconstruction of Glenridge Avenue from Westchester Avenue to Edgedale Road: high volumes of through traffic on Glenridge and restricted width of the road allowance through this residential area. It was suggested that the Region close the CNR overpass and possibly divert traffic via either the 406 or Pelham Road if Glenridge is to be closed. Although this may present problems for the Public Transit system he feels they would be able to come to a manageable solution.

Joe Cousins, Director, Transportation Services states that he will take all suggestions into consideration, and will investigate how this suggestion would affect Emergency Vehicle routes and restrict South end travel/traffic. Transportation Division staff will follow up with City of St. Catharines staff.

245. Household Hazardous Waste Day

Councillor Redekop expressed appreciation on behalf of the Fort Erie Council for a very successful, organized and efficient Household Hazardous Waste Day in Fort Erie.

246. Gilmore/ Central/ Anger Avenue
Town of Fort Erie

Councillor Redekop advised the Committee that a Town of Fort Erie resolution was sent to the Region with a copy of a petition of several hundred signatures, concerning the haulage of sludge via town streets.

Fort Erie Council is requesting that the Region deal with this concern directly.

CLOSED SESSION

247. Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

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

Carried.

248. Lease Renewal – Police Radio Communications
City of St. Catharines
PWA 85-2003 - CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 85-2003, May 27, 2003, respecting the Lease Renewal – Police Radio Communications, City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

249. Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on June 10, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Wayne Redekop
Vice-Chair

Lisa Ricci
Acting, Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk