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## **THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

### **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

#### **REPORT 13-2003**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, July 15, 2003 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

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

**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.

**Staff (Part-Time):** Messrs. Banting, Director, Legal Services; Hughes, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering; Ms. Ralph, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning; Ms. Habermebl, Manager, Waste Collection & Diversion Operations.

#### **PRESENTATION**

276. Recognition of the Regional Public Works Department's Contribution to the Niagara Training and Employment Agency (NTEC) Discovery Experimental Training Centre

Mr. Kerry Fallon of Niagara Training and Employment Agency (NTEC) presented Committee Chair Badawey with a plaque in appreciation of the Waste Management Services Division's donation of bark chips to the NTEC's Discovery Experimental Training Centre.

The Niagara Training and Employment Agency (NTEC) is one of five community based organizations, providing support and training for people with disabilities.

Committee Chair Badawey congratulated Mr. David Payne and Ms. Catherine Habermehl for a job well done and the Committee members responded warmly with applause and congratulations for staff.

**DELEGATION**

277. Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PWA 117-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Burger King Request to Maintain Median on Regional Road 41 (Woodlawn Road) and Regional Road 50 (Niagara Street) in the City of Welland, be lifted from the July 15, 2003 PWA Summary and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

278. Burger King Request to Maintain Median on  
Regional Road 41 (Woodlawn Road) and  
Regional Road 50 (Niagara Street)  
City of Welland  
**PWA 117-2003**

Mr. Gerry Repple of Burger King advised the Committee that since his last presentation to Committee, he has not received any documentation and has not been contacted by anyone from the Public Works Department.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that Mr. Repple was forwarded a copy of the report last week, to the address provided to staff.

The Committee was advised that at this time staff maintains its previous recommendation, to close the median, due to existing safety concerns, staff will however, continue to meet with the Seaway Mall. Staff was advised that discussions respecting the median should be conducted with Staples.

The Committee noted that Mr. Repple has had an established business at this location for approximately fourteen years, and it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PWA 117-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting Burger King Request to Maintain Median on Regional Road 41 (Woodlawn Road) and Regional Road 50 (Niagara Street) in the City of Welland, be received.

That staff review the proponents request to maintain the configuration of the existing median on Regional Road 41 (Woodlawn Road) and Regional Road 50 (Niagara Street) in the City of Welland; and

That staff meet with all those involved in the said property, as well as Committee Chair Badawey and Mayor Forster, City of Welland, to resolve the proponent's concerns. (Transportation)

Carried.

### **SLOGAN FOR NEW COLLECTION SERVICES**

279. Slogan for the New Collection Services  
Waste Management Services Division

Mr. Payne, Director, Waste Management Services Division introduced Mr. Murray Moffatt, Senior Consultant, OEB International who presented the Committee with choices for a slogan for Niagara's New Collection Services.

Mr. Moffatt noted that the selected slogan will be adorned with colour coordinated icons, which illustrate the different types of waste and recyclables in Niagara Region's waste stream.

The Committee reviewed the proposed slogans for the new collection services beginning in September 2003, and suggested that the word "waste" in the slogan "put waste in its place", be reconsidered as all of the icons, such as organics, are not considered waste, but recyclables.

Mr. Moffatt also presented the Committee with an illustration of the sticker to be placed on the green bin, the sticker will be part of the information kit, being distributed to every home within the participating areas, which read "GO ORGANICS".

Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the slogan 'Perfect Pitch' along with the colour coordinated icons (with more example illustrations) in a circular formation, be approved as Niagara Region's slogan for the new collections services; and

That the word "ORGANIC" along with the Regional Logo, be approved as Niagara Region's sticker on the green bins.

Carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

280. Moved by Councillor Eke  
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 and legal matters.

Carried.

281. Lease Renewal  
247 Ridge Road (Ridgeway)  
Community Policing  
Town of Fort Erie  
**PWA 101-2003 CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWA 101-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Lease Renewal, 247 Ridge Road (Ridgeway), Community Policing in the Town of Fort Erie, be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

282. Lease Renewal  
Grimsby Seniors Day Care  
Village Inn Plaza  
**PWA 102-2003 CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWA 102-2003, July 15, 2003 respecting the Lease Renewal, Grimsby Seniors Day Care, Village Inn Plaza, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with Westphalen Holdings Limited for the lease renewal of 1,992 ± square feet of space at the Village Inn Plaza for the Grimsby Seniors Day Care and Resource Centre subject to the following:

That the lease renewal term be for two (2) years commencing September 15, 2003, at the rental rate reported per square foot for year 1, increasing to the rental rate reported for year 2;

That the said renewal will also have an option for a further one (1) year term at the reported rental rate per square foot;

That all other terms and conditions within the existing agreement remain unchanged.

Carried.

283. Use of Abandoned Runway for  
Police Vehicle Operation Training  
Niagara Central Airport Commission  
**PWA 122-2003 CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That Report PWA 122-2003, dated July 15, 2003, respecting the Use of Abandoned Runway for Police Vehicle Operation Training, Niagara Central Airport Commission, be received and the recommendation contained therein approved.

Carried.

284. Legal Matter

Mr. Banting advised the Committee of an imminent legal matter.

Moved by Regional Chair Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Niagara Region's outside counsel be authorized to proceed as directed.

Carried.

285. Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

286. Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 109-2003 July 15, 2003, respecting the Final Report – Environmental Assessment, Level Review of Regional Mid-Term Disposal Alternatives and Report PWA 120-2003 (CSD 110-2003), July 15, 2003, respecting the Request for Proposals for Provision of Winter Maintenance Services, 2003-RFP-07, be lifted from the July 15, 2003, PWA Summary and Addendum and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

287. Report – Environmental Assessment  
Level Review of Regional  
Mid-Term Disposal Alternatives  
PWA 109-2003

Mr. Greg Taras, Principal, Urban and Environmental Management Inc., provided the Committee with an overview of the report, detailing the process the consultants followed in completing and compiling the Final Report – Environmental Assessment, Level Review of Regional Mid-Term Disposal Alternatives.

Mr. Payne advised the Committee of the proposed EA process, which would entail the preparation of a strategy to address the EA approval process that deals with transition between mid-term and long-term, as well as address the potential to maximize the currently approved landfill capacity and impact the acceleration of the long-term disposal study.

Mr. Payne also advised the Committee that the report is to be considered final and that any further comments will be considered during the EA process.

The Committee was advised that it is very important for the members to realize that there will always be a need for landfills, which will be used significantly less in the future, through the various initiatives being implemented in the Niagara Region.

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PWA 109-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Final Report – Environmental Assessment, Level Review of Regional Mid-Term Disposal Alternatives, be received and deferred to the September 9, 2003 meeting of this Committee, for resolution.

Lost.

Moved by Regional Chair Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 109-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Final Report – Environmental Assessment, Level Review of Regional Mid-Term Disposal Alternatives, be received for information; and

That the following recommendations of the “Final Report – Environmental Assessment Level Review of Regional Mid-term Disposal Alternatives”, be approved:

- i. The preferred alternative for an approximately 5-year mid-term period from 2008 to 2012, based on the comparative evaluation of the three previously defined alternatives is the:*
  - *Continued use of the Niagara Road 12 Landfill for the municipalities of Grimsby, Lincoln, Pelham and West Lincoln*
  - *Upward expansion of the Humberstone Landfill for use by the municipalities of Welland, Port Colborne, Fort Erie, Wainfleet, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Thorold and Niagara-on-the-Lake.*
- ii. Prior to the initiation of the formal EA Study and development of EA Terms of Reference, the Region should consider the results of landfill capacity surveys currently being completed and their implications to start of disposal period and actual disposal need for the mid-term period.*

(Waste Management)

Carried.

Councillor Forster requested that she be recorded as opposed to the above resolution.

The Committee noted that the delegations wishing to address the Committee on the above matter should be scheduled for a special meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee on September 2, 2003, with a resolution being brought forward from this meeting to the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting on September 9, 2003, for approval.



That this report be received and circulated for information purposes to the Cities of Niagara Falls, Thorold and St. Catharines; the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Niagara Escarpment Commission; the Ministry of the Environment and the Regional Niagara Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee. (Planning/Waste Management)

290. Waste Management System Financing Options Study  
**PWA 104-2003 (CSD 101-2003)**

That Report PWA 104-2003 (CSD 101-2003), July 15, 2003, respecting Waste Management System Financing Options Study, be received.

That staff be authorized to prepare necessary Terms of Reference and initiate the process to retain consulting services to undertake a Waste Management System Financing Options Study. (Waste Management)

291. Legal Indemnification Policy  
**PWA 105-2003 (CSD 105-2003/HR 28-2003)**

That Report PWA 105-2003 (CSD 105-2003/HR 28-2003), July 15, 2003, respecting Legal Indemnification Policy, be received and approved.

That the Corporate Policy attached be implemented, effective as of Council's approval, in principle, on April 17, 2003.

292. Contract RN. 03-30  
Sale of Surplus Property  
Former Highland Avenue Water Standpipe  
Town of Pelham  

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**PWA 106-2003**

That Report PWA 106-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting Contract RN. 03-30, Sale of Surplus Property, Former Highland Avenue Water Standpipe in the Town of Pelham, be received.

That the Region not accept the tenders for Contract RN 03-30, Sale of Surplus Property on Highland Avenue in the Town of Pelham;

That staff be authorized to continue marketing the property in accordance with Regional Policy. (Operational Support)

293. Transfer of 12-inch (300 mm) Watermain  
City of Niagara Falls  

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**PWA 107-2003**

That Report PWA 107-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Transfer of 12-inch (300 mm) Watermain in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the Region's 12-inch watermain, located on Willoughby Drive and Weinbrenner Road, be deleted from the Regional Water System and transferred to the City of Niagara Falls;

That a by-law be submitted to Regional Council for this purpose. (Operational Support)

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

**PWA 108-2003**

That Report PWA 108-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Proposed Disposal of Property, Lot Adjacent to the Shoalts Drive Reservoir Site in the Town of Pelham, be received.

That the tender, in the amount of \$61,000, as received from Mr. Lorenzo Perreault for the purchase of surplus property as described within Contract RN 03-20, be accepted;

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 transaction. (Operational Support)

295. Authorization for Quotation Award for  
Pre-Selection of Ultra Violet Disinfection  
Equipment – Niagara Falls Water  
Treatment Plant Upgrades, Phase 1

**PWA 110-2003**

That Report PWA 110-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Authorization for Quotation Award for Pre-Selection of Ultra Violet Disinfection Equipment – Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Upgrades, Phase 1, be received.

That the quotation for the pre-selection of the Ultra Violet Disinfection equipment required under the Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Upgrades, Phase 1 project, be awarded to Trojan Technologies Inc., at a cost of \$834,300, including net GST. (Water & Wastewater)

296. Roberts Street/ Bender Street/ Falls Avenue  
Traffic Operations Study  
City of Niagara Falls

**PWA 111-2003**

That Report PWA 111-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting Roberts Street/Bender Street/Falls Avenue, Traffic Operations Study in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the firm of Totten Sims Hubicki Associates be retained to undertake a Traffic Operations Study on Regional Road 420 (Roberts Street/Falls Avenue), in the City of Niagara Falls, at a total estimated fee of \$41,220, plus GST. (Transportation)

297. Vehicle and Equipment Replacement  
Program 2003 – Phase II

**PWA 112-2003**

That Report PWA 112-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program 2003 – Phase II, be received.

That the Public Works Department be authorized to advertise forthwith for equipment recommended for replacement on Schedule "A", attached to PWA 112-2003. (Transportation).

(Refer to Staff Directions)

298. Speed Limit Adjustment  
Regional Road 47 (Lyon's Creek Road)  
City of Niagara Falls

**PWA 113-2003**

That Report PWA 113-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Speed Limit Adjustment, Regional Road 47 (Lyon's Creek Road) in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the existing speed limit on Regional Road 47 (Lyon's Creek Road) be adjusted to include a speed limit reduction from 70 km/h to 50 km/h and an increase from 70 km/h to 80 km/h, as outlined in Appendix 2 to report PWA 113-2003.

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary bylaw amendment is presented to Council on July 17, 2003. (Transportation)

299. Speed Limit Increase  
Regional Road 57 (Thorold Stone Road)  
Cities of Thorold and Niagara Falls

**PWA 114-2003**

That Report PWA 114-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Speed Limit Increase, Regional Road 57 (Thorold Stone Road) in the Cities of Thorold and Niagara Falls, be received.

That the existing speed limit on Regional Road 57 (Thorold Stone Road) from Davis Road to Garner Road be increased from 60 km/h to 80 km/h, and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary bylaw is presented to Council on July 17, 2003. (Transportation)

300. Regional Niagara Policy  
Road Traffic Noise Assessment and Control  
**PWA 115-2003**

That Report PWA 115-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting Regional Niagara Policy Road Traffic Noise Assessment and Control, be received.

That subject to Corporate and Financial Services Committee approval, previously approved debenture financing (PWA 47-2003 and CSD 38-2003) of \$60,000.00 gross and net amount be transferred from Capital Project RC0238 (Rehabilitation of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) from Merritt Street to Government Road, in the City of St. Catharines) to Capital Project ZRC0318 / RC0341 (Regional Niagara Policy on Road Traffic Noise Assessment and Control).

That the consulting firm of Aercoustics Engineering Limited be retained to develop and prepare a Policy on Road Traffic Noise Assessment and Control.

Further, that all project costs be charged against Capital Project ZRC0318 / RC0341 (Regional Niagara Policy on Road Traffic Noise Assessment and Control). (Transportation)

301. Request for Capital Budget Allocation  
Bylaw and financing Approval for the  
Balance of 2003 Public Works Capital Programs  
**PWA 116-2003 (CSD 104-2003)**

That Report PWA 116-2003 (CSD 104-2003), July 15, 2003, respecting the Request for Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for the Balance of 2003 Public Works Capital Programs, be received.

That budget allocations for the individual projects from the Water and Wastewater, Roads, Buildings and Equipment Programs be approved in the amounts and funding sources as shown in the Schedules A, B, C and D, for the total gross and net amount of \$24,347,000.

That financing for the projects, including debenture financing of \$8,075,000, be approved for each individual project outlined in the schedules.

That the budget allocation of \$500,000 gross and net amount from the Waste Management Reserve be approved for Project ZGL0221 Re-Payment of Waste Management Transition Costs.

That financing in the amount of \$200,000 from the Building Standards Reserve (0035-0940) be approved for Project ZGD0203 Building Maintenance Program.

That financing in the amount of \$200,000 from the Water Capital Reserve (0030-0961) and \$250,000 from the Sewage Capital Reserve (0030-0962) be approved for Project ZRE0304 Innovation, Research and Implementation of New Technology.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council. (Operational Support)

302. Award of Contract for Supply and Delivery  
Of Bulk Sodium Chloride (Road Salt)  
Reference 2003-T-41

**PWA 119-2003**

That Report PWA 119-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Award of Contract for Supply and Delivery of Bulk Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) Reference 2003-T-41, re received.

That Tender 2003-T-41, covering the supply and delivery of Bulk Sodium Chloride, be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications, Cargill Salt, Pickering, Ontario, for a five (5) year period at the following unit costs, excluding sales taxes:

<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>Cost per Tonne</u>
2003-2004	\$44.49
2004-2005	45.44
2005-2006	46.39
2006-2007	47.14
2007-2008	47.89

(Transportation/Purchasing)

303. Agreement with Ontario Hydro Generation  
Safety Boom Across 12 Mile Creek  
City of St. Catharines

**PWA 121-2003**

That Report PWA 121-2003, dated July 15, 2003, respecting the Agreement with Ontario Hydro Generation, Safety Boom Across 12 Mile Creek in the City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations therein approved. (Operational Support Services)

304. Moved by Councillor Eke

Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated July 15, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 103-2003 to PWA 108-2003 inclusive, PWA 110-2003 to PWA 116-2003 inclusive, PWA 119-2003 and PWA 121-2003, be received and accepted.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

305. Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Communication PWC 44-2003, (July 10, 2003) – **Chado Brcic**, Director of Water & Wastewater Services, to the Ministry of the Environment, outlining the Region's process of records review for inspections by the Ministry, be received.

Carried.

306. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary and Addendum, dated July 15, 2003, with the exception of PWC 44-2003, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 38-2003 – (May 28, 2003) – **Frank Klees**, Minister of Transportation, to Jacqueline Winters of the Bruce Trail Association, confirming a partnership arrangements between the Bruce Trail Association, Region of Niagara, CN Rail and Ministries of Transportation and Tourism & Recreation, for the construction of a new pedestrian bridge. The new bridge will be included in MTO's QEW Sand Plant Hill construction project.

-- Received.

PWC 39-2003 – (June 18, 2003) – **Ian Neville**, Commissioner of Public Works, to David Atkinson, President of Brock University, requesting a meeting to discuss a site plan application for an entrance to Brock's new parking lot south of St. David's Road on Merrittville Highway.

-- Received and Committee was advised that a meeting has been arranged for July 17, 2003.

PWC 40-2003 – (June 3, 2003) - **Chado Brcic**, Director of Water & Wastewater Services, being a memorandum to file summarizing his attendance at the Environment of Energy Conference (EECO) held in Toronto on May 22-23, 2003.

-- Received.

PWC 41-2003 – (June 6, 2003) – **Betty-Lou Souter**, CEO of Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold, to Brad Whitelaw of Waste Management Services, expressing thanks for Niagara's participation in the Environmental Day Food Drive.

-- Received.

PWC 42-2003 – (June 23, 2003) – **Debbie Zimmerman**, Regional Chair, to William Chajowsky of the Station Press in Jordan, acknowledging receipt and thanking him for submitting his document "*Transportation in Niagara and Lincoln*", which provides a historical description on Niagara's past, current and future transportation needs.

-- Received.

PWC 43-2003 – (June 27, 2003) – **Ministry of Transportation News Release – "Eves Government amends Mid-Peninsula Terms of Reference"**, on the Ministry proposal to submit a revised Environmental Assessment to the MOE.

-- Received.

PWC 45-2003 – (July 8, 2003) – **David W. Atkinson**, President & Vice-Chancellor, Brock University in response to Mr. Neville's correspondence (PWC 39-2003).

-- Received.

PWC 46-2003 – (July 14, 2003) **Joe Cousins**, Director, Transportation Services Division to Mr. Peter Chackeris, Manager, Inter Regional Transit Office, Ministry of Transportation respecting Interregional Transit Services for Niagara.

-- Received.

307. Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the PWC Summary and Addendum, July 15, 2003, with the exception of PWC 44-2003, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

308. Decommissioning of Biggar Lagoons  
Town of Grimsby

The Committee was advised that the existing lease expires November 12, 2004, as long as the property is being used as a lagoon. There is an existing provision for both parties to terminate the lease with 90 days notice.

Regional Chair Zimmerman advised the Committee that she has recently received a copy of a letter, which requests a response from the federal member of parliament on the preservation of this particular wetland habitat, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 63-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Decommissioning of Biggar Lagoons in the Town of Grimsby, be deferred until the Niagara Region receives a copy of the response from the federal member of parliament.

Carried.

309. Construction Progress Report  
Water & Wastewater Services

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 60-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services, be received for information.

Carried.

310. National Water & Wastewater  
Benchmarking Initiative – Preliminary Area  
Results in the Niagara Region

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 61-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the National Water & Wastewater Initiative – Living Area, Results in the Niagara Region, be received for information.

Carried.

311. Soil and Water Testing at  
St. George's Park in the City of Welland

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWP 62-2003, July 15, 2003, respecting the Soil and Water Testing at St. George's Park in the City of Welland, be received for information and that the conclusions of the study be noted.

Carried.

### MINUTES

312. Waste Management Planning Steering Committee  
Meeting of Tuesday, May 27, 2003

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting, of Tuesday, May 27, 2003, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

313. Waste Management Planning Steering Committee  
Meeting of Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting, of Tuesday, June 24, 2003, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

314. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee  
Meeting of Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 11, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

315. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee  
Meeting of Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, June 10, 2003, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

**ACCOUNTS**

316. Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the accounts list for the period ending May 31, 2003, in the amount of \$2,312,425.31, be approved for payment.

Carried.

317. Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the accounts list for the period ending June 30, 2003, in the amount of \$3,725,383.15, be approved for payment.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

318. Announcement – GO Transit

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee of staff's meeting with Ministry staff to discuss the announcement regarding future GO Transit services to Niagara Falls.

Ministry staff noted during the meeting that staff are currently discussing partnership arrangements with existing providers, such as Greyhound, to provide what is essentially a park and ride service with linkages to existing GO Transit terminals.

319. Congratulations

Regional Chair Zimmerman congratulated all of the staff involved in compiling the information for the July 2003 Canadian Taxpayers Federal report entitled "Report Card on Municipal Performance Measurements", as they performed an excellent job.

320. Sub-Committee Appointment

Moved by Regional Chair Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Councillor Davidson be appointed as a member of the Sub-Committee of the Public Works and Utilities Committee to review and finalize the recommendations of the final draft report on the Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan Update dated April 2003, develop and recommend related policies and undertake the review of service delivery models for water and sewer servicing in Niagara.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was requested to:

- include within their vehicle replacement criteria; alternative fuel technology options, such as hybrid vehicle technology in any future vehicle replacement exercises. (Refers to Minute Item 298)
- Transportation Services**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:30 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on August 12, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey  
Chair

Janet Pilon  
Legislative Assistant

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Thomas R. Hollick  
Regional Clerk