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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 19-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

- Committee:** Councillors Redekop, Vice Chair; Regional Chair Zimmerman; Burroughs, Eke, Forster, Harry, Konkle, McMullan, Rigby.
- Staff:** Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.
- Staff (Part-Time):** Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner, Public Health; Messrs. Smith, Waste Management Engineer; Ms. Barrow, Process Engineer, Operations; Ms. Ralph, Manager, Waste Policy & Planning, Ms. Staines, Chair, Corporate Employee Recognition Team; Ms. Alexander, Program Manager.
- Others:** Messrs. Stewart, Director, Waste Management Services, City of Hamilton; Merriman, Principal, MacViro Consultants Inc; Plaice, Project Manager, Earth Tech Canada Inc.

PRESENTATION

386. Niagara Road Supervisors Association
Annual Truck Roadeo

On Behalf of the Public Works and Utilities Committee, Councillor Redekop, Committee Vice-Chair, together with Ian Neville, Commissioner of Public Works and Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services Division, presented Public Works employees Mike Wultchyn, David Bell, and Clayton Morkhem (absent) with trophies in recognition of their performance at the 2003 Truck Roadeo. Mr. Wultchyn was recognized for finishing first overall. The Traffic Signals Team, comprising of team members Messrs. Wultchyn, Bell and Morkem were recognized for their first place finish in the team competition. The Committee responded warmly to the congratulations extended by Committee Vice-Chair Redekop.

Ms. Staines, Chair of the Corporate Employee Recognition Team presented Mike Wultchyn, David Bell, and Clayton Morkhem (absent) with Regional Niagara T-Shirts in recognition of their accomplishments.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

387. Water Environment Association of Ontario
Biosolids Education Video Award

Ms. Barrow provided the Committee with a viewing of the Biosolids Education Video entitled "The Nature of Biosolids" that was selected by the Water Environment Federation's Board of Directors as the winner of the 2003 Public Education Award – Member Association Category.

The Committee congratulated staff for producing an excellent and extremely informative video on Biosolids.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

PRESENTATION

388. Regional Niagara Long Term Disposal Planning Study
(Refers to Minute Item 393)

Ms. Ralph provided the Committee with a brief overview of the Regional Niagara Long Term Disposal Planning Study, which maintains Regional Niagara's focus on waste diversion and the need for a solution for the waste Regional Niagara is unable to divert during the 25-year planning period from 2013 to 2038, through a three phased work program.

Ms. Ralph advised the Committee of the key findings during Phase One and Two of the study, as well as the estimated costs associated with Combustion and Gasification Technology facilities and information respecting air emissions from these technologies, which have limited differences and meet the Ontario regulations (Guideline A-7).

The Committee was apprised of the partnership developments between Regional Niagara and the City of Hamilton, which will address similar goals and similar long-term waste issues, through scheduled meetings of Regional Niagara's Waste Management Planning Steering Committee and the City of Hamilton's Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee joint staff meetings.

Ms Ralph advised the Committee that Regional Niagara next steps in the process will be the endorsement of the Phase One and Two Results by Public Works Committee and Regional Council, the initiation of a formal partnership negotiations with the City of Hamilton; the initiation of the facility siting work program; the development of the EAA, EPA, and other approvals strategy and the initiation of Phase Three of the study.

Councillor Forster noted that the City of Welland concluded after reviewing the report and the Task F Study, that a preferred alternative should not be selected prior to the completion of an Environmental Assessment.

Ms. Ralph noted that Regional Niagara has not deselected any alternatives, and that Regional Niagara is in a planning phase to obtain all of the information that will be required to commence an Environmental Assessment.

Councillor Forster also noted that the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee requested that the Executive Summary, Page 5, be revised to note that Regional Niagara at this time will be initiating the first step of the facility siting work program, which is the development of the criteria for the preferred site.

ADMINISTRATION

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, September 23, 2003:

389. **Regional Niagara Bikeways
Master Plan – Final Report
PWA 151-2003 (CSD 137-2003)**

That Report PWA 151-2003 (CSD 137-2003), September 23, 2003, respecting the Regional Niagara Bikeways Master Plan - Final Report be received;

That the Regional Niagara Bikeways Network Implementation Priorities and Associated Costs, as recommended in attached Figure 8-6 from Chapter 8 of the Final Report, be subject to review by the Public Works and Utilities and Corporate Services Committees with respect to the Region's Capital Management Policy; and

That the Regional Clerk forward a copy of the Final Report to all Regional Departments and each local area municipality, the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee, Haldimand County, Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council, Niagara Regional Police Service, Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation, Niagara Parks Commission, Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Niagara Freewheelers Bicycle Touring Club, Velo Ontario, Waterfront Regeneration Trust and the Hamilton/Burlington Cycling Committees for their information.
(Transportation)

(Please note that Report PWA151-2003 (CSD 137-2003) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes.)

390. Policy Amendments
PW4.T01 – Tours of Water & Wastewater
Treatment Facilities and
PW3.W01 – Lettering on Elevated Water
Storage Tanks and Standpipe

PWA 152-2003

That Report PWA 152-2003, September 23, 2003, respecting the Policy Amendments, PW4.T01 – Tours of Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities and PW3.W02 – Lettering on Elevated Water Storage Tanks and Standpipe, be received.

That the existing Public Works Policies,

- i) PW4.T01 Tours of Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities; and
- ii) PW3.W01 Lettering on Elevated Water Storage Tanks and Standpipes

be amended as proposed. (Water & Wastewater Services)

391. Wind Power Project
PWA 153-2003

That Report PWA 153-2003, September 23, 2003, respecting the Wind Power Project, be received.

That the Region enter into the Joint Venture Agreement with Rankin Construction Inc. to proceed with the development of the wind power project in the Township of Wainfleet.

That the Joint Venture retains the consulting engineering firm of Acres International Limited to provide the Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design services for the wind power project at the upset limit of \$99,451.00, plus net G.S.T.

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara's contribution to the Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design is \$49,725.50 plus net G.S.T. or half the costs noted above according to the wind power Agreement.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the Joint Venture Agreement and execute the contract and related documents with Acres International Limited.

That the Region's share of the project costs be charged against Project I.D. ZRE0310. (Operational Support Services)

392. Regional Niagara Participation in
FCM Municipal Partnership Program
PWA 154-2003

That Report PWA 154-2003, September 23, 2003, respecting the Regional Niagara Participation in FCM Municipal Partnership Program, be received.

That, aligned with the Regional Municipality of Niagara Council Business Plan Objective 5. Leadership Role - Healthy Communities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be advised that Regional Municipality of Niagara wishes to participate in the Municipal Partnerships Program. (Waste Management Services)

393. Regional Niagara Long Term Disposal Planning Study
PWA 155-2003

That Report PWA 155-2003, September 23, 2003, respecting the Regional Niagara Long Term Disposal Planning Study, be received.

That the Final Task F Report for the Regional Niagara Long-term Disposal Planning Study, entitled "Results of Study Phases One (alternative Technologies) and Two (alternative systems) – Identification of Alternative Disposal Systems" be approved.

And that the third and final Phase of the Regional Niagara Long-term Disposal Planning Study, being the evaluation of Long-term Integrated Waste Management systems be undertaken.

And that the target of 65% diversion of waste from landfill and implementation of the Region's approved Long-term Diversion strategy continue to be supported.

And that a partnership with the City of Hamilton that will bring the City into the final phase of the Regional Niagara Long-term Disposal Planning Study that has the potential to result in a shared Energy from Waste (EFW) approach be supported.

And that Regional Staff and the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee be directed to begin negotiations with Hamilton and report back to Council. (Waste Management Services)

(Refer to Minute Item 388 – Presentation)

394. Moved by Regional Chair Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the PWA Summary, dated September 23, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 151-2003 to PWA 155-2003 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

395. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary and Addendum, dated September 23, 2003, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 54-2003 - (August 26, 2003)- **Vincent Nazareth**, Chair of the Biosolids Education Video Committee of WEAO, to Deanna Barrow, Process Engineer, Water & Wastewater Services Division, being a congratulatory letter regarding Niagara's Biosolids Committee involvement and production of the award winning education video.

-- Received and referred to video presentation.

PWC 55-2003 – (September 11, 2003) – **Natalie Boyd**, MOE Drinking Water Program Inspector, to Chado Brcic, Director of Water & Wastewater Services, regarding adverse water quality events and corrective action taken by the Region.

-- Received.

PWC 56-2003 – (August 28, 2003) – **Honourable Frank Klees**, Minister of Transportation, to the Town of Fort Erie's Deputy Clerk, being a response regarding the issuance of Land Use Permits for the Fort Erie Truck and Travel Plaza Inc.

-- Received.

PWC 57-2003 – (September 12, 2003) – **Mayor Robert Wade**, City of Hamilton, informing of City Council's endorsement of the Committee of the Whole Report which approved item 1 of the Energy from Waste Options.

-- Received and referred to PWA 155-2003.

396. Moved by Regional Chair Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the contents of the PWC Summary and Addendum, September 23, 2003, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

397. Water and Sewage Quantities
By Municipality – Report for 2nd Quarter 2003

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWP 71-2003, September 23, 2003, respecting the Water and Sewage Quantities by Municipality – Report for 2nd Quarter 2003, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

398. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting, of Tuesday, September 9, 2003, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

399. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting, of Wednesday, September 10, 2003, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

400. Moved by Councillor Konkle
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

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

Carried.

401. Public Health Accommodations
573 Glenridge Avenue
City of St. Catharines
PWA 156-2003 (PHD 55-2003)

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Konkle

That Report PWA 156-2003 (PHD 55-2003), September 23, 2003, respecting the Public Health Accommodations, 573 Glenridge Avenue in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That staff be authorized to enter into discussion with Brock Plaza Properties, landlord of 573 Glenridge Avenue building, to determine options for expanding the building by an approximate additional 19,300 square feet.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

402. Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- Show the video entitled "The Nature of Biosolids" at Regional Council. (Refers to Minute Item 387)
- Provide Councillor Harry with a copy of the video. (Refers to Minute Item 387)
- Contact Cogeco Cable and request that they broadcast the video. (Refers to Minute Item 387)
- Make the video available at the libraries. (Refers to Minute Item 387)
- Add the showing of the video to the agendas of the Public Liaison Committee meetings. (Refers to Minute Item 387)
- Provide the Committee with additional information on the industry standard for average Building Gross Floor Area (BFGA). (Refers to Minutes Item 401)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:10 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on October 7, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Wayne Redekop
Vice Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk