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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE
REPORT 20-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 commencing at 1:39 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

- Committee: Councillors Badawey, Chair; Burroughs, Davidson, Forster, Harry, Redekop, Rigby.
- Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services; Hughes, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.
- Staff (Part-Time): Ms. Barrow, Process Engineer, Operations.
- Others: Ms. Stack, Director, Communications, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority; Members of the Niagara Water Quality Protection Strategy Committee.

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to five members, pursuant to Part II, Section 11.7 of the Procedural By-law 7174-93.

PRESENTATION

403. Niagara Children's Water Festival

Ms. Barrow provided the Committee with a presentation on the Niagara Children's Water Festival that was held September 15th to 18th, 2003, at Ball's Falls Conservation Area for Niagara area children from Grades 3 and 4.

The objectives of the Niagara Children's Water Festival was to introduce water quality, conservation, technology, safety and its importance for the growth and well

being of Niagara Region's future as well as to promote the Region of Niagara and Conservation Authority to Grades 3 and 4.

The festival was attended by approximately 4,000 Grade 3 and 4 students and over 400 volunteers, high school students with over forty fun, water related learning activities demonstrating water attitude, water conservation, water protection, water science and water technology.

The success of the festival depended upon partnerships between the Region of Niagara and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, the enthusiastic organizing Committee, planning, the support from other festivals in Ontario and sponsorships (financial and in-kind). The festival's major sponsor was Ontario Power Generation with a host of other sponsors from across the Niagara Region and Ontario.

The Water for Life winning poster, which was presented during the Public Works Week was drawn by Garrett Dion (age 8, Grade 2/3, Consolidated School), is now used to represent this year's festival.

The feedback received was very favourable and organizers belief that the festival did meet its objectives and promoted water as the most important resource we need to protect for today and future generations.

The Committee congratulated all those involved in the Niagara Children's Water Festival for a very successful event and supported this event being held on an annual basis.

CLOSED SESSION

404. Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

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

Carried.

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to four members, pursuant to Part II, Section 11.7 of the Procedural By-law 7174-93.

405. Water & Wastewater Services
Divisional Reorganization
PWA 159-2003 (HR 39-2003)

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 159-2003 (HR 39-2003), October 7, 2003, respecting the Water & Wastewater Services, Divisional Reorganization, be received and the recommendations therein approved; and

That staff implement the use of a Communications Strategy to inform the public of the changes proposed for the water and wastewater plants within their communities.

Carried.

406. Lease of Office Space – 250 Thorold Road West
The Business Education Council of Niagara
City of Welland
PWA 157-2003

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWA 157-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Lease of Office Space – 250 Thorold Road West, The Business Education Council of Niagara, in the City of Welland, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

407. Lease of Office Space – 250 Thorold Road West
The John Howard Society of Niagara
City of Welland
PWA 158-2003

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWA 158-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Lease of Office Space – 250 Thorold Road West, The John Howard Society of Niagara in the City of Welland, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

408. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary and Addendum, October 7, 2003:

409. Speed Limit Adjustment
Regional Road 81 (King Street)
Town of Lincoln
PWA 160-2003

That Report PWA 160-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Speed Limit Adjustment, Regional Road 81 (King Street) in the Town of Lincoln, be received.

That the existing by-lawed speed for Regional Road 81 (King Street) between Twenty-Third Street Louth and 75 metres east of Haynes Street be reduced from 60 km/h to 50 km/h to reflect the existing posted speed; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on October 16, 2003. (Transportation Services)

410. Proposed Speed Limit Reduction
Regional Road 83 (Line 4)
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
PWA 161-2003

That Report PWA 161-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Proposed Speed Limit Reduction, Regional Road 83 (Line 4) in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received.

That the existing speed limit on Regional Road 83 (Line 4) between Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) and Regional Road 83 (Carlton Road) be reduced from 80 km/h to 60 km/h; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on October 16, 2003. (Transportation Services)

411. Authorization for Quotation Award for Pre-Selection
Of Ultra Violet Disinfection Equipment
DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant Upgrade, Phase 3
PWA 162-2003

That Report PWA 162-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Authorization for Quotation Award for Pre-Selection of Ultra Violet Disinfection Equipment, DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant Upgrade, Phase 3, be received.

That the quotation for the pre-selection of the Ultra Violet Disinfection equipment required under the DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Phase 3 project be awarded to Trojan Technologies Inc. at a cost of \$1,305,770.00 including net GST.

That the project costs be charged against Capital Works Project CW0019. (Water & Wastewater Services)

412. Retention of Consulting Services for the
Welland Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
And Quality Improvements
In the City of Welland
PWA 163-2003

That Report PWA 163-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Welland Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and Quality Improvements in the City of Welland, be received.

That the consulting firm of R. V. Anderson Associates Limited be retained to provide engineering services for the Welland Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and Quality Improvements in the City of Welland.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$1,536,929.00 exclusive of GST.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Parent Project CW0204. (Water & Wastewater Services)

413. 2003 Traffic Signal Installation Program
PWA 164-2003

That Report PWA 164-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the 2003 Traffic Signal Installation Program, be received.

That staff be authorized to complete within the 2003 allocation the installation of traffic signals at Martindale Road and Grapeview Drive, City of St. Catharines, being an additional project to the works originally approved under the 2003 Traffic Signal Program, (PWA 66-2003, April 22, 2003). (Transportation Services)

414. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated October 7, 2003, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 160-2003 to PWA 164-2003 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

415. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary and Addendum, dated October 7, 2003, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 58-2003 - (September 29, 2003) – **Chado Brcic**, Director of Water & Wastewater Services, to Deanna Barrow, Regional Process Engineer, expressing appreciation for her marvelous efforts in making the Children's Water Festival a success.

-- Received.

PWC 59-2003 – (September 29, 2003) – **Chado Brcic**, Director of Water & Wastewater Services, to Mary Stack of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, expressing appreciation for their extraordinary efforts with the Niagara Children's Water Festival.

-- Received.

PWC 60-2003 – (September 29, 2003) – **Chado Brcic**, Director of Water & Wastewater Services, to Cindy Toth, City of St. Catharines, expressing appreciation to the City for its extraordinary efforts with the Niagara Children's Water Festival.

-- Received.

PWC 61-2003 – (September 24, 2003) – **Carolyn Kett**, Clerk, Town of Fort Erie, to Regional Clerk Rod Hollick, being a Town Council resolution urging the Region to schedule the Thompson Road reconstruction/signalization works in early 2004 as a priority.

-- Received and referred to Transportation Services.

PWC 62-2003 – (September 23, 2003) – **Ed Dujlovic**, Director of Municipal Works for the City of Niagara Falls, to Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services, regarding the Region's share for the storm sewer project to be constructed along Stanley Avenue south of Highway 420 and requesting that an approximate amount of \$350,000 be provided for in the 2004 capital budget.

-- Received and referred to Transportation Services.

PWC 63-2003 – **Ontario Good Roads Association – Head Up Alert** entitled "Environment Canada Releases Proposed Code of Practice to Reduce Environmental Impacts of Road Salts".

-- Received.

PWC 64-2003 – (September 30, 2003) – **John Rizzo**, Project Manager, Transportation Engineering, to MTO Central Regional Operations, submitting temporary drawings for installation at the intersection of Thompson Road at Garrison Road in the Town of Fort Erie.

-- Received.

PWC 65-2003 – (September 23, 2003) – **Joanne Scime**, Deputy Clerk of the Township of West Lincoln, being a Township Council resolution requesting the Region to raise and widen Station Street to allow parking on both sides from the railway tracks to Regional Road 20.

-- Received and referred to Transportation Services for report.

PWC 66-2003 – (September 25, 2003) – **Chado Brcic**, Director of Water and Wastewater Services Division, to the MOE Drinking Water Program Inspector, Natalie Boyd, being a response to the Ministry's September 11th letter on water quality and review of records.

-- Received.

416. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That the contents of the PWC Summary and Addendum, October 7, 2003, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

417. Construction Progress Report
Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 72-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Water & Wastewater Services Division Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

418. The Niagara Water Quality Protection Strategy

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 73-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Niagara Water Quality Protection Strategy, be received for information.

Carried.

419. Construction Progress Report
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 74-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

420. Construction Progress Report
Transportation Services

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 75-2003, October 7, 2003, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Transportation Services, be received for information.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

421. Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the accounts list for the period ending July 31, 2003, in the amount of \$3,877,615,34, be approved for payment.

Carried.

MINUTES

422. Waste Management Planning Steering Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, September 23, 2003

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting, of Tuesday, September 23, 2003, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

423. Niagara Water Quality Protection Strategy

Mr. Neville advised the Committee that the Niagara Water Quality Protection Strategy will be presented to the Committee at the October 28, 2003 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:12 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on October 28, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk