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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 20-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Chair; Burroughs; Eke; Goulbourne; Heit; Hildreth; Leavens; Saracino.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, C.A.O.; Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff
(Part-time): Mr. Cambray, Commissioner, Planning & Development; Mr. Murphy, Manager, Policy Planning & Development; Mr. Payne, Director, Waste Management Services.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

209. Forecast of Year-End Results and Budget to Actual
Comparison for the Month Ended August 31, 2004 Current Budget

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 138-2004, September 29, 2004, respecting Forecast of Year-end Results and Budget to Actual Comparison for the Month Ended August 31, 2004 Current Budget, be received for information only.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CFS 123.)

210. Emergency Leachate Seep Remediation Work
Closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site, St. Catharines
Capital Works Project ZGL0101/GL0101

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 137-2004, September 29, 2004, respecting Emergency Leachate Seep Remediation Work Closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site, St. Catharines Capital Works Project ZGL0101/GL0101, be received.

That the amount of \$131,816.82 be approved to pay The Ontario Construction Limited for emergency leachate seep repairs at the closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site, St. Catharines;

That debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$131,029.80 be transferred from Capital Works Project ZGL9902/GL9902 Y2K/Geoware/Caribou Upgrades to Capital Works Project ZGL0101/GL0101 Closure Works – Closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site, St. Catharines;

That Capital Works Project ZGL9902/GL9902 Y2K/Geoware/Caribou Upgrades be closed following the transfer of the remaining budget;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the by-law(s) is prepared for presentation to Regional Council on October 7, 2004; and

That the emergency leachate seep repair costs be charged against Capital Project GL0101 Closure Works – Closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site, St. Catharines.

Carried.

211. Proposed Investigation of the Concept of Assessment Pooling

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report CSD 139-2004, September 29, 2004 (DPD 119-2004, September 19, 2004) respecting Proposed Investigation of the Concept of Assessment Pooling, be received.

That this initial report outlining a study to consider assessment pooling in Niagara be received.

That a call for proposals be circulated to at least three consultants to carry out the proposed study.

That a further report recommending specific funding arrangements, a preferred consultant or consultants, and proposed representatives on a Coordinating Committee to oversee the work of the consultant be presented to the Committees and Council.

That the study will be completed in consultation with the area municipalities.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

212. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Communication CFS 53-2004 from Nancy Naylor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance (September 7, 2004) respecting Ontario Regulation 274/04 under Section 365.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, be received.

Carried.

MINUTES

213. Report 4-2004

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report 4-2004, being the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of September 8, 2004, be approved.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

214. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the period ending July 31, 2004 in the following amounts be approved:

Administration & Corporate Services	\$ 958,203.98
Community Services	2,516,000.96
Planning & Development	7,910.49
Public Health	1,028,482.44
Public Works	4,302,107.64
Police Service	416,879.78
Outside Board's & Agencies	431,885.75
Non Departmental	<u>18,064,074.95</u>
Total	27,625,545.99
G.S.T. Rebate	<u>958,691.15</u>
Total Expense Payable	28,684,237.14
Holdback Amount	<u>2,834,253.06</u>
Total Expenses Paid	<u>\$25,849,984.08</u>

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

215. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

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

Carried.

216. Tax Write-Offs

A discussion ensued on the matter of Tax Write-offs.

217. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That this Committee do now rise without report.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

218. Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Communication CFS 52-2004 respecting resolution re: Tax Write-offs be received; and

That this Committee deny support.

Carried.

Councillor Goulbourne wished to be recorded as opposed to the foregoing motion.

(Refer to staff direction on page CFS 123.)

OTHER BUSINESS

219. Challenges – Border Crossings

Councillor Burroughs apprised Committee of the meeting he attended with Mayors of Canadian and United States Border Communities. Discussions were held on the challenges facing their communities regarding delays at Border crossings on the three bridges and the subsequent impact on commerce. Committee concluded that this matter needs to be dealt with by the Federal governments on both sides of the border.

STAFF DIRECTION

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Examine the format of the Forecast of Year-End Results and Budget to Actual Comparison report in order to provide more detailed forecasting in a succinct manner. (Refer to minute item 209.)
- (ii) Circulate the report prepared by Mr. Bacchus and regional and single tier treasurers regarding alternative revenue sources to members of Council for information. (Refer to minute item 219.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to meet on Wednesday, October 13, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk