

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 6-2004**

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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, February 24, 2004 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Chair; Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Hodgson, Leavens, Redekop, Salci, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part-Time): Messrs. Hughes, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering; Smith, Associate Director, Waste Management Engineering; Watson, Operations Technologist; Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services.

**PRESENTATION**

77. Reconstruction of Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue) from Glendale to CNR Overpass  
City of St. Catharines

Mr. Cousins provided the Committee with an introduction and Mr. Hughes provided the Committee with an overview of the Reconstruction of Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue) project from Glendale to CNR Overpass in the City of St. Catharines.

Mr. Hughes advised the Committee that staff reviewed the possibility of aligning Belton Street and Glen Morris Drive, which required the acquisition of property in the area and that included the presence of an underground parking garage.

The alternative shown at the meeting, illustrated the use of a "roundabout", a design that has been utilized successfully in other municipalities. Roundabouts have the ability to calm traffic, by reducing vehicle speeds and in this case will allow for safe pedestrian crossings.

The alternatives; a) leave this section as it is now; b) realign Belton Street and Glen Morris Drive and c) the Round About, will be presented at a Public Meeting being held on March 3, 2004 and an amendment will be made to the Niagara Region's Class B, Environmental Assessment, following the thirty (30) day period, the project will be out for tenders.

The Committee was provided with the following web site: <http://www.roundabouts.ca>, for more information on roundabouts and to view the Ancaster Modern Roundabout through their live webcam.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

78. Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWA 41-2004, February 24, 2004, respecting the Execution of Millennium Partnership Initiative (SuperBuild) Agreement and Request for an Extension to the Financial Assistance Termination Date, be lifted and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

79. Execution of Millennium Partnership Initiative  
(SuperBuild) Agreement and Request for an  
Extension to the Financial Assistance  
Termination Date  

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**PWA 41-2004**

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWA 41-2004, February 24, 2004, respecting the Execution of Millennium Partnership Initiative (SuperBuild) Agreement and Request for an Extension to the Financial Assistance Termination Date, be received.

That the appropriate by-law be prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Regional Chair and Acting Regional Clerk to execute the provincial Agreements on behalf of the Region of Niagara to secure funding for infrastructure projects under Ontario's Millennium Partnerships Initiative and, where appropriate, local sub-agreements with relevant lower-tier municipalities, and

That a request be made to the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal to grant a one-year extension to the March 31, 2006 termination date for Maximum Financial Assistance for infrastructure projects initiated under this funding agreement.

Carried.

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary and Addendum, February 24, 2004:

80. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan  
Agreement for Joint Study on Waste Disposal  
**PWA 33-2004 (PW04028)**

That the Public Works and Utilities Committee for the Region of Niagara and the Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee for the City of Hamilton recommend to their respective Councils that Report PWA 33-2004 (PW04028), February 24, 2004, entitled "Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan – Agreement for Joint Study on Waste Disposal", be received.

And that the Agreement for the Joint Study of Waste Disposal (Appendix I) between the Region of Niagara and the City of Hamilton be executed by the:

- (i) Niagara Region's Chair and Clerk, and
- (ii) City of Hamilton's Mayor and City Clerk

81. Vehicle Equipment and Replacement  
Budget – Allocation of Financing  
**PWA 34-2004 (CSD 34-2004)**

That Report PWA 34-2004 (CSD 34-2004), February 24, 2004, respecting the Vehicle Equipment and Replacement Budget – Allocation of Financing, be received.

That the budget allocation in the gross and net amount of \$1,746,470 from the 2004 Capital Budget be approved for Project ZSS0401, Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program with financing from the Consolidated Equipment Reserve Fund – Fleet;

That the Public Works Department be authorized to advertise forthwith for equipment recommended for replacement on Schedule "A" attached to this report.

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

82. Commercial Loading Zone  
Regional Road 87 (Lock Street)  
City of St. Catharines  
**PWA 35-2004**

That Report PWA 35-2004, February 24, 2004, respecting the Commercial Loading Zone, Regional Road 87 (Lock Street) in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That a commercial loading zone be established on the west side of Regional Road 87 (Lock Street) from 20 metres south to 35 metres south of Regional Road 87 (Main Street);

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary bylaw amendment is presented to Council on March 4, 2004.

83. Bylaw Regulating the Use by the Public  
Of the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site  
**PWA 36-2004**

That Report PWA 36-2004, February 24, 2004, respecting the Bylaw Regulating the Use by the Public of the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site, be received.

That the By-Law Regulating the Use by the Public of the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site be approved;

That the Short Form Wording and Set Fines set out in the said by-law be approved:

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-law is presented to Council on March 4, 2004; and

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara make application to the Ministry of the Attorney General to obtain set fines in such form and amount as may be satisfactory to the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Regional Senior Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice, and that staff be authorized to implement any revisions required by the Ministry of Justice.

84. Overview of Fee Structure for  
Road Use Permits and Projection of Revenues  
**PWA 37-2004**

That Report PWA 37-2004, February 24, 2004, respecting the Overview of Fee Structure for Road Use Permits and Projection of Revenues, be received.

That staff be directed to increase the fees required for the issuance of various permits by the Transportation and Operational Support Services Divisions.

85. Revision to Culvert Installations' Costs  
Permit Fees and Existing Policy/Procedure at Driveways  
**PWA 38-2004**

That Report PWA 38-2004, February 24, 2004, respecting the Revision to Culvert Installations' Costs Permit Fees and Existing Policy/Procedure at Driveways, be received.

That the following policies regarding the installation of driveway culverts and ditch tiling be adopted:

That the current policy of allowing the installation of culverts or ditch tiling by Regional staff or property owners or their qualified contractor continues.

That the current fee schedule for culvert installations and culvert inspection by Regional staff for driveways be amended as outlined in this report.

That a culvert inspection fee of \$75.00 be charged and collected during the permit process for all installations not undertaken by Regional Staff.

86. Retention of Consulting Services for Contract Administration  
Rosehill Water Treatment Plant Operational Improvements  
Town of Fort Erie

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**PWA 40-2004**

That Report PWA 40-2004, February 24, 2004, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for Contract Administration, Rosehill Water Treatment Plant Operational Improvements in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That this Committee recommends to Regional Council:

That the consulting firm of Earth Tech Canada Inc. be retained to provide contract administration on the Rosehill Water Treatment Plant Operational Improvements.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$144,000.00, 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 Commissioner of Public Works to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Project CW0224.

87. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated February 24, 2004, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 33-2004 to PWA 38-2004 inclusive, and PWA 40-2004, be received and accepted.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

88. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That PWC 08-2004, (February 2, 2004), respecting the Town of North Perth, resolution requesting the Government of Canada to invest in a plan to help fund universal metering programs for small municipalities, be received and supported.

Carried.

89. Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That PWC 10-2004, (January 23, 2004), Adele Kon, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Niagara Falls, to Eric Flora, Transportation Engineer, attaching a copy of a staff report which highlights a review of the Region's new Bikeways Master Plan, be received and referred to staff.

Carried.

90. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated February 24, 2004, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 06-2004 – (February 13, 2004) – **Holly Dowd**, Clerk, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, to the Regional Clerk, being a town resolution requesting the Provincial Government to amend the Education Act to require that surplus school properties be offered to the local area municipalities for a nominal sum after they have been offered to local boards of education and before they are offered to the Ontario Realty Corporation.

-- Received.

PWC 07-2004 – (February 9, 2004) – **John MacLeod**, Fire Chief, City of Thorold, to Ron Davidson, Associate Director, Transportation Services, expressing thanks and appreciation to Regional Public Works staff who assisted the City during a fire call with sanders and plows.

-- Received.

PWC 09-2004 – (February 5, 2004) – **Janice McKinnon**, Deputy Clerk, Township of Ramara, being a resolution requesting the Provincial Government to retain all power generation in public ownership.

-- Received.

91. Moved by Councillor Salci  
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the contents of the PWC Summary, February 24, 2004, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

92. Construction Progress Report  
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWP 10-2004, February 24, 2004, respecting the Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

93. Contingency Allowance on Regional Contracts

Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWP 11-2004, February 24, 2004, respecting the Contingency Allowance on Regional Contracts, be received for information.

Carried.

### **MINUTES**

94. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee  
Meeting of Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting, of Wednesday, February 11, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

95. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee  
Meeting of Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting, of Tuesday, February 10, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

96. Dominion Road - Update  
Town of Fort Erie

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the Dominion Road project in the Town of Fort Erie, was not included in the 2004 Budget and that the project is in the design stage and that it will proceed when funding is available.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 1:58 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, March 9, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby  
Chair

Janet Pilon  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Acting Regional Clerk