

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 14-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 commencing at 1:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Redekop, Vice-Chair; Bodner, Burroughs, Goulbourne, Hodgson, Leavens, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Mucciarelli, Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part-Time): Messrs. Robson, Director of Corporate Strategy; Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management.

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

ADMINISTRATION

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, June 8, 2004:

244. Tender Award for Contract RN 93-52
Thorold Pump Station Upgrades
City of Thorold

PWA 97-2004 (CSD 87-2004)

That Report PWA 97-2004 (CSD 87-2004), June 8, 2004, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 93-52, Thorold Pump Station Upgrades in the City of Thorold, be received.

That financing (Wastewater Capital Reserve) in the gross and net amount of \$416,600.00 be transferred from Project ID ZSW9305/SW9305 Improvements to Pumping Stations and Forcemains to Project ID ZSW0213/SW0213 Upgrading Blackhorse & Centre Street Pump Stations.

That Contract RN 03-52 Thorold Pump Station Upgrades, be awarded to the low tenderer, V. Gibbons Contracting Ltd., at its bid price of \$935,761.21.

That a contingency amount of \$93,000.00 be provided for this project.

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

That all project costs be charged against Project ID SW0213.

(Please note that Report PWA 97-2004 (CSD 87-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

245. Retention of Consulting Services for the
Frenchman's Creek Trunk Sanitary Sewer Servicing Study
Town of Fort Erie

PWA 98-2004 (CSD 88-2004)

That Report PWA 98-2004 (CSD 88-2004), June 8, 2004, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Frenchman's Creek Trunk Sanitary Sewer Servicing Study in the Town of Fort Erie, be receive.

That the consulting engineering firm of Earth Tech Canada Inc. be retained to provide engineering services for the Frenchman's Creek Trunk Sanitary Sewer Servicing Study in the Town of Fort Erie.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$95,950.00 plus GST.

That subject to the approval of the Town of Fort Erie, the engineering fee be split 60% (\$57,570.00) Regional Municipality of Niagara and 40% (\$38,380.00) Town of Fort Erie, representing the engineering effort required to undertake the Region's and the Town of Fort Erie's portion of the Study.

That approval be given to increase the gross budget by \$38,380.00 to reflect the cost sharing contribution from the Town of Fort Erie.

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 Project SW0417.

(Please note that Report PWA 98-2004 (CSD 88-2004) is attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)

246. Amending Agreement – Landfill Gas Utilization Project
Closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site
City of St. Catharines

PWA 99-2004

That Report PWA 99-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting the Amending Agreement – Landfill Gas Utilization Project, Closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That the proposed amending agreement negotiated with Integrated Gas Recovery Services Inc./ St. Catharines Hydro Generation Inc. and Glenridge Gas Utilization Inc. to develop a Landfill gas utilization project at the closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site in the City of St. Catharines be accepted.

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Council on June 17, 2004 authorizing the Chair and Clerk to execute said agreement on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

247. Niagara Road 12 and Station Road Landfill
Operations Contract Agreement with
American Water Services Canada Corporation

PWA 100-2004

That Report PWA 100-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting the Niagara Road 12 and Station Road Landfill, Operations Contract Agreement with American Water Services Canada Corporation, be received.

That Terratec Environmental Ltd. is granted the one year option pursuant to the extension provisions of the current agreements for the operation of the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site and the Station Road Landfill Site.

That the unit price for the option year period be increased in November 2004 by the Consumer Price Index as is contemplated in the current agreements.

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk sign the amending agreements.

248. Award of Tender 2004-T-09
Collection, Haulage and Disposal of
Household Hazardous Waste

PWA 101-2004

That Report PWA 101-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting the Award of Tender 2004-T-09, Collection, Haulage and Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, be received.

That Tender Number 2004-T-09 covering the collection haulage and disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW) from the various HHW mobile depots and the Niagara Road 12 permanent HHW depot, for the period commencing August 1, 2004 and expiring on July 31, 2007, be awarded to Hotz Environmental Services Inc., Hamilton, Ontario, at a total estimated cost of \$960,375.00 for Option "B", as outlined in the Tender document.

249. Expropriation – South Service Road Extension Project
Town of Grimsby

PWA 102-2004

That Report PWA 102-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting the Expropriation – South Service Road Extension Project in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That the Region's Legal Services Division be authorized to initiate expropriation procedures for the acquisition of those properties required to accommodate the construction of the proposed South Service Road extension in the Town of Grimsby.

That Regional Council receive the attached application of The Regional Municipality of Niagara for approval to expropriate those parcels of land extending through parts of Lots 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Concession 1, in the former Township of North Grimsby now in the Town of Grimsby, pursuant to the Expropriations Act.

That all expropriation costs be charged against Capital Works Project ZRC 0319.

250. Tender Award for the Installation of a
New Watermain on Bunting Road from
Carlton Street to Roehampton Avenue
City of St. Catharines

PWA 103-2004

That Report PWA 103-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting the Tender Award for the Installation of a New Watermain on Bunting Road from Carlton Street to Roehampton Avenue in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That the Regional portion for the watermain of the City of St. Catharines Contract No. P04-060 be awarded to the firm Nexterra Substructures Incorporated, at a total price of \$529,223.40.

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$53,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the Region pay the City of St. Catharines for the engineering design, contract administration and site inspection services cost associated with this project in the estimated amount of \$52,923.34.

That the cost associated with this project be charged against Project CW0411.

251. Award of Contract for the Fabrication and Delivery of
Decorative Traffic Signal Pole Base

PWA 104-2004

That Report PWA 104-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting the Award of Contract for the Fabrication and Delivery of Decorative Traffic Signal Pole Base, be received.

That staff be authorized to proceed with the award of contract for purchase and manufacturing of Decorative Traffic Signal Pole Bases to LightSpec-Rochester of Rochester, New York in the amount of \$110,250.00 US, including shipping, plus duties, and taxes for 150 pole base assembly units and also \$15,000.00 US for the fabrication of a custom mold;

That all initial and future purchases be charged against the Traffic Signals Inventory Account

And further, that a charge back to the area municipalities be made at the time of installation.

252. Facilitation of the Redevelopment of the Domtar Property
in the City of St. Catharines –
Disposal of Soil in Regional Landfills

PWA 105-2004

That Report PWA 105-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting the Facilitation of the Redevelopment of the Domtar Property in the City of St. Catharines – Disposal of Soil in Regional Landfills, be received.

That staff be directed to apply the principles of the Tax Increment Funding Program in addressing the issue of disposal of soil from the former Domtar property;

That the rate charged for the disposal of any soil in Regional Landfill sites be set at \$10 per tonne, for up to 50,000 tons of cover material, and then the recently approved rate of \$20 per tonne be applied for any volumes over the initial 50,000 tonnes;

That the disposal costs be tracked by way of annual invoices and that the annual invoices be held in abeyance unit such time as the tax increment formula goes into effect;

That it is understood that all outstanding invoices prepared pursuant to this arrangement will be paid in full prior to any tax increment funds being returned to the property owners;

That a formal agreement incorporating the above recommendations, and to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor, be executed between the Region and the owners of the Domtar Property, and;

That this arrangement be shared with the City of St. Catharines, including but not limited to the City Treasurer, with the intent to inform the City of this arrangement affecting the application of the Region's portion of tax increment funds.

253. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the PWA Summary, dated June 8, 2004, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 97-2004 (CSD 87-2004) to PWA 105-2004, inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

254. Construction Progress Report
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWP 32-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

255. Niagara Region Wins Best Web GIS
Award for **Niagara Atlas**

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWP 33-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting Niagara Region Wins Best Web GIS Award for **Niagara Atlas**, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

256. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee Meeting of Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 12, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

257. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Meeting of Thursday, May 13, 2004

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting of Thursday, May 13, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein referred back to staff for comment.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

258. Access to Additional Blue/Grey Boxes and Organic Containers

The Committee was advised that additional blue/grey recycling boxes and organic containers can be obtained at the Elm Street Landfill Site.

259. Uniformed Signage

The Committee was advised that the Public Works Department has designed an updated version of signage for Regional Roads with half of the Regional Roads signage being replaced this year.

The signage along the Queen Elizabeth Way will be updated by the Ministry of Transportation.

The Committee requested that the Transportation Division communicate with the local municipalities and the Ministry of Transportation, to ensure that all of the signs have the same population information.

Councillor Bodner was advised to contact Mr. Ron Rienas at the Peace Bridge Authority to obtain signage in the vicinity of the Peace Bridge for the City of Port Colborne.

CLOSED SESSION

260. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

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.

261. Road Widening Acquisition
Widening of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road)
Between Preakness Street and Chorozy Street
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 106-2004

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Report PWA 106-2004, June 8, 2004, respecting the Road Widening Acquisition, Widening of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) between Preakness Street and Chorozy Street in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

262. Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, July 13, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Wayne Redekop
Vice-Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Acting Regional Clerk