

## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

### PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

#### REPORT 22-2004

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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, October 26, 2004 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

#### ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Harry, Acting Chair, presiding; Bailey; Bodner, Brock, Goulbourne, Hodgson, Leavens, Redekop, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Brcic, Director, Water and Wastewater Services; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part-Time): Messrs. Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management; Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Ms. Murphy, Manager, Current and Capital Budgets; Ms. Chamberlain, Capital Analyst.

#### ADMINISTRATION

431. Proposed 2005 Capital Program and  
Water and Wastewater Budget Changes  
**CSD 136-2004 & Memorandum**

Mr. Bacchus provided the Committee with a brief overview of the Proposed 2005 Capital Program and the memorandum respecting the Water and Wastewater Budget Changes, represented by the shaded areas.

Councillor Goulbourne requested a meeting with Mr. Brcic and the City of Welland staff to discuss the improvements that were planned at Merritt Island in the City of Welland.

Councillor Redekop noted that the omission of the Frenchmen's Creek Sewer Trunk project on the list of projects listed in the 2005 Capital Program is not within the Regional Policy to encourage growth and development in the southern tier of Niagara, as this project is required for the future development of the Town of Fort Erie.

Mr. Brcic noted that there are funds allocated for the Frenchmen's Creek Sewer Trunk study in the 2004 Capital Program and that the project will not be at a point during the 2005 year to require any further funding, therefore, funding would be allocated in subsequent years, when the project progresses to a point where staff could reasonably estimate the costs associated with the project.

Councillor Brock suggested that Mr. Brcic provided the Town of Fort Erie with the process involved, the projects progress and estimated timeframe for each step.

Mr. Bacchus advised the Committee that a staff Committee with cross departmental responsibilities scored each of the projects using the following criteria in determining the priority of each of the projects:

- Smart Growth & Policy Plan
- Positive impact on environment
- Positive impact on effectiveness and efficiency of service
- Positive impact on preservation of existing infrastructure
- Positive partnership/investment/innovation opportunity
- Mitigation of risk on health, safety and compliance with statutory requirements

The projects that scored under nineteen were put through a risk analysis to determine whether a risk existed if the project was delayed, this analysis moved several projects onto the list and some with high scores off the list.

Mr. Trojan noted that the greater Council involvement in the process would be welcomed.

Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report CSD 136-2004, October 7, 2004, respecting the Proposed 2005 Capital Program and the memorandum respecting Water and Wastewater Budget Changes dated October 25, 2004, be received.

Carried.

*(Please note that Report CSD 136-2004 and the memorandum respecting Water and Wastewater Budget Changes are attached to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes)*

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary and Addendum, October 26, 2004:

432. Tender Award for Contract RN 01-49  
Port Weller Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Screen Building Ventilation Upgrades  
City of St. Catharines

**PWA 183-2004**

That Report PWA 183-2004, October 26, 2004, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 01-49, Port Weller Wastewater Treatment Plan, Screen Building Ventilation Upgrades in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That Contract RN 04-19 Port Weller Wastewater Treatment Plant Screen Building Ventilation Upgrades be awarded to Procon Niagara, subject to Ministry of the Environment and other approvals, at their bid price of \$156,000.00.

That a contingency amount of \$20,000.00 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 the engineering assignment with Associated Engineering (Ont.) Ltd. be extended to provide the related engineering services in the amount of \$7,000.00.

That all project costs be charged against Project ZSW0007 / SW0326.

433. Wastewater Site & Building Improvements

**PWA 184-2004 (CSD 148-2004)**

That Report PWA 184-2004 (CSD 148-2004), October 26, 2004, respecting the Wastewater Site & Building Improvements, be received and forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

*(Please note that Report PWA 184-2004 (CSD 148-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

434. Transmission Line Relocation  
Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) Extension  
From Book Road to Nelles Road  
In the Town of Grimsby  
Project ZRC0319 / RC0319

**PWA 185-2004 (CSD 149-2004)**

That Report PWA 185-2004 (CSD 149-2004), October 26, 2004, respecting the Transmission Line Relocation, Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) Extension,

from Book Road to Nelles Road in the Town of Grimsby, Project ZRC0319/RC0319, be received and forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

*(Please note that Report PWA 185-2004 (CSD 149-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

435. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated October 26, 2004, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 183-2004 to PWA 185-2004 (CSD 149-2004) inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

436. Sale of Surplus Property  
Former Sunset Haven  
Long Term Care Facility  
City of Welland

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the unconditional Offer, in the amount of \$800,000.00, as received from Hectares Properties Inc. for the purchase of the Region's surplus property known as the former Sunset Haven property, described as being Parts 1 to 7 on Plan 59R-9842, be accepted; and

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the transfer documents required to effect this property conveyance; and

That all funds received and all expenses incurred are to be credited/charged to account PR 0301.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

437. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated October 26, 2004, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 39-2004 - (October 7, 2004) – **Craig Stirtzinger**, Clerk, City of Welland to Regional Clerk Pam Gilroy, being a Welland Council resolution supporting the resolution of the City of Port Colborne to close and relocate the Elm Street Compost Facility.

-- Received with a note of congratulations to Mr. Mucciarelli for the tremendous job he has done in keeping all of Regional Council up to date on the resolution of the Elm Street Compost Facility odour issues and referred to Waste Management Services.

PWC 40-2004 – (September 22, 2004) – **Chief Gary Nicholls**, Niagara Regional Police Service, to Chairman Peter Partington, requesting the Region to support the installation of red light camera technology in appropriate locations within the Region.

-- Received and referred to Transportation Services for report.

PWC 41-2004 – (October 13, 2004) – **Minister David Caplan**, Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, to Chairman Peter Partington, advising that the Province has approved Niagara's request to commit the remaining provincial Millennium Partnership allocation of \$14.4 million to nine transportation and environmental improvements projects, as outlined on the attached list.

-- Received and referred to Transportation and Water & Wastewater Services.

438. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the contents of the PWC Summary, October 26, 2004, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

439. Construction Progress Report  
Waste Management Services Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Brock  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWP 55-2004, October 26, 2004, respecting Construction Progress Report, Waste Management Services Capital Projects, be received.

Carried.

### **MINUTES**

440. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee  
Meeting of Tuesday, October 19, 2004

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 19, 2004, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

441. Recent Odours from the  
Elm Street Compost Facility

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that the recent odours from the Elm Street Compost Facility were caused by a leak in the casing of a temporary blower.

Staff is satisfied that the charcoal filters in place will assist with the elimination of odours.

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that staff will be dispatched to the Elm Street Compost Facility area upon receipt of odour complaints, to determine and record where the odours are being emitted from, as the odours reported earlier today were not from the Elm Street Compost Facility.

**CLOSED SESSION**

442. Moved by Councillor Brock  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

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.

443. Property Purchase  
Regional Road 20 (Former Highway 20)  
Town of Pelham  
**PWA 182-2004**

Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PWA 182-2004, October 26, 2004, respecting the Property Purchase, Regional Road 20 (Former Highway 20) in the Town of Pelham, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

444. Surplus Lands  
City of Niagara Falls  
**PWA 186-2004**

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWA 186-2004, October 26, 2004, respecting the Surplus Lands in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the Region, at the request of the City of Niagara Falls, continue to defer the disposal for one (1) year of an approximate twenty (20) acre parcel of Region owned lands located south of Dunn Street in the City of Niagara Falls, until a decision has been made as to whether the said parcel is required for a new convention centre.

Carried.

445. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

### **STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was directed to:

- provide Councillor Brock with the status of the Highway 20 expansion.
- Remind the Project Manager that Regional and the Township of West Lincoln staff continue to work together to ensure that the Regional Trunk Watermain project and the Smithville Industrial Park expansion project are completed in conjunction with one another.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 2:50 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, November 9, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Gord Harry  
Acting Chair

Janet Pilon  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk/Associate Director  
of Corporate Strategy