

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 23-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 commencing at 1:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Chair, Regional Chair Partington; Bailey, Bodner, Burroughs, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Hodgson, Leavens, Redekop, Salci.

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; Robson, Director, Corporate Strategy; McQueen, Transition Manager; Ms. Ralph, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning; Ms. Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services; Ms. Southall, C.A.O., Niagara Regional Police Service.

2005 BUDGET

446. 2005 Budget Review Process

The Committee received a memorandum outlining the 2005 Budget Review Process and was advised that a more detailed version of the departmental budgets would be presented to the Budget Review Committee at the November 18th and December 2nd, 2004 meetings. The Budget Review Committee has established December 2nd as a target date for the submission of a comprehensive report with options, recommendations and risks for Council's consideration to affect reductions in preliminary estimates.

(Please note that the memorandum dated November 5, 2004 respecting the 2005 Budget Review Process can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

447. 2005 Public Works Current Budget Update

Mr. Neville provided the Committee with a brief presentation on the Public Works Department Current Budget, noting that the Public Works Department continues to uncover areas where savings can be realized in addition to other opportunities such as the New Federal Deal (Gas Tax); Provincial Gas Tax (Transit); Core Services Review; Business Process Mapping and New Revenue Generation (i.e. net cash flow from the wind farm).

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

448. Final Report on Niagara's Partnership with Environment Canada
To Assess Niagara's Overall Approach to Sustainability using
The Melbourne Principles
CAO 24-2004

Mr. Trojan provided the Committee with an overview of the report, which was prepared as part of Regional Niagara's commitment to Environment Canada, as part of a partnership previously endorsed by Council; to secure Council's endorsement of the Melbourne Principles as well as recommend some specific actions that will further enhance Niagara's successes along the path of community sustainability; and to explain how the Region's continued efforts in the area of sustainable/livable communities will position Niagara well to align with federal government directions on a new deal for municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the following recommendations Report CAO 24-2004, November 18, 2004, respecting the Final Report on Niagara's Partnership with Environment Canada To Assess Niagara's Overall Approach to Sustainability using The Melbourne Principles be presented to Community Services Committee; Corporate and Financial Services Committee; Human Resources Committee; Planning Services Committee; Public Health Services Committee and Public Works and Utilities Committee for discussion purposes and forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

(Please note that Report CAO 24-2004 can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

ADMINISTRATION

449. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 196-2004 (CSD 153-2004), November 9, 2004, respecting the Waste Management Financing Options, 2005 Cost Apportionment, be lifted from the PWA Summary – November 9, 2004, and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

450. Waste Management Financing Options
2005 Cost Apportionment
PWA 196-2004 (CSD 153-2004)

Mr. Payne provided the Committee with a brief overview of the report, which proposes methods for apportioning costs to the Area Municipalities within the 2005 Waste Management Services Budget.

The Committee discussed the impact of proceeding with the proposed methods for apportioning costs to the Area Municipalities, which included a change from apportionment by assessment to apportionment by households for Household Hazardous Waste, Waste Reduction/Debt and Base Recycling Collection.

Mr. Payne provided the Committee with an overhead that showed the affect of the change of apportionment on allocated cost of service for each municipality. Mr. Payne pointed out that these numbers were based on 2004 Approved Budget not the 2005 Proposed Budget.

The Committee noted that the Area Municipalities should have had the opportunity to comment on the proposed methods for apportioning costs to the Area Municipalities, and on the cost impact, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the following recommendations Report PWA 196-2004 (CSD 153-2004), November 9, 2004, respecting the Waste Management Financing Options, 2005 Cost Apportionment with the cost details included be presented to Corporate and Financial Services Committee and Public Works and Utilities Committee for discussion purposes and forwarded to Regional Council for decision; and

That the report with the cost details included, be circulated to the Area Municipalities for comment.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 196-2004 (CSD 153-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary and Addendum, November 9, 2004:

451. Speed Limit Reduction
Regional Road 29 (Webber Road)
City of Welland

PWA 186-2004

That Report PWA 186-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Speed Limit Reduction, Regional Road 29 (Webber Road) in the City of Welland, be received.

That the existing speed limit on Regional Road 29 (Webber Rd.) from 100 metres west of Regional Road 36 (South Pelham Rd.) to 250 metres west of Regional Road 27 (Riverside Dr.) be reduced from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on November 18, 2004.

452. Speed Limit Reduction
Regional Road 41 (Woodlawn Road)
City of Welland

PWA 187-2004

That Report PWA 187-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Speed Limit Reduction, Regional Road 41 (Woodlawn Road) in the City of Welland, be received.

That the existing 60 km/hr speed zone on Regional Road 41 (Woodlawn Rd.) be extended easterly to the east limits of the Recreational Canal Structure; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on November 18, 2004.

453. U-Turn Prohibition
Regional Road 20 (Griffin Street) at
Regional Road 20 (West Street)
Township of West Lincoln

PWA 188-2004

That Report PWA 188-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting U-Turn Prohibition, Regional Road 20 (Griffin Street) at Regional Road 20 (West Street) in the Township of West Lincoln, be received.

That traffic proceeding westbound at the intersection of Regional Road 20 (Griffin St.) and Regional Road 20 (West St.) be prohibited from making a u-turn;

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on November 18, 2004.

454. Retention of Consulting Services for the
Trunk Watermain Installation from Murray Street/QEW
Junction to the Lincoln Booster Station at Iroquois Trail
Town of Grimsby
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PWA 189-2004

That Report PWA 189-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Trunk Watermain Installation from Murray Street/QEW junction to the Lincoln Booster Station at Iroquois Trail in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That the consulting firm of Philips Engineering Ltd. be retained to provide consulting services for Class Environmental Assessment, Preliminary and Detailed Design and Contract preparation for the extension of trunk watermain from Murray Street/QEW Junction in Grimsby to the Lincoln Booster Station at Iroquois Trail in the Town of Grimsby at an estimated cost of \$91,736.00.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project ZCW9913/CW9913.

455. Retention of Consulting Services for the Design of
South Thorold Sewage Pumping Station on Towpath Road
City of Thorold
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PWA 190-2004

That Report PWA 190-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Design of South Thorold Sewage Pumping Station on Towpath Road in the City of Thorold, be received.

That the consulting firm of AWS Engineers and Planners Corp. be retained to provide consulting services for the detailed design of South Thorold Sewage Pumping Station on Towpath Road in the City of Thorold at an estimated cost of \$122,965.00.

That the costs associated with this project be charged against Capital Project ZSW9815/SW9815.

456. Additional Engineering Fees
Hixon Street Reservoir Expansion
Town of Lincoln
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PWA 191-2004

That Report PWA 191-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Additional Engineering Fees, Hixon Street Reservoir Expansion in the Town of Lincoln, be received.

That CH2M Hill Canada Limited be approved for additional scope of engineering and related services for the Hixon Street Reservoir Expansion project in the amount of \$44,000.00.

That the cost associated with this work be charged against Project ID CW0118.

457. Tender Award for Contract RN 04-21
Chippawa Low Lift Pump Station Electrical Upgrade
City of Niagara Falls
Project ZSW0118
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PWA 192-2004

That Report PWA 192-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 04-21, Chippawa Low Lift Pump Station Electrical Upgrade in the City of Niagara Falls, Project ZSW0118, be received.

That Contract RN 04-21 Chippawa Low Lift Pump Station Electrical Upgrade be awarded to the low tenderer, Peninsula Maintenance Ltd. at their bid price of \$790,547.50 subject to the contractor agreeing in writing to specific performance issues and conditions.

That a contingency amount of \$80,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the engineering assignment with Earth Tech Canada Inc. be extended to provide for contract administration and site supervision services in the amount of \$82,600.00.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are 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 ZSW0118.

458. Tender Award for Contract RN 04-27
Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Plant
Electrical Upgrades
Town of Grimsby
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PWA 193-2004

That Report PWA 193-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 04-27, Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Plant, Electrical Upgrades in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That Contract RN 04-27 Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Electrical Upgrades be awarded to E.S. Fox Limited, subject to Ministry of the Environment and other approvals, at their bid price of \$2,350,000.00.

That a contingency amount of \$225,000.00 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 Eramosa Engineering Inc. be extended to include contract administration and software design in the amount of \$109,570.00

That all project costs be charged against Project ZSW0006/SW0322.

459. Retention of Consulting Services
2005 Environmental Monitoring Program
Closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site
City of St. Catharines
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PWA 194-2004

That Report PWA 194-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services, 2005 Environmental Monitoring Program, Closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That Gartner Lee Limited be retained to carry out the 2005 Environmental Monitoring Program at the closed Glenridge Quarry Landfill Site in the City of St. Catharines at an estimated cost of \$165,000 excluding the Goods and Services Tax;

That the Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Council on November 18, 2004 authorizing the Chair and Clerk to execute an agreement on behalf of The Regional Municipality of Niagara; and

That the 2005 costs associated with the 2005 Environmental Monitoring Program be charged to the 2005 Current Budget Account Number 5947-2014.

460. Contract Award for Contract RN 04-33
Emergency Compost Facility Improvements
Elm Street Landfill Site
City of Port Colborne
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PWA 195-2004

That Report PWA 195-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Contract Award for Contract RN 04-33, Emergency Compost Facility Improvements, Elm Street Landfill Site in the City of Port Colborne, be received.

That the award of Contract RN. 04-33, Emergency Compost Facility Improvements, Elm Street Landfill Site, in the City of Port Colborne, to Belchior Contracting & Excavating Ltd. at its tender price of \$476,000.00, be approved.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law be 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 project costs be charged against Capital Works Parent Project ZGL9901.

461. Short Term Dewatering and Biosolids Disposal Contract
Pre-Selection of Qualified Contractors

PWA 199-2004

That Report PWA 199-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Short Term Dewatering and Biosolids Disposal Contract, Pre-Selection of Qualified Contractors, be received.

That a short-list of qualified contractors be invited to submit proposals for short term contract operations of Niagara's Biosolids Dewatering Facilities and Biosolids Disposal contract.

462. Formation of a Public Liaison Committee
For the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility
City of Port Colborne

PWA 200-2004

That Report PWA 200-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Formation of a Public Liaison Committee for the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility in the City of Port Colborne, be received.

That the formation of the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility Public Liaison Committee be approved in accordance with the draft Terms of Reference.

That Regional Council appoint one Regional Councillor representing the City of Welland and one Regional Councillor representing the City of Port Colborne to the said Committee.

463. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated November 9, 2004, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 186-2004 to PWA 195-2004 inclusive; PWA 199-2004 and PWA 200-2004, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

464. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, dated November 9, 2004, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 42-2004 – (October 25, 2004) – **David Caplan**, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, to Chairman Peter Partington, regarding the Millennium Partnerships initiatives and Niagara's concerns about the project completion deadline of March 31, 2006.

-- Received.

PWC 43-2004 – (October 6, 2004) – **Bob LeRoux**, Director of Public Works, Town of Grimsby, to Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services Division, being a Town Council resolution on the Town's revised cost sharing for the South Service Road Extension Project which is being increased from \$1.5 million to \$2.425 million.

-- Received.

PWC 44-2004 – (Issued October 2004) – **Ontario Ministry of Transportation**, 2004 Guidelines and Requirements, Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

-- Received and referred to Transportation Services Division.

465. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the contents of the PWC Summary, November 9, 2004, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

465. Water and Sewage Quantities
By Municipality – Report for 3rd Quarter 2004

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PWP 56-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting Water and Sewage Quantities by Municipality – Report for 3rd Quarter 2004, be received for information.

Carried.

466. 2004 Environment Days (E-Days)

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PWP 58-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the 2004 Environment Days (E-Days), be received for information.

Carried.

467. Collection Contractors
2004 First, Second and Third Quarter Performance

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PWP 59-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Collection Contractors, 2004 First, Second and Third Quarter Performance, be received for information.

Carried.

468. Update – New Curbside Collection Services

The Committee discussed the collection of grass clippings and the benefits that could be accrue if they were banned. It was also noted that the collection of the excessive amount of grass clippings was the primary cause of the odours from the Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PWP 60-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting an Update on the New Curbside Collection Services, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

469. Update on Implementation of Follow Up
Action Re: Water & Wastewater Servicing Issues
Township of Wainfleet

The Committee was advised that the reference to six representatives on Page 3, in the first paragraph under the heading "Formation of Public Advisory Committee" should read seven representatives.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PWP 61-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting an Update on Implementation of Follow Up Action Re: Water & Wastewater Servicing Issues in the Township of Wainfleet, be received for information.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

470. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the accounts list for the period ending September 30, 2004 in the amount of \$4,219,208.17, be approved for payment.

Carried.

471. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the accounts list for the period ending October 31, 2004 in the amount of \$4,094,186.26, be approved for payment.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

472. Opening of Niagara's Latest Green Energy Project

The Committee was advised of the opening of Niagara's latest Green Energy Project, the Port Weller Digester Cogeneration Project on November 12, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Port Weller Wastewater Treatment Plant, 20 Government Road in the City of St. Catharines.

473. Windmill Site Tour

The Committee was reminded of the Windmill Site Tour scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2004 with a bus leaving Regional Headquarters at 8:00 a.m.

The Committee interested in attended who have not already registered where asked to contact Ms. Rita Barany at Ext. 3340 as soon as possible.

CLOSED SESSION

474. Moved by Councillor Harry
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.

475. Police Accommodation
City of St. Catharines
PWA 197-2004

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PWA 197-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Police Accommodation in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That the Region of Niagara acquire the land and building reported in the City of St. Catharines, for the reporting purchase price with closing on January 31, 2005, subject to the following:

Regional Council approval of the Capital Budget wherein the said purchase is identified and as recommended in staff report entitled "Accommodation Review" and numbered as PWA 150-2004/CSD 119-2004, August 10, 2004.

Police Services Board approval.

Carried.

476. Niagara EMS – Facilities and Lease of Office Space
PWA 198-2004 (PHD 72-2004)

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the recommendations of Report PWA 198-2004 (PHD 72-2004), November 9, 2004, respecting the Niagara EMS – Facilities and Lease of Office Space, be presented to the Public Health Services Committee and Public Works and Utilities Committee for discussion purposes and forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

Carried.

Councillor Redekop assumed the Chair for the balance of the meeting, in Councillor Rigby's absence.

477. Property for the Children's Services Department

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the Oral Report respecting the Property for the Children's Services Department, be received for information; and

That staff be authorized to proceed as reported and report back to the Committee at the November 23, 2004 meeting.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

478 Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was directed to:

- Prepare an information report on the advantages of leaving grass clippings on your lawn, with information on Turf Management being obtained from venues such as Guelph University and detailing the steps that would be required to cease the collection of grass clippings. (Refers to Minute Item 468)
- ensure that the accessibility aspects of the building are included in the report. (Refers to Minute Item 477)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, November 23, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Wayne Redekop
Vice Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate Director
of Corporate Strategy