

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 24-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, November 23, 2004 commencing at 1:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Chair; Bodner, Burroughs, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, Redekop, Salci, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. 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; Ms. Ralph, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning.

2005 BUDGET

479. 2005 Public Works Current Budget

Mr. Neville advised the Committee that the details of the 2005 Public Works Current Budget have not changed from the information given to the Committee at their last meeting, however, staff has been working towards a reduction in the 2005 Public Works Current Budget to 2.9% from the stated 6.93% and that the 2.9% is to be taken into consideration with the debt servicing costs, totaling 3.22%, therefore, coming in under budget.

Mr. Cousins provided the Committee with an overview of the 2005 Transportation Services Division Current Budget, noting that Transportation Administration is currently at 2.85%, however, it is anticipated that there will be less than a 2% increase; Operations Administration is currently at 1.49%, which after some review will be reduced to 1%; Transportation Systems currently at 7.34% will be reduced to under 5%; Transportation Operations currently at 5.06% will be reduced significantly to 0% increase with the revised levels of service and an the option of utilizing our reserve funds and Transportation Engineering will have an increase of 3.63%.

Mr. Cousins noted that Fleet with the expected recoveries for 2005 will maintain a 0% budget increase and that the anticipated Transit Operations, which was budgeted to begin in 2004 and has not, has an existing 2004 budget in the amount of \$281,732, originally \$275,000, which has since increased due to the G.S.T. Rebates acquired and can be used in 2005, if set up as a reserve.

The Committee was apprised of the Transportation Services Division's anticipated Program Changes and the 2005 staff complement (FTE's).

Mr. Sidawi provided the Committee with an overview of the 2005 Current Budget for the Operational Support Services Division, noting the division's responsibilities; program highlights and a 16.24% budget increase for both Administration and Facilities Operations due to the accounting change of \$294,000, that had to be absorbed and an increase in leasing costs.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the presentation respecting the 2005 Public Works Current Budget, be received.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

ADMINISTRATION

480. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 206-2004 (CSD 161-2004), November 23, 2004, respecting the Glass Grinding System, Project ZGL0307, be lifted from the PWA Summary – November 23, 2004, and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

481. Glass Grinding System
Project ZGL0307
PWA 206-2004 (CSD 161-2004)

Mr. Neville asked the following **amendment** be made to the recommendations, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 206-2004 (CSD 161-2004), November 23, 2004, respecting the Glass Grinding System, Project ZGL0307, be received.

That the following recommendations be presented to standing committees (Public Works and Utilities and Corporate and Financial Services) for discussion purposes and forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

That reserve financing in the amount of \$24,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0216 / GL0216 to Project ZGL0307 / GL0418 Existing MRF and Equipment Purchases.

That debenture financing for Project ZGL0307/GL0418, Existing MRF and Equipment Purchases be substituted with reserve financing in the amount of \$400,000 from Project ZGL0216/GL0216 and that the debenture financing be allocated to project ZGL0216.

That approval be given to pay Niagara Recycling the additional amount of \$144,000 (total contribution \$389,000) to finance the glass grinding system, ***subject to ratification of the required agreement.***

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaws are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

(Please note that Report PWA 206-2004 (CSD 161-2004) 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:

482. Retention of Consulting Services for the
Port Weller Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Phase 2
In the City of St. Catharines

PWA 207-2004

That Report PWA 207-2004, November 23, 2004, respecting the Retention of Consulting Services for the Port Weller Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Phase 2 in the City of St. Catharines, be received.

That the consulting engineering firm of KMK Consultants Limited be retained to provide engineering services for the Port Weller Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Phase 2, in the City of St. Catharines.

That the engineering fee be calculated on a time plus expenses basis estimated to an upset limit of \$479,870.00.

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 SW0007.

483. Landscaping Agreement
Twenty Valley Estates Inc.
Regional Road No. 18 (Ontario Street)
Town of Lincoln

PWA 208-2004

That Report PWA 208-2004, November 23, 2004, respecting the Landscaping Agreement, Twenty Valley Estates Inc., Regional Road No. 18 (Ontario Street) in the Town of Lincoln, be received.

That the Region enter into an Agreement with Twenty Valley Estates Inc. to permit a landscaping strip within the right-of-way for Regional Road No. 18 (Ontario Street) in the Town of Lincoln.

484. 2004 Waste Audit Results
Niagara Falls Courthouse
St. Catharines Courthouse
Welland Courthouse

PWA 209-2004

That Report PWA 209-2004, November 23, 2004, be received for information and be forwarded to the Eco-Efficiencies Green Team, Waste Reduction Sub Committee for review and action.

485. Tender Award for Contract RN 04-26
Reconstruction of Regional road 102 (Stanley Avenue)
Between Dunn Street and Murray Street
Project ZRC0320/RC0320
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 211-2004 (CSD 163-2004)

That Report PWA 211-2004 (CSD 163-2004), November 23, 2004, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 04-26, Reconstruction of Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) between Dunn Street and Murray Street, Project ZRC0320/RC0320 in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations contained therein be presented to the Public Works and Utilities Committee and Corporate and Financial Services Committee for discussion purposes and forwarded to Regional Council for decision.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

(Please note that Report PWA 211-2004 (CSD 163-2004) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

486. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the PWA Summary and Addendum, dated November 23, 2004, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 207-2004 to PWA 209-2004 inclusive; and PWA 211-2004 (CSD 163-2004), be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

487. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary and Addendum, dated November 23 2004, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 45-2004 – (November 23, 2004) – **Councillor Leavens**, Chair, Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee, on the proposed hiring of co-op student assistance on Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Initiatives.

-- Received.

PWC 46-2004 – (November 11, 2004) – **Thomas A. Richardson**, Sullivan, Mahoney Barristers & Solicitors, to Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services Division, regarding Reconstruction of Glenridge Avenue.

-- Received.

PWC 47-2004 – (November 16, 2004) – Thomas A. Richardson, Sullivan, Mahoney Barristers & Solicitors, to The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of the Environment regarding Class Environmental Assessment, Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) between Mountain Street and Welland Canals Parkway, in the City of St. Catharines.

-- Received.

488. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the contents of the PWC Summary and Addendum, November 23, 2004, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

489. **Waste Diversion Strategy Update**

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWP 62-2004, November 23, 2004, respecting Waste Diversion Strategy Update, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

490. **Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee**
Thursday, October 14, 2004

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting of Thursday, October 14, 2004, be received and the recommendations therein be referred to staff for comment.

Carried.

491. Water Implementation Committee
Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the minutes of the Water Implementation Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, be received and the recommendations therein be approved.

Carried.

492. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Tuesday, November 9, 2004

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, November 9, 2004, be received and the recommendations therein be approved.

Carried.

493. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
Wednesday, November 10, 2004

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, November 10, 2004, be received.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

494. Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit - Update

The Committee was advised that the City of St. Catharines referred the Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit to staff and the Transit Authority to report back to City Council on December 13, 2004.

Mr. Cousins noted that in the event that the City of St. Catharines approves the Inter-Municipal Specialized Transit, the Region would have obtained the population approval, however, there would be only six of the area municipalities approving the service, which requires a minimum of seven.

495. Conventional Inter-Municipal Transit

The Committee discussed opportunities for several of the area municipalities who offer transit at the present time, to offer those services to area municipalities without the transit in place.

496. New Recycling Centre

The Committee was advised that the Open House for the new Recycling Centre would be scheduled late January, early February 2005.

497. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan
Public Information Sessions

Councillor Burroughs advised the Committee of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Public Information Session that will be taking place at Regional Headquarters on November 24, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

498. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for the purpose of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to a legal and property matters.

Carried.

499. Dr. Fingland Child Care Centre
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 204-2004 (COM 82-2004/CSD 160-2004)

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 204-2004 (COM 82-2004/CSD 160-2004), November 23, 2004, respecting the Dr. Fingland Child Care Centre in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and referred to Council for decision.

Carried.

500. Agreement to Licence Outdoor Advertising Signs
Various Regional Roads
PWA 205-2004

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 205-2004, November 23, 2004, respecting the Agreement to Licence Outdoor Advertising Signs on Various Regional Roads, be received.

That the Region enter into an Agreement with Vann Media Inc. to permit the installation of outdoor advertising sign structures on Regional lands at various locations as approved by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Carried.

Councillors Burroughs and Eke requested that they be noted as opposed to the aforementioned motion.

501. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was directed to:

- include a "Gross" column showing the change, to the Budget information provided to Regional Council. (Refers to Minute Item # 479)
- provide the Committee with a listing of the project changes to the 2005 Capital Budget, on the levy side. (Refers to Minute Item # 479)
- consider the stockpiling of the glass in the interim. (Refers to Minute Item # 481)
- request that that Council Organization Review Committee consider directing all Joint Reports to Regional Council. (Refers to Minute Item # 499)
- provide the Committee with a breakdown of the contingency allowances. (Refers to Minute Item # 485)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, December 7, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate Director
of Corporate Strategy