

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 16-2005**

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, commencing at 10:20 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Martin, Chair; Burroughs; Eke; Hildreth; Martin; Saracino; Zimmerman.

Staff: Mr. Kyne, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director of Financial Management and Planning; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant; Mr. Diakow, Director, Information Systems.

Staff  
(Part-time): Ms. Beckwith, Niagara Regional Housing; Mr. Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facility Management; Mr. Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair; Mr. Brcic, Director, Water and Wastewater Services; Ms. Chamberlain, Capital Analyst; Mr. Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Ms. Murphy, Manager, Current and Capital Budgets; Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Mr. Nicholson, Senior Policy Coordination Planner; Mr. Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services.

**JOINT REPORTS**

232. Tender Award for Contract RN 05-34  
Fifth Avenue Reservoir and Water Booster Pumping Station  
Town of Lincoln, Project ZCW0205/CW0205

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 141-2005, October 26, 2005 (PWA 181-2005, October 25, 2005) respecting Tender Award for Contract RN 05-34, Fifth Avenue Reservoir and Water Booster Pumping Station Town of Lincoln, Project ZCW0205/CW0205, be received and that the financing be approved.

Carried.

233. Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) Extension  
From Nelles Road to East of Bartlett Avenue  
In the Town of Grimsby, Project ZRC0319/RC0319

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 144-2005, October 26, 2005 (PWA 186-2005, October 25, 2005), respecting Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) Extension from Nelles Road to east of Bartlett Avenue in the Town of Grimsby, Project ZRC0319/RC0319, be received **and approved as amended.**

**That no further action be taken on the current detailed engineering design for the Regional Road 40 (South service Road) extension from Nelles Road to east of Bartlett Avenue, in the Town of Grimsby; and**

**That design Alternative C-3 as identified in the Class Environmental Assessment be considered, and the Class Environmental Assessment be amended if deemed necessary; and**

**That this project be included in the 2007 Capital Budget; and**

That previously approved long term financing in the amount of \$925,000 and development reserve fund financing of \$575,000 be transferred from Project ZRC0319/RC0319, Regional Road 40 (South Service Road) Extension, in the Town of Grimsby to Project ZRC0238/RC0238, Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue), Mountain Street to CN Railway, in the City of St. Catharines.

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

Carried.

234. Construction Status and Funding of the  
Greater Niagara Circle Route Trails System

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 143-2005/DPD 139-2005, October 26, 2005, respecting Construction Status and Funding of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Trails System, be received and that the financing be approved.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

235. Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That Communication CFS 79-2005 from Janet Beckett, City Clerk, (September 29, 2005) City of Port Colborne, seeking support of its Council's resolution to oppose any proposal that would result in the closure of the Police Station in Port Colborne and a reduction in the current level of Police Service to the City of Port Colborne, be received and supported.

Carried.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

236. Presentation: 2006 Capital Budget Process

Margaret Murphy, Manager, Current and Capital Budgets, provided an overview of the 2006 Capital Budget Process providing details on the ranking and specific departmental criteria used. Ms. Murphy commented that the Capital Budget Review Team reviewed and rated all programs falling outside Departmental 90% deemed affordable (using Corporate Rating Criteria). The Corporate Assessment Criteria was identified as follows:

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

Ms. Murphy outlined the 2006 Capital Budget Process timetable as:

- October 31<sup>st</sup> CMT to review Capital Programs in relation to Capital Financing Strategy (deferral/elimination of capital programs)
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Budget Review Committee review
- December 15<sup>th</sup> - Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the presentation by Margaret Murphy, Manager, Current and Capital Budgets, regarding the 2006 Capital Budget Process, be received.

Carried.

237. 2006 Capital Budget Corporate & Technology

Bob Diakow, Director, Information Systems, presented an overview of the preliminary 2006 Capital Budget Corporate & Technology. The 2006 Capital Projects for Technology was identified as follows:

- ZGC0602–Emergency Corp. Programs (Contingency) \$1,000,000
- Direct Debit –GEAC financial system - \$43,120
  - e.g. – residents of Seniors Homes
- GIS – aerial photography - \$100,000
- ZGC0601 – PC's, printers, software - \$1,572,500
- ZGC0503 – New Initiatives
  - Electronic service delivery - \$75,000
- ZGC0105 – EIS – HR/payroll - \$1,077,500
  - Employee/manager self-service
  - E-recruit implementation
  - Labour relations module
  - Analytical reporting
  - Software upgrade – new version
  - Additional shared service partner
  - Collective agreement changes

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the presentation by Bob Diakow, Director, Information Services, respecting 2006 Capital Budget Corporate & Technology, be received.

Carried.

238. Bethlehem Place Request for Funding

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report CSD 146-2005, October 26, 2005, respecting Bethlehem Place Request for Funding, be deferred to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of November 16, 2005, at the request of Bethlehem Projects.

Carried.

239. Year End Surplus Position – Prior Years

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report CSD 142-2005, October 26, 2005, respecting Year End Surplus Position – Prior Years, be received for information.

Carried.

240. Resolution from the Township of North Frontenac

Committee members expressed their concerns on the burden placed on the Niagara taxpayer to pay for services downloaded from the Province, most specifically Social Services, and suggested that a “Made in Niagara” resolution be prepared outlining those concerns to the Province and that a meeting be scheduled with the Regional Chair, Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs and invitations sent to local M.P.s and M.P.P.s to seek their support on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 145-2005, October 26, 2005, respecting Resolution from the Township of North Frontenac, be received; and

That a “Made in Niagara” resolution be prepared for the next Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of November 16, 2005; and

That this resolution be referred to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for consideration and support.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

241. Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the following communications be received:

CFS 74-2005      Laura Moy, Clerk, The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh (September 26, 2005) seeking support for its resolution that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services re-instate envelope funding to provide Municipalities throughout Ontario the opportunity to train and certify their residents to ensure that they continue to make communities stronger and safety resilient.

CFS 75-2005      Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (October 4, 2005) regarding Award of Tender – Quotation 2005-Q-122, Upgrading of Network Hardware & Software for the Niagara Broadband Network.

- CFS 76-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (October 4, 2005) regarding Purchase of Motorola Radio Modems for Mobile Data Network.
- CFS 77-2005 Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (October 4, 2005) regarding NRPS Financial Variance Report – to August 31, 2005.
- CFS 78-2005 Debbie Zimmerman, Chair, MPAC Board of Directors (October 3, 2005) regarding the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's strategy to improve its services in providing timely and accurate assessment information.
- CFS 80-2005 Andy Mitchell, Implementing Minister for COMRIF (August 30, 2005) advising that the Township of Wainfleet's application was not recommended under Intake One of the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.
- CFS 81-2005 John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (September 2, 2005) regarding the new Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

242. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That the actions of the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform meeting of Wednesday, October 26, 2005, be approved.

Carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

243. Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

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

Carried.

244. Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Communication CFS 78-2005 (**Closed Session item**) from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (October 4, 2005) regarding HQ Accommodation Project – 110 James Street, be received and supported.

Carried.

245. Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Communication CFS 79-2005 (**Closed Session item**) from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (October 4, 2005) regarding HQ Accommodation Project – 68 Church Street – Pre-Design Feasibility Cost Estimates, be received.

Carried.

That the CAO report back to Committee as directed with respect to discussion in Closed Session.

246. Property Purchase from Alrain Holdings Inc. and  
Broadway Gardens Limited  
Long Term Wastewater Servicing Strategy  
City of St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report CSD 149-2005, October 26, 2005 (PWA 187-2005, October 25, 2005) respecting Property Purchase from Alrain Holdings Inc. and Broadway Gardens Limited Long Term Wastewater Servicing Strategy City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

247. Ontario Regulation 536/05 and the Funk Decision

Mr. Kyne, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services, provided an update on the Ontario Regulation 536/05 and the Funk Decision.

248. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin  
Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk