

## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

### PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

#### REPORT 5-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

#### ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Chair; Regional Chair Partington; Bailey, Bodner, Brock, Burroughs, Eke, Goulbourne, Harry, 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; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part Time): Messrs. Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facility Management; Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Jones, Director, Administration, Public Health; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services; Ms. Lambe, Business Partner, Strategic Communications.

Others: Councillors Saracino and Timms.

#### ADMINISTRATION

108. Capital Projects  
December 2004 Variance Report  
**CSD 26-2005**

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report CSD 26-2005, February 23, 2005, respecting the Capital Projects, December 2004 Variance Report, be received for information.

Carried.

109. Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 42-2005 (CSD 38-2005), March 8, 2005, respecting Emergency Equipment Replacement at Wastewater Facilities, Project ID ZSW0301, be lifted from PWA Summary dated March 8, 2005 and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

110. Emergency Equipment Replacement at  
Wastewater Facilities - Project ID ZSW0301  
**PWA 42-2005 (CSD 38-2005)**

The Committee discussed the amount of long term financing gross and net amount of \$500,000, noting that the amount has increased significantly over the past years, it was therefore;

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 42-2005 (CSD 38-2005), March 8, 2005, respecting the Emergency Equipment Replacement at Wastewater Facilities - Project ID ZSW0301, be received.

That Long Term Financing (1 – 10 years) in the gross and net amount of \$500,000 be deferred for Project ZSW0301 Emergency Equipment Replacement at Wastewater Facilities from the 2005 Wastewater Capital Budget, pending the receipt of a further report

That approval be given to pay Directrik Inc. the total amount of \$70,466.25 for the emergency purchase of equipment at the Anger Avenue WWTP.

That the Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

*(Please note that Report PWA 42-2005 (CSD 38-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

111. Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 44-2005, March 8, 2005, respecting Ammonia Supernatant/Centrates Management and Application for Green Municipal Funds Project, be lifted from PWA Summary dated March 8, 2005 and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

112. Ammonia Supernatant/Centrates Management  
And Application for Green Municipal Funds Project  
**PWA 44-2005**

The Committee questioned whether Enpar Technologies Limited was the only company with the technology required to initiate the pilot study.

The Committee was advised that the contract was already in place and that this was an update, however, the information respecting the contract was not included in the report; it was therefore;

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 44-2005, March 8, 2005, respecting the Ammonia Supernatant/Centrates Management and Application for Green Municipal Funds Project, be deferred, pending the receipt of further information.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in the PWA Summary, March 8, 2005:

113. Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for Projects Included In 2005 Road Capital Budget

**PWA 41-2005 (CSD 37-2005)**

That Report PWA 41-2005 (CSD 37-2005), March 8, 2005, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation Bylaw and Financing Approval for Projects Included in 2005 Road Capital Budget, be received.

That financing be approved for the following projects:

Financing be approved for the 2005 Roads Capital Budget in the amount of \$9,020,000 gross and \$8,120,000 net and allocated to the projects summarized in Appendix A attached.

That approval be given to fund the projects with financing consisting of Long Term Financing of \$6,810,000 (1- 10 years), Capital Levy of \$1,310,000 and External Financing (Municipalities) of \$900,000.

That the Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

*(Please note that Report PWA 41-2005 (CSD 37-2005) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

114. Reduced Load Restrictions on Regional Highways

**PWA 43-2005**

That Report PWA 43-2005, March 8, 2005, respecting the Reduced Load Restrictions on Regional Highways, be received.

That Schedule "Y" and "Z" of By-law 89-2000, regulating the maximum vehicle weight to five tones per axle, be amended by adding or deleting the highways listed in this report; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on March 17, 2005.

115. Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the PWA Summary, dated March 8, 2005, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 41-2005 (CSD 37-2005) and PWA 43-2005, be received and accepted.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

116. Moved by Councillor Brock  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Communication PWC 07-2005, dated February 25, 2005, **Chado Brcic**, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, being a response to Committee's request for information to be provided on the procedural protocol respecting valves that may be on the Region's overflows at Regional Sewage Pumping Stations, be received; and

That staff prepare a report that provides Committee with specific information on which types of valve mechanisms are each of the sites and the location of the meters in relation to the discharging water; and

That Mr. Brcic be in attendance at the meeting when the report is discussed in order to answer the Committee's questions.

Carried.

117. Moved by Councillor Bodner  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Communication PWC 08-2005, dated February 25, 2005), **Russ Howell**, Manager of Fleet Services, to City of Port Colborne, advising that Niagara's Public Works Department is pleased to make its Safety & Training Officer available to the municipality for chainsaw certification training, be received.

Carried.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

118. Traffic Conditions  
Regional Road 101 (Mountain Road, Portage Road)  
City of Niagara Falls

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Report PWP 19-2005, March 8, 2005, respecting the Traffic Conditions on Regional Road 101 (Mountain Road, Portage Road) in the City of Niagara Falls, be received for information.

Carried.

**MINUTES**

119. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee  
Thursday, January 11, 2005

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting of Thursday, January 11, 2005, be received and the recommendations therein referred back to staff for comment.

Carried.

120. Water Strategy Implementation Committee  
Tuesday, February 22, 2005

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That the minutes of the Water Strategy Implementation Committee meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2005, be received and the recommendations therein approved

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

121. Salt Application on Regional Roads

The Committee was advised that the impact of salt from abutting Regional Roads is again an issue with farmers in the Region.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the Salt Vulnerable Areas Study is complete and is scheduled to be presented to the Committee by the Consultant. The study makes recommendations and provides staff with the next steps in the process.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

122. Elm Street Landfill/Compost Facility

Mr. Payne advised the Committee that staff continues to review alternatives in order to address the odour problems at the Elm Street Landfill/Compost Facility, however, staff would recommend at this stage of the process to follow through with the Odour Abatement Plan that has been forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment. There are also options that would divert some of our composting material to Walker Brothers, however, they can only accept the material for two to three weeks or to a landfill site.

The Committee was advised that the Odor Management Study is in the process of being completed as it incorporates cold and warm weather work.

Mr. Payne also advised the Committee that Ms. Habermehl is working diligently on the education literature for the elimination of grass clippings in the composting waste stream.

Moved by Councillor Bodner  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That staff report back to Committee on the use of an Aerated Static Pile at the Elm Street Landfill/Compost Facility as a possible solution to the odour problems from the facility and the costs associated with hiring a consultant to pursue this alternative further.

Carried.

123. Review of the Water and Waste Water Systems

Councillor Redekop introduced a motion to have Regional staff prepare Terms of Reference for a review of the Water and Waste Water system relating to billing, billing methodology, metering and expenditures current and future operating and capital.

Staff advised that they will report back at the next Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting on the request in relation to what has already been done, what is currently underway, how that may affect this scope and the impact of timing to complete the Terms of Reference.

Committee noted that there was to be no duplication of any work currently underway.

Councillor Burroughs noted that the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has just completed a study on some aspects of the request, which may be helpful to Regional staff.

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That staff be directed to prepare Terms of Reference for a review of the Water and Waste Water systems, with particular focus on:

- the billing and billing methodology
- metering and meter accuracy at the various facilities
- expenditures on operations and capital, both current and anticipated future capital requirements

That the Terms of Reference are to be prepared in consultation with the area municipalities (through the Directors of Public Works) and shall provide for continuing involvement of the area municipalities in all facets of the review, including selection of the consultant to conduct the review.

That the costs of the review are to be borne by the Region.

That staff is to report back to this Committee at the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting.

Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

124. Moved by Councillor Brock  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

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

Carried.

125. Proposed Lease to Niagara Livery Services  
Portion of Office and Parking Lot  
New Recycling Centre, City of Niagara Falls  
**PWA 45-2005 CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWA 45-2005, March 8, 2005, respecting the Proposed Lease to Niagara Livery Services Portion of Office and Parking Lot, New Recycling Centre in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein be approved.

Carried.

126. Road Widening Acquisition  
Bavarian Inn of Niagara Falls  
Reconstruction of Stanley Avenue  
City of Niagara Falls  
**PWA 46-2005 CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Brock  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report PWA 46-2005, March 8, 2005, respecting the Road Widening Acquisition, Bavarian Inn of Niagara Falls, Reconstruction of Stanley Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

127. Addition – Regional Headquarters  
**PWA 40-2005 CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 40-2005, March 3, 2005, respecting the Addition – Regional Headquarters, be received and the recommendations therein be approved.

Carried.

128. Accommodation Steering Committee  
Wednesday, February 16, 2005

Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the minutes of the Accommodation Steering Committee meeting held Wednesday, February 16, 2005, be received and the recommendations therein be approved.

Carried.

129. Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was directed to:

- Ensure that all pertinent information, such as previous contract award information, etc. be included in the reports in the future. (Refers to Minute Item 112)
- Provide the Committee with an update on Report PWA 132-2004, August 10, 2004, respecting Salt Management Plan. (Refers to Minute Item 121)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:05 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4, March 29, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Tim Rigby  
Chair

Janet Pilon  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk/Associate Director  
of Corporate Strategy