

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 14-2007

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, commencing at 9:05 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Co-Chair; Collins, Co-Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Augustyn; Badawey; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; D'Angela; Henderson; Puttick; Saracino; Zimmerman.

Staff: Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-Time: Corporate Services: Mr. Bernard, Associate Director, Court Services; Ms. Garrett, Manager, General Accounting; Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Mr. Moffat, Manager, Property Management; Ms. Pilon, Regional Deputy Clerk; Ms. Rose, Supervisor, Court Administration.
Human Resources Ms. Balfour, Coordinator, Education and Development; Ms. Elliott, Director, Organizational Development & Compensation Services.
Others: Mr. Gummo, Associate Director, Comprehensive Community Planning; Mr. McQueen, Director, Administration Services.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

289. 2008 Meeting Schedule
CSD 144-2007

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report CSD 144-2007, respecting the 2008 Meeting Schedule, September 27, 2007, be received; and

That Option D be approved as the 2008 Schedule of Regular Meetings for Regional Council and Standing Committees.

Defeated.

Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report CSD 144-2007, respecting the 2008 Meeting Schedule, September 27, 2007, be received; and

That Option C be approved, **as amended**, to include **“that the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting for August be held at the call of the Chair”** as the 2008 Schedule of Regular Meetings for Regional Council and Standing Committees.

Carried.

(Refer to staff directions.)

290. Smarter Niagara Incentives Program
Pilot Public Domain Incentives Program
CSD 153-2007 (DPD 119-2007)

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report CSD 153-2007 (DPD 119-2007), October 10, 2007 respecting Smarter Niagara Incentives Program – Pilot Public Domain Incentives Program, be received.

That a Public Domain Incentives Program as a new component in the Smarter Niagara Incentives Program be implemented and tested as a pilot in 2007, subject to individual funding requests being brought back to Council for approval;

That the available funding for the Pilot Public Domain Incentives Program be capped at an upset limit of \$300,000 for 2007; and

That this report be circulated to the Area Municipalities for information.

Carried.

(Councillor Puttick wished to be recorded as opposed to the foregoing motion.)

(Please note that Report CSD 153-2007 (DPD 119-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

(Refer to staff directions.)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Zimmerman declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Report CSD 154-2007 in regards to any matters related to the Municipal Property Assessment Commission, as she is Chair of MPAC, and she therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

291. Forecast and Year-End Results and Budget to Actual
Comparison for the Month Ended August 31, 2007
CSD 154-2007

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report CSD 154-2007, October 10, 2007, respecting Forecast and Year-End Results and Budget to Actual Comparison for the Month Ended August 31, 2007, be received for information.

Carried.

292. 2007 Fall Corporate Learning Calendar
HR 30-2007

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report HR 30-2007, October 10, 2007, regarding Regional Municipality of Niagara "2007 Fall Corporate Learning Calendar" be received for information.

Carried.

293. Tile Drainage

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

WHEREAS By-law No. 5988-90 authorizes The Regional Municipality of Niagara to borrow an amount not exceeding \$4,657,000 and to issue debentures therefore, payable to the Treasurer of Ontario pursuant to The Tile Drainage Act, 1971, upon application of an area municipality from time to time.

BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE THAT a special annual rate over and above all other rates, sufficient for the payment of the principal and interest of the amount of the debenture in Schedule A be levied to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

<u>Area Municipality</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	\$14,300.00
TOTAL SUM TO BE LOANED	\$14,300.00

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Collins declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters relating to the Niagara Police Services as he has a family member employed by the Police and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

294. Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Communication CSC 42-2007 from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (September 6, 2007) respecting NRPS Variance Report to July 31, 2007 138.2007, be received.

Carried.

MINUTES

295. **JBM 3-2007**

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report JBM 3-2007, being the minutes of the Joint Board of Management Niagara Region Courts meeting of September 5, 2007, be approved.

Carried.

296. **PATR 2-2007**

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report PATR 2-2007, being the minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform meeting of October 3, 2007, be approved.

Carried.

(Refer to staff directions.)

OTHER BUSINESS

297. **Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act**

Councillor Puttick requested that the Niagara Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) adhere to the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act and make public the salaries of those making over \$100,000 (similar to the Region and Police) and several members of Committee concurred with this request.

A discussion ensued with respect to requests for information related to individual budgets. Committee was advised that detailed information on departmental and outside Boards and Agencies budgets will be available during the budget process and that Councillors will have an opportunity to request any information they require to assist them with their budget deliberations during that time.

298. Manager, Property Management
Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services, introduced Mr. Bill Moffat and Committee welcomed Mr. Moffat to his new position as Manager, Property Management.

CLOSED SESSION

299. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Collins

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

Carried.

300. A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality
City of Niagara Falls
Confidential CSD 151-2007 (PWA 157-2007)

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Confidential Report CSD 151-2007 (PWA 157-2007), October 10, 2007 respecting A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality, City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

301. A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Confidential CSD 152-2007 (PWA 158-2007)

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Confidential Report CSD 152-2007 (PWA 158-2007), October 10, 2007 respecting A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried

(Refer to staff direction.)

302. A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality
City of Thorold
Confidential CSD 155-2007 (PWA 159-2007)

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Confidential Report CSD 155-2007 (PWA 159-2007), October 10, 2007 respecting A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality, City of Thorold, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Collins declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters relating to the Niagara Police Services as he has a family member employed by the Police and he therefore vacated the Committee Room and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

303. Confidential Correspondence CSC 41-2007

Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Confidential Communication CSC 41-2007 from Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board respecting NRPS Acquisition C.214.2007, be received.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction.)

304. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Consider scheduling sub-committee meetings during the Business Planning Week to allow minutes to go to respective Standing Committees on a timelier basis and that this matter, along with the scheduling of Council, Standing Committee and Council Business Planning sessions, be part of the Review of the Committee/Council Structure. (Minute 289)

- (ii) Smarter Niagara Incentives Program/Pilot Public Domain Incentives Program
 - Develop an accounting method for tracking funds the Region is giving for all its Incentive Programs and the subsequent value/benefits to Niagara.
 - Identify monies that may be available for municipalities to establish their own Community Improvement Plan (CIP) (for next Committee meeting).
 - Ensure that a representative from the Culture Committee participates in the review of projects which include heritage and/or public art components. (Minute 290)
- (iii) Develop a policy to deal with the matter of refunds as outlined in Report CSD 148-2007. (Minute 296)
- (iv) Provide further clarification on the allocation of funds for this project. (Minute 301)
- (v) Provide information on costs incurred by the Niagara Region to police border. (Minute 303)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Michael Collins
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk