

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
JOINT CORPORATE SERVICES
AND
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 1-2007

Minutes of a meeting of the Joint Corporate Services and Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, commencing at 11:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Co-Chair; Rigby, Co-Chair; Augustyn; Badawey; Baty; Bentley; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; Collins; D'Angela; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Heit; Hodgson; Marshall; Puttick; Salci; Saracino; Timms.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works; Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management & Planning; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Others: Administration: Mr. McQueen, Director, Administration.
Corporate Services: Mr. J. Murphy, Manager, Policy & Development; Ms. M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budgets & Reporting; Ms. Williams, Senior Financial Services.
Human Resources: Ms. Elliott, Organizational Development & Compensation Services; Ms. Speranzini, Organizational Development Manager.
Public Works: Mr. Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Mr. Friessen, Director, Waste Management Services; Mr. Roach, Manager, Financial Services, P.W.
Other: Mr. Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair.

PRESENTATION

1. Water & Wastewater Uniform
Wholesale Rates and Requisitions for 2007

Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management & Planning, provided an overview of the Water & Wastewater Uniform Wholesale Rates and Requisitions for 2007. The objective of the presentation and report is to receive approval of the uniform wholesale rates and requisitions for the recovery of Regional water and wastewater systems costs from the area municipalities commencing March 1, 2007.

Mr. Lockyer advised that the recommendations within the report are based on the Region's budgeting and financing strategies and water and wastewater cost recovery methodology adopted for implementation in 2007 as a result of the review of the Region's Water and Wastewater cost recovery and rate setting practices as approved in Report CSD 136-2006/PWA 180-2006.

The Treasurer's presentation provided background information on the Water and Wastewater Billing Study, taxpayer affordability, flow projections and components of the rates.

2. 2007 Water and Wastewater Uniform Wholesale Rates and Area Municipal Requisitions
CSD 38-2007/PWA 35-2007

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report CSD 38-2007/PWA 35-2007, February 21, 2007, respecting 2007 Water and Wastewater Uniform Wholesale Rates and Area Municipal Requisitions, be received.

That these Committees recommend to Regional Council that the following be approved:

A) Water System

- i) The uniform rate charged to the area municipalities for actual consumption of water be established at \$0.512 per cubic meter for the period March 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008, representing an increase of 4.3%
- ii) That the area municipal water consumption charge be billed monthly based on actual monthly volumes
- iii) That 2007 water debt servicing costs be apportioned to each area municipality based on their proportionate share of total metre equivalents (a system capacity measure) in Niagara as detailed in recommendation "A4"

- iv) That the following apportionment of Regional water debt servicing cost be requisitioned to the area municipalities as follows:

Water Requisition

Municipality	Debt Service Cost
Niagara Falls	\$164,802
Port Colborne	\$34,805
St. Catharines	\$254,853
Thorold	\$37,847
Welland	\$117,513
Fort Erie	\$71,867
Grimsby	\$49,857
Lincoln	\$31,107
NOTL	\$31,298
Pelham	\$23,816
West Lincoln	\$9,123
Totals	\$826,886

- v) That the Regional water debt serving cost be requisitioned to the area municipalities in twelve equal monthly billings.

B) Wastewater System

- i) The uniform rate used in calculating the Regional wastewater treatment cost to area municipalities for 2007 be established at \$0.613 per cubic metre for the period March 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008, representing a 0.8% change
- ii) That the Regional wastewater treatment costs (less debt servicing costs) be apportioned to the area municipalities based on their proportionate share of the Region's total three year average historical wastewater flows as detailed in recommendation "B4"
- iii) That 2007 wastewater debt servicing costs be apportioned to each area municipality based on their proportionate share of total meter equivalents (a systems capacity measure) in Niagara as detailed in recommendation "B4"

- iv) That the following apportionment of total Regional wastewater costs be requisitioned to the area municipalities as follows:

Wastewater Requisitions

Municipality	Debt Service Cost	Flow Requisition	Total
Niagara Falls	\$124,953	\$11,157,937	\$11,282,891
Port Colborne	\$27,455	\$2,898,249	\$2,925,704
St. Catharines	\$200,525	\$16,519,627	\$16,720,152
Thorold	\$29,843	\$2,300,052	\$2,329,894
Welland	\$92,225	\$8,809,654	\$8,901,879
Fort Erie	\$50,232	\$4,751,187	\$4,801,418
Grimsby	\$39,725	\$2,670,664	\$2,710,390
Lincoln	\$22,712	\$1,797,705	\$1,820,417
NOTL	\$22,338	\$1,478,826	\$1,501,164
Pelham	\$17,092	\$1,051,420	\$1,068,512
West Lincoln	\$7,269	\$545,647	\$552,916
Totals	\$634,368	\$53,980,969	\$54,615,337

- v). That the total Regional wastewater cost be requisitioned monthly to the area municipalities in twelve equal monthly billings.
- C) The Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws be prepared for presentation to Regional Council,
- D) This report be circulated to the Area Municipal Clerks for information, and
- E) The projected Water and Wastewater Rate Structure for 2008 and beyond be reviewed in conjunction with the outcome of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update, scheduled to be carried out in 2007.

Carried.

Committee recessed at 12:50 p.m.

Committee reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

3. Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Confidential Report CAO 3-2007, February 21, 2007, respecting A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality, be referred to the Closed Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 1:15 p.m. to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

Tim Rigby
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Doug Martin
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk