

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 1-2008

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 commencing at 1:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors, Rigby, Co-Chair; Augustyn, Badaway, Baty, Burroughs, Casselman, D'Angela, Gabriel, Goulbourne, Henderson, Hodgson, Lepp, Marshall, Martin, McMullan, Puttick, Salci, Timms, Trombetta

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, CAO; Farley, Director, Planning Services; Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works; Cousins, Director Transportation Services, Friesen, Director, Waste Management Services, Pilon, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director, Water & Wastewater; Mr. Robson, Director of Community Integration; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Ricci, Legislative Assistant.

Others: Councillor Greenwood; Ms. Sims, Process Specialist.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Procedure to Select the Committee Co-Chairs
CSD 1-2008

Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Planning Department), of the Planning and Public Works Committee.

Councillor Salci stated that he would stand on Councillor Smeaton's behalf, Councillor Smeaton was unavoidably absent, for the Election portion of the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Councillor Smeaton be nominated for the position of Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Planning Department), of the Planning and Public Works Committee.

Carried.

Ms. Gilroy called a second and third time for nominations.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That nominations for the position of Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Planning Department), of the Planning and Public Works Committee, be closed.

Carried.

There being no other nominations, Ms. Gilroy, with the agreement of Councillor Salci on behalf of Councillor Smeaton, declared him Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Planning Department), of the Planning and Public Works Committee for 2008.

Ms. Gilroy called for nominations for the position of Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Public Works Department), of the Planning and Public Works Committee.

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That Councillor Rigby be nominated for the position of Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Public Works Department), of the Planning and Public Works Committee.

Carried.

Ms. Gilroy called a second and third time for nominations.

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That nominations for the position of Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Public Works Department), of Planning and Public Works Committee be closed.

Carried.

There being no other nominations, Ms. Gilroy, with the agreement of Councillor Rigby, declared him Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Public Works Department), of the Planning and Public Works Committee for 2008.

Ms. Gilroy vacated the Chair and Councillor Rigby, Co-Chair, assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report CSD 01-2008, January 8 and 9, 2008, respecting Procedure to Select the Committee Co-Chairs, be received; and

That Councillors Rigby and Smeaton be appointed as Co-Chairs of the Planning and Public Works Committee for 2008.

Carried.

(Please note that Report CSD 01-2008 can be found behind the Corporate Services Blue Book Tab)

PRESENTATIONS

2. Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS) Implementation

Ms. Betty Matthews-Malone, Director, Water and Wastewater, provided Committee members with a brief overview stating that in 2002, the Honourable Dennis O'Connor released the Part II Report of the Walkerton Inquiry and that as a result of the Part II Report of the Walkerton Inquiry, the Ministry of Environment (MOE), established the new Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program, under the Safe Drinking Water Act (2002).

Ms. Matthews-Malone introduced Ms. Heather Sim, Process Specialist and the DWQMS representative and implementation team leader, to provide further detail on the subject.

Ms. Sim offered the following as an outline regarding her power point presentation:

- Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program
- The DWQMS
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Standard of Care Provision
- Niagara's Implementation Approach
- Implementation Schedule
- Information Sharing
- Financial Implications
 - 2007 funds; committed \$100,000 for completion of the Gap Analysis and Risk Assessments
 - 2008 and onward; estimation of annual audit fees of \$100,000

Ms. Sim further stated that system owners are now required to incorporate the concept of quality management into their day to day operations and offered the following summary respecting submission deadlines and options.

Summary of Submission Deadlines

- O. Reg. 188/07 was released in May 2007 and establishes submission dates for all affected municipalities
- Niagara Region must submit our six operational plans to the MOE by January 1, 2009
- Lower tier municipalities in the Niagara Region have later submission deadlines (ranging from February to May 2009)

Ms. Sim further stated that there were three submission options however; the preferred option, of the DWQMS Implementation Team, was Option two (2).

Summary of Submission Options

- Option 1: Partial Implementation
 - Owner must document and implement 12 key elements
 - Remaining sections must be implemented within 12 months of receiving limited scope accreditation
- Option 2: Document Review
 - All elements documented but not implemented
 - Full QMS must be implemented within 12 months of receiving limited scope accreditation
- Option 3: Full Implementation
 - All elements documented and implemented
 - Accredited upon successful audit of operational plan and implementation of QMS

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That the presentation entitled "Drinking Water Quality Management Standard Implementation", be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Defining the Renewed Focus of the Planning Department
2008 – Facilitating Connections
DPD 1-2008

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That Report DPD 1-2008, January 9, 2008 respecting Defining the Renewed Focus of the Planning Department 2008 – Facilitating Connections, be received; and

That the major directions and activities of the Planning Department be approved for 2008.

Carried.

4. Implementation of *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program
Local and Regional Partnerships
City of St. Catharines
A Strategic Vision for the Downtown
DPD 2-2008

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report DPD 2-2008, January 9, 2008 respecting Implementation of *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program Local and Regional Partnerships City of St. Catharines A Strategic Vision for the Downtown, be received;

That the Downtown Visualization project for the City of St. Catharines be supported; and

That staff participation on a project steering committee and funding at the level up to \$25,000, be approved, subject to approval of the 2008 budget for the *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program; and

That a copy of this report be sent to all the local municipalities with an invitation to partner with the Region in the implementation of the *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program.

Carried.

5. Switching to Market Based Time of Use Rates for Electricity
PWA 01-2008/CSD 05-2008

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report PWA 01-2008(CSD 05-2008), January 8 and 9, 2008 respecting Switching to Market Based Time of Use Rates for Electricity, be received; and

That the Region proactively moves from the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) to Market-based, time of use rates to reduce the price paid for electricity.

- The initial scope includes water, wastewater and waste management facilities, representing almost \$4.0 Million in electricity consumption. The Associate Director Energy Management will coordinate the transition process with the Local Electricity Distribution Companies and in cooperation with Public Works staff in Water, Wastewater and Waste Management
- Other sites under the Region's control may also be changed over to time of use rates where savings opportunities exist.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 01-2008/CSD 05-2008 can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

6. Leachate Management Project – Additional Information
Constructed Wetland Alternative
Line 5 Landfill Site, Niagara-on-the-Lake
PWA 02-2008

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 02-2008, January 9, 2008, respecting Leachate Management Project – Additional Information Constructed Wetland Alternative Line 5 Landfill Site, Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received; and

That given the conclusions of the Peer Review of the Class Environmental Assessment and a constructed wetlands alternative, that staff be authorized to issue a request for tenders for the forcemain project at the Line 5 Landfill Site, Niagara-on-the-Lake in January 2008.

Carried.

Councillor Burroughs requested that he be recorded as opposed to the aforementioned motion.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7. *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program
Funding for Community Improvement Plans and
Local Municipal Planning Initiatives
DPD 3-2008

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That DPD 3-2008, January 9, 2008, respecting *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program Funding for Community Improvement Plans and Local Municipal Planning Initiatives, be received for information; and

That a copy of this report be sent to the Area Municipalities with an invitation to partner with the Region in *Smarter Niagara* planning initiatives.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

8. Possible Designation of the Welland Canals as a
National Historic Site
DPD 4-2008

That DPD 4-2008, January 9, 2008, respecting Possible Designation of the Welland Canals as a National Historic Site, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

9. Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That the following communications and correspondence items be received for information:

PWP 77-2007 Drinking Water Quality Management Standard
(DWQMS) Implementation

PWP 01-2008	Project/Studies Activity Report Waste Management Services Division
Minutes	Culture meeting held Monday, October 22, 2007
Minutes	Agricultural Sub-Committee meeting held Tuesday, December 4, 2007
Minutes	Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting held Tuesday, October 30, 2007
Minutes	Water Strategy Implementation Committee meeting held Wednesday, December 10, 2007
PWC 01-2008	Letter from City of Niagara Falls to Mr. Flora re: City of Niagara Falls Transportation Master Plan Update
PWC 02-2008	Letter from Town of Pelham to the Regional Clerk re: Council of Town of Pelham received correspondence from Mr. Paul Nohara with respect to the traffic islands (medians) on Regional Road #20

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. **Walker Industries**

Mr. Ken Brothers, Commissioner Public Works, provided Committee members with a brief update with respect to the Walker Industries compost contract.

He stated that The Region will ensure that the provisions of cost protection are retained, the organics will be processed to a compostable material, and that the public will not be negatively impacted from odour or negatively impacted arising from Walker's inability to accept the compostable material on the date of contract service.

11. **Beaverdams Road**

Councillor D'Angela expressed concerns, in light of a recent fatal accident, with respect to signage and speed limits on Beaverdams Road.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

12. South Corridor

Councillor Badawey stated that he, at the January 8, 2008 meeting of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee (TSSC), had inquired as to the status of a study to determine the need for an improved east west arterial road corridor in the southern tier to connect Hwy 406 and the QEW.

Mr. Cousins, Director Transportation Services, advised that the funding for a Class Environmental Study (EA) to examine this matter is contained in the proposed 2008 Capital Budget. He added that the draft terms of reference for such a study have been drafted and staff are currently requesting submissions from consultants who may be interested in carrying out the EA. Providing the funding is approved as part of the budget, the EA will proceed during 2008 and should be completed some time later this fall.

Mr. Cousins, as part of a Councillor Information Request from TSSC, will be providing a copy of the terms of reference for this Study.

13. Wind Energy Implementation - Wainfleet

Councillor Henderson inquired as to the status of the Wind Energy Project.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

CLOSED SESSION

14. Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

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.

15. A Matter of Solicitor-Client Advice
City of St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Confidential e-mail submission, December 27, 2007, respecting A Matter of Solicitor-Client Advice, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

15. Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Submit a memo clarifying the boundaries regarding the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act (Refer to Minute Item 2) (Councillor Baty)
- Explore opportunities and associated costs respecting the construction of wetlands alternative (Refer to Minute Item 6) (Councillors Goulbourne/Lepp)
- Report back on uptake thus far with respect to Community Improvement Projects (CIP); across the twelve municipalities and the status of current projects (Refer to Minute Item 7) (Councillor Casselman)
- Organize consultations with area municipality Museum Curators and Historical Committee to assist in determining/ identifying designation boundaries (Refer to Minute Item 8) (Councillor Badawey)
- Examine existing signage and speed allocations on Beaverdams Road (Refer to Minute Item 11) (Councillor D'Angela)
- Report back on the status of the Wind Energy Implementation Project in Wainfleet (Refer to Minute Item 13) (Councillor Henderson)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:10 p.m., to meet again on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Bill Smeaton
Co-Chair

Tim Rigby
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk

Lisa Ricci
Legislative Assistant