

# THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

## CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

### REPORT 3-2009

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Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, commencing at 9:06 a.m.

#### ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Martin, Co-Chair; Augustyn, Co-Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Badawey; Bentley; Bylsma; Collins; D'Angela; Greenwood; Heit; Saracino.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Others: Corporate Services: Ms. Garrett, Manager, General Accounting; Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management & Reporting; Ms. Maleszyk, Purchasing Manager; Ms. M. Murphy, Associate Director, Current & Capital Budgets; Mr. Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality & Improvement; Ms. Rae, Legal Counsel; Mr. Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Ms. Williams, Senior Financial Analyst.

Administration: Mr. Roberts, Executive Officer to Regional Chair.

Integrated Community Planning: Mr. Bendell, Financial Analyst; Mr. J. Murphy, Manager, Policy Planning & Development.

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

41. Initiation of Capital Project ZGD0904  
Print Shop Equipment  
**CSD 39-2009 (ICP 7-2009)**

Moved by Councillor Bentley

Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report CSD 39-2009(ICP 7-2009), February 25, 2009, Initiation of Capital Project ZGD0904 – Print Shop Equipment, be received.

That the Capital budget allocation of \$10,000 gross and \$10,000 net from the 2009 Capital Budget be approved and initiated for project ZGD0904 Print Shop Equipment with financing from the Reserve Fund – Print Shop Equipment Replacement (0030-0948).

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

*(Please note that Report CSD 39-2009(ICP 07-2009) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)*

42. Changes to the Development Charges Exemption Area  
Oakdale Moffatt Area  
City of St. Catharines  
**CSD 41-2009**

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 41-2009, February 25, 2009, Changes to the Development Charges Exemption Area, Oakdale Moffatt Area, City of St. Catharines, be received.

That Staff be directed to amend the Niagara Region's Development Charges By-law No. 90-2004 so as to add the Development Charges Exemption/Waiver area for the Oakdale Moffatt Area in the City of St. Catharines as outlined in Schedule "A" of Appendix II of this report.

That the attached amending by-law be received and made available for public review.

That this report be adopted as satisfying the requirements for a Background Study pursuant to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*; and

That the City of St. Catharines be advised of Council's decision on this matter.

Carried.

43. Buy Canadian Resolution  
**CSD 42-2009**

Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report CSD 42-2009, February 25, 2009, Buy Canadian Resolution, be received; and

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara, acting in good faith and in accordance with the Region's Purchasing By-law, will make every effort to ensure that products and services are obtained within Canada where possible.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

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

44. Initiation of Project ZGG0901 Emergency Capital Levy Included in the 2009 Capital Budget

**CSD 43-2009**

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report CSD 43-2009, February 25, 2009, Initiation of Project ZGG0901, Emergency Capital Levy Included in the 2009 Capital Budget, be received;

That subject to Niagara Police Services Board approval of matching funding in the amount of \$150,000 that Capital Levy financing in the amount of \$150,000 gross and the net be approved for Project ZGG0901 Emergency Capital Levy Program included in the 2009 Capital Budget;

That a transfer of \$150,000 be made from ZGG0901 Emergency Capital Levy to ZGD0901 – Building Maintenance Program for Regional Facilities consisting of Capital Levy financing; and.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

45. Organizational Review Update

**CAO 1-2009**

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report CAO 1-2009, February 25, 2009, Organizational Review – Update, be received for information.

Carried.

46. 2009 Reimbursable Mileage Two-tier Rates

**CSD 34-2009**

Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report CSD 34-2009, February 25, 2009, 2009 Reimbursable Mileage Two-tier Rates, be received for information.

Carried.

47. 2008 Assessment Growth/2009 Reassessments Impacts  
**CSD 35-2009**

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 35-2009, February 25, 2009, 2008 Assessment Growth/2009 Reassessment Impacts, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

48. Encumbrance Reserve Status at December 31, 2008  
**CSD 36-2009**

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report CSD 36-2009, February 25, 2009, Encumbrance Reserve Status at December 31, 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

49. Cash Management Activities for the Third Quarter 2008  
**CSD 37-2009**

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report CSD 37-2009, February 25, 2009, Cash Management Activities for the Third Quarter 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

50. Reserves and Reserve Funds at December 31, 2008  
**CSD 38-2009**

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 38-2009, February 25, 2009, Reserves and Reserve Funds at December 31, 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

**MINUTES**

51. Joint Advisory Committee on Wainfleet  
Water & Wastewater Servicing Project  
1-2009 (JAC)

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report 1-2009 (JAC) being the minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee on Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project meeting of January 26, 2009, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that Report 1-2009 (JAC) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab.)

52. Regional Development Charges Task Force  
1-2009 (RDC)

Moved by Councillor D'Angela  
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report 1-2009 (RDC) being the minutes of the Regional Development Charges Task Force meeting of February 2, 2009, be received and that minute items 5 and 7 be approved.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

53. Moved by Regional Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That the following communications be received:

CSC 12-2009                      Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (January 29, 2009) regarding 2008 Annual Report on Board Activities 18.2009

CSC 13-2009                      Deb Morton, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (January 29, 2009) regarding Purchasing – 2009 Vehicle Replacements – PO0901 10.2009

C7202                                An e-mail from Mrs. Barbara Morrison a resident of the City of Niagara Falls (January 20, 2009) questions following the Project Niagara Feasibility Study presentation.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

54. **Industrial Tax Rates**

Councillor Collins, in referring to an earlier request from the St. Catharines-Thorold Chamber of Commerce for the Region to lower its industrial tax ratios, suggested that now might be an appropriate time for Council to consider this. Councillor Martin commented that these discussions will take place when tax ratios are dealt with in the next couple of the months. Mr. Bergsma commented that it is a challenge to lower the industrial tax ratio when it is slightly lower than the average as this would cause an increase in the residential tax ratio which is slightly higher than the average (based on BMA study). Mr. Bergsma commented that the focus has been on accelerating the education tax rate which would reduce the tax burden on industries by approximately \$6 million year.

**COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS**

That staff be requested to:

- (i) Examine how services are delivered across the municipalities and how assessment values impact on the level of these services (fairness). (Bentley) (Refer to minute item 47.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 10:15 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Doug Martin  
Co-Chair

Dave Augustyn  
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk