

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 2-2009

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 commencing at 1:12 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Rigby, Smeaton, Co-Chair(s); Augustyn, Badawey, Burroughs, Casselman, D'Angela, Gabriel, Goulbourne, Henderson, Hodgson, Marshall, McMullan, Puttick, Salci, Timms, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning; Brothers, Commissioner Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Pollock, Director, Waste Management Services; Colosimo, Director Development Services; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director, Water and Wastewater; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Ricci, Legislative Assistant.

Other: Messrs. M. Kyne, Director Legal Services; Roberts, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair; Bertleff, Associate Director, Regional Emergency Planning; Steele, Associate Director, Strategy Business Management; Smith, Associate Director Waste Management Engineering and Compliance; Ranjan, Transportation Engineer; Ms. Saric, Paula-Marie, Program Development Manager; Ms. Kennedy, Co-op Student Policy Assistant.

Quorum

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Co-Chairs determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to ten members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 96-2007.

PUBLIC WORKS- ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

34. Landfill Gas Utilization Project
Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site
City of St. Catharines
PWA 08-2009

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PWA 08-2009, February 4, 2009 respecting, Landfill Gas Utilization Project Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site City of St. Catharines, be received;

That the agreement between the Regional Municipality of Niagara and Glenridge Gas Utilization Inc. with respect to the landfill gas utilization project at the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site in St. Catharines dated March 20, 2007 be terminated; and

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement to terminate the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site Landfill Gas Utilization Agreement dated March 20, 2007.

Carried.

At this point in the meeting Quorum was achieved.

35. Extension of Contract 2002-T-46 with Modern Corporation/Sheldrick
Sanitation Ltd. to February 28, 2011
PWA 09-2009

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 09-2009, February 4, 2009 respecting, Extension of Contract 2002-T-46 with Modern Corporation/Sheldrick Sanitation Ltd. to February 28, 2011, be received;

That contract 2002-T-46 for Collection and Haulage of Solid Waste, Recyclables, Organic Waste and White Goods with Modern Corporation and Sheldrick Sanitation Ltd. be extended for ten months from May 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

36. Niagara Specialized Transit – Municipal Funding Calculation and Cost Sharing for 2009 Budget
PWA 11-2009(CSD 29-2009)

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PWA 11-2009(CSD 29-2009), February 4, 2009 respecting Niagara Specialized Transit – Municipal Funding Calculation and Cost Sharing for 2009 Budget, be referred back to staff for further report.

Carried.

37. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
TSSC 1-2009

Mr. Brothers provided Committee members with an abbreviated version of the Transit Vision map presentation that was held at the January 27, 2009 meeting of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee (TSSC). He further stated that it was recommended in the TSSC January 27th minutes that the presentation be forwarded to the Integrated Community Planning and Public Works Committee for their information.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was:

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the Oral presentation respecting Transit Vision map, be received for information.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee, January 27, 2009 (1-2009), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

Councillor Rigby suggested that Committee members forward their comments respecting Transit Vision to the attention of Mr. Brothers and / or his staff.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

PUBLIC WORKS - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

38. Niagara Specialized Transit Ridership Breakdown by Trip Purpose for the Period November 2007 to October 2008
PWC 05-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That the PWC 05-2009 Memorandum (dated January 21, 2009) from Kim Koz, Manager Fleet Services respecting Niagara Specialized Transit Ridership Breakdown by Trip Purpose for the Period November 2007 to October 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

39. Project Activity Report Water & Wastewater Services
PWP 07-2009

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the PWP 07-2009, February 4, 2009, respecting Project Activity Report Water & Wastewater Services be received for information.

Carried.

40. Project/Studies Activity Report Waste Management Services Division
PWP 08-2009

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That the PWP 08-2009, February 4, 2009, respecting Project/Studies Activity Report Waste Management Services Division, be received for information.

Carried.

41. Memorandum re: International Conferences and Speaking Engagements
PWC 06-2009

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the PWC 06-2009 Memorandum (dated February 4, 2009) from Commissioner Brothers respecting International Conferences and Speaking Engagements, be received for information.

Carried.

42. Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That the following minutes be received for information:

Minutes Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee
December 11, 2008

Minutes Accessibility Advisory Committee
November 4, 2008

Minutes Accessibility Advisory Committee
January 6, 2009

Carried.

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING - ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

43. Public Meeting

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

Proposed Amendment 3-2008 to
The Regional Niagara Policy Plan
Proposed Wine Country Policies

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters

Councillors: Casselman, Hodgson, Smeaton

Carried.

44. Committee Meeting Times
ICP 10-2009

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report ICP 10-2009, February 25, 2009 respecting, Committee Meeting Times, be received as **amended**;

That the start times for the Integrated Community Planning and Public Works portions of the meeting be designated as follows:

Public Works	1:00 p.m.
Integrated Community Planning	<i>To begin immediately following the Public Works portion of the agenda</i>

That the presentations/delegations for each respective component of the "split" agenda be held at the beginning of the meeting, and

That Closed Session items be dealt with at the completion of both the Public Works and Integrated Community Planning portions of the meeting.

Carried.

45. Niagara 2031 -
Adoption of a Preferred Growth Option for Niagara and
A Strategy for the Gateway Economic Zone and Centre
DPD 54-2008

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report DPD 54-2008, December 10, 2008 respecting, Niagara 2031 - Adoption of a Preferred Growth Option for Niagara and A Strategy for the Gateway Economic Zone and Centre, be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting February 19, 2009.

Carried.

46. Minutes Committee of the Whole
CW 1-2009

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That the Minutes of Committee of the Whole, January 29, 2009, be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting February 19, 2009.

Carried.

47. Niagara 2031: Response to Delegations
January 29, 2009 Committee of the Whole
ICP-C 35-2009

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That the Memorandum respecting Niagara 2031: Response to Delegations January 29, 2009 Committee of the Whole, be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting February 19, 2009.

Carried.

48. Culture Committee
8-2008

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That the Minutes of the Culture Committee, December 8, 2008 (8-2008), be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

Regional Chair Partington advised Committee members of an article in the February 2009 Municipal World entitled, Culture, Authenticity, Place – Connecting Cultural Mapping and Place Branding.

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

49. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Compliance
ICP 8-2009

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report ICP 8-2009, February 4, 2009 respecting, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Compliance, be received for information.

Carried.

50. U.S. and Canada MOU on Emergency Management Cooperation
ICP 11-2009

Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report ICP 11-2009, February 4, 2009 respecting, U.S. and Canada MOU on Emergency Management Cooperation, be received for information.

Carried.

51. Provincial Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review – Service Delivery
COM 07-2009

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report COM 07-2009, February 4, 2009 respecting, Provincial Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review – Service Delivery, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that Report COM 07-2009 can be found behind the Public Health and Social Services Reports Blue Book Tab)

52. Regional Chair's Agricultural Task Force
8-2008

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That the Minutes of the Regional Chair's Agricultural Task Force, December 19, 2008 (8-2008), be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

53. Enforcement Septic Field

Councillor Timms asked when staff would be issuing notices to owners respecting, Septic fields not performing properly; specifically in the Wainfleet area and how compliance would be enforced.

Mr. Brothers stated that currently response is done on a reactive basis; meaning they respond to each individual compliance issue as they happen. Mr. Brothers further stated that although Public Works had recently taken responsibility of the Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code, any "drinking water" issues would still have to be processed through the Public Health Department.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

CLOSED SESSION

54. Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of dealing with Matters of Solicitor-Client Privilege and Litigation.

Carried.

55. Matters of Solicitor-Client Privilege and Litigation
PWA 12-2009(CSD 31-2009) Confidential

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Confidential Report PWA 12-2009(CSD 31-2009), February 4, 2009 respecting Matters of Solicitor-Client Privilege and Litigation, be received for information; and

That the Director of Legal Services be authorized to proceed as recommended.

Carried.

56. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Provide information surrounding how this will effect our diversion target (Refer to Minute Item #35) (Councillor Augustyn)
- Provide written confirmation of the expected increase in 2009 due to Green Bin Launch, planning and design of Household Hazardous Waste Centres, discussions with St. Catharines and Modern Corporation (Refer to Minute Item #35) (Councillor Augustyn)
- Provide information surrounding how other Regions (Halton, Durham, Waterloo, etc..) regionally operate Transit systems (Refer to Minute Item #37) (Councillor Casselman)
- Look in to the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority system specifically, what the scope and cost of a similar project would be (Refer to Minute Item #37) (Councillor Goulbourne and Councillor Salci)
- Provide further information regarding the communication “roll out” to community members and cost for community to use the logo (Refer to Minute Item #48) (Councillor Timms)
- Provide further information respecting the processes involved in dealing with faulty Septic systems (Refer to Minute Item #53)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:10 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Councillor Rigby
Co-Chair

Councillor Smeaton
Co-Chair

Lisa Ricci
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk