

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 4-2009

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, March 24, 2009 commencing at 10:10 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Rigby, Smeaton, Co-Chairs; Augustyn, Badaway, Baty; Burroughs, D'Angela, Henderson, Hodgson, Lepp, Marshall, Puttick, Timms, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning; Brothers, Commissioner Public Works; Pollock, Director, Waste Management Services; Flora, Associate Director Transportation Systems; Colosimo, Director Development Services; Mr. Rittner, Associate Director Water and Wastewater Maintenance; Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality & Improvement; McQueen, Director Administration; Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Ms. Koz, Manager Fleet Services; Ms. Rae, Legal Counsel-Real Estate; Ms. Isajiw, Legal Counsel-Real Estate; Ms. Ricci, Legislative Assistant; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk.

Other: Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Steele, Associate Director, Strategy Business Management; Councillor Papp; DiPaola; Senior Transportation Project Engineer; Ranjan, Transportation Engineer.

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 eleven members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 96-2007.

PUBLIC WORKS - ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

86. Closure of O'Reilly's Bridge (Structure No. 627205) Which Carries Regional Road 627 (O'Reilly's Road) Over Welland River In the Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet
PWA 22-2009

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PWA 22-2009, March 24, 2009 respecting Closure of O'Reilly's Bridge (Structure No. 627205) Which Carries Regional Road 627 (O'Reilly's Road) Over Welland River In the Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet, be received;

That O'Reilly's Bridge remain closed until it is replaced with a new bridge structure, due to the current level of corrosion and deterioration throughout the structure;

That staff be authorized to identify the necessary funding required to proceed with the replacement of the structure.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

87. QEW – Mountain Road to Highway 420 Environmental Assessment
PWA 23-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report PWA 23-2009, March 24, 2009 respecting QEW – Mountain Road to Highway 420 Environmental Assessment, be received;

That a resolution, supporting City of Niagara Falls Resolution 2008-34, be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation, Ontario requesting that the study area for the QEW Widening Environmental Assessment within the City of Niagara Falls be extended to a point south of McLeod Road;

That the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the City of Niagara Falls for their information.

Carried.

88. Initiation of Projects Included in the 2009 Capital Program
PWA 24-2009(CSD 47-2009)

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PWA 24-2009(CSD 47-2009), March 24, 2009 respecting Initiation of Projects Included in the 2009 Capital Program, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$54,665,000 gross and \$44,460,000 net be approved from the 2009 capital program for Water, Wastewater, Waste Management and Roads and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A;

That approval be given to fund the projects with both Regional and external financing as summarized in Appendix A;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for submission to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 24-2009(CSD 47-2009) can be found behind the Joint Reports Blue Book Tab)

89. Transfer of Watermains
PWA 25-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report PWA 25-2009, March 24, 2009 respecting Transfer of Watermains, be received;

That the transfer of watermains from the Niagara Region to the local municipalities, as identified in this report, be approved by Council;

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents.

Carried.

90. Niagara's Water Treatment Plant 2008 Summary Reports
PWA 26-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report PWA 26-2009, March 24, 2009 respecting Niagara's Water Treatment Plant 2008 Summary Reports, be received;

That the final and draft 2008 Summary Reports for Niagara's six water treatment plants be received in accordance with Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03, Safe Drinking Water Act;

That staff be directed to ensure that the appropriate resolutions are prepared for submission to Regional Council, including authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to confirm that the 2008 Summary Reports have been presented and approved by Council;

That staff be directed to update Council on any deviations from draft 2008 Summary Reports for Port Colborne and Grimsby Water Treatment Plants.

Carried.

91. Official Plan Amendment No. 19
Changes to the Wade Road Secondary Plan
Township of West Lincoln
PWA 29-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report PWA 29-2009, March 24, 2009 respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 19 Changes to the Wade Road Secondary Plan Township of West Lincoln, be received;

That Amendment No. 19 to the Township of West Lincoln Official be approved;

That all parties be notified of Regional Council's decision on this application in accordance with Provincial regulations;

That staff issue a declaration of final approval of the Amendment 20 days after notice of Council's decision has been given provided that no appeals have been lodged against the decision.

Carried.

92. Region of Waterloo Bid and
Extension of Agreement with Niagara Employment Agency
PWA 30-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report PWA 30-2009, March 24, 2009 respecting Region of Waterloo Bid and Extension of Agreement with Niagara Employment Agency, be received;

That the Agreement with Niagara Employment Agency to operate the Niagara Recycling Centre be extended to April 4, 2014 to align with the end date of the Region of Waterloo Material Purchase Agreement to process mixed fibres and plastic bags.

Carried.

At this point in the meeting Quorum was achieved.

93. Memorandum re: Amendments made to Niagara Specialized Transit –
Municipal Funding Calculation and Cost Sharing for 2009 Budget
PWC 14-2009

Following a lengthy discussion it was:

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That PWC 14-2009, a memorandum from Joe Cousins, Director, Transportation Services (March 24, 2009) respecting amendments made to Niagara Specialized Transit – Municipal Funding Calculation and Cost Sharing for 2009 Budget, be deferred to the April 8, 2009 meeting of the Integrated Community Planning and Public Works Committee.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

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

Following a lengthy discussion it was:

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Revised Report PWA 11-2009(CSD 20-2009), March 24, 2009 respecting Niagara Specialized Transit – Municipal Funding Calculation and Cost Sharing for 2009 Budget, be deferred to the April 8, 2009 meeting of the Integrated Community Planning and Public Works Committee.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

95. Memorandum re: Niagara to GTA Corridor, Planning and EA Study – Phase 1 Incorporating Active Transportation and Cycling (Appendix 1 and 2)
PWC 16-2009

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Memorandum (dated March 24, 2009) Item PWC 16-2009, respecting Niagara to GTA Corridor, Planning and EA Study – Phase 1 Incorporating Active Transportation and Cycling (Appendix 1 and 2), be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

(Please note that Memorandum PWC 16-2009 is attached to the Integrated Community Planning & Public Works Minutes 4-2009)

PUBLIC WORKS - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

96. Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Plant
Servicing Strategy Plan
PWP 14-2009

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PWP 14-2009, March 24, 2009, respecting Baker Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Servicing Strategy Plan, be referred back to staff for further report to the Integrated Community Planning and Public Works Committee April 8, 2009.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

97. 2008 Reserve Water and Wastewater Treatment Capacities
PWP 12-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report PWP 12-2009, March 24, 2009 respecting 2008 Reserve Water and Wastewater Treatment Capacities, be received; and

That this report be circulated to the Ministry of the Environment and Niagara area municipalities for their information and future reference.

Carried.

98. Niagara-on-the-Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant
Servicing Strategy Plan
PWP 15-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report PWP 15-2009, March 24, 2009, respecting Niagara-on-the-Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Servicing Strategy Plan, be received for information.

Carried.

99. Correspondence re: Proposed Official Plan Amendment – Country Inns
PWC 11-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Correspondence Item PWC 11-2009, an Open Letter to Councillors from the Niagara-on-the-Lake Bed & Breakfast Association (dated January 23, 2009) respecting Proposed Official Plan Amendment – Country Inns, be received for information.

Carried.

100. Correspondence re: Proposed Official Plan Amendment – Country Inns
PWC 12-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Correspondence Item PWC 12-2009, an E-mail from Robin Scott of the Abel Thomas House Niagara-on-the-Lake (dated February 17, 2009) respecting Proposed Official Plan Amendment – Country Inns, be received for information.

Carried.

101. Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater
Servicing Project
2-2009

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project (2-2009) meeting of February 23, 2009, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that the Minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee on Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project can be found behind the Joint Reports Blue Book Tab)

102. Closure of Capital Projects
CSD 28-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report CSD 28-2009, February 4, 2009, respecting Closure of Capital Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

103. Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
2-2009

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee (2-2009) meeting of March 10, 2009, be received for information save and except Minute Item #19.

Carried.

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING - ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

104. Official Plan Amendment 44
Proposed Community Benefits Policies
Town of Lincoln
ICP 13-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Report ICP 13-2009, March 24, 2009 respecting Official Plan Amendment 44 Proposed Community Benefits Policies Town of Lincoln, be received;

That Amendment No. 44 to the Town of Lincoln Official Plan be approved;

That all parties be notified of Regional Council's decision on this Amendment in accordance with Provincial regulations;

That staff issue a declaration of final approval of the Amendment twenty days after notice of Council's decision has been given provided that no appeals have been lodged against the decision.

Carried.

Committee Co-Chair Smeaton and Commissioner Robson both extended their congratulations to the Town of Lincoln for adopting this innovative planning approach.

105. Transportation for Volunteer Committee Members
ICP 14-2009

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That Report ICP 14-2009, March 24, 2009, respecting Transportation for Volunteer Committee Members, be received;

That the Niagara Region provide compensation for transportation costs to members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (i.e. Para Transit services or mileage reimbursement) to allow their participation on the Committee, and that the Terms of Reference for the Committee be amended accordingly;

That to ensure equal opportunities for members of our community with disabilities to participate on all of our committees with community representatives, we extend this transportation related assistance to those committees as well.

Carried.

106. Smarter Niagara Incentives Program -
Pilot Public Domain Incentives Program
ICP 15-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report ICP 15-2009, March 24, 2009, respecting *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program Pilot Public Domain Incentives Program, be received;

That the submissions from the City of Welland and the City of Niagara Falls under the 2008 Pilot Public Realm Domain Incentives Program be approved and \$100,000 be allocated to each, subject to the installation of appropriate signage reflective of the collaboration between the Local Municipalities and the Region and the scheduling of an appropriate commemorative event to celebrate the successful collaboration on completion of each project;

That the Pilot Public Domain Incentives Program be continued for 2009 in accordance with the guidelines for the Program;

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

Carried.

107. Niagara Region's Participation in Earth Hour 2009
ICP 16-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report ICP 16-2009, March 24, 2009, respecting Niagara Region's Participation in Earth Hour 2009, be received;

That staff be authorized to register the Region as a formal Earth Hour participant for 2009;

That staff be directed to turn off all non-essential lights at all Regional facilities for one full hours on Saturday, March 28, 2009 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. where public safety, security and/or regular service will not be compromised.

Carried.

108. Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee
1-2009

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Minutes of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee, February 25, 2009 (1-2009), be received and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

109. A Foodshed Strategy
ICP-C 58-2009

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That Correspondence (dated March 2009) from Municipal World respecting A Foodshed Strategy, be received for information.

Carried.

110. Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee
2-2009

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That the Minutes of the Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee, February 26, 2009 (2-2009), be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

111. OMB Decision: Port Dalhousie

Councillor Timms asked that staff issue a follow up Report respecting the OMB Decision on the Port Dalhousie development.

Councillor Timms provided a piece of correspondence (PWC 17-2009) from the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario to the Honourable Aileen Carroll, Minister of Culture (dated March 5, 2009) requesting a meeting to discuss the implications of the recent OMB Decision: Port Dalhousie (File No. R060208).

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That Correspondence PWC 17-2009 respecting OMB Decision Port Dalhousie be forwarded to the Culture Committee.

Carried.

(Please note that Correspondence PWC 17-2009 is attached to the Integrated Community Planning & Public Works Minutes 4-2009)

112. Article: School's Fate Could Hinge On Core Revitalization

Councillor Timms submitted an article (PWC 18-2009) from Niagara This Week entitled, "School's fate could hinge on core revitalization".

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That staff organize a Joint meeting to discuss funding possibilities and how best to support downtown revitalizations and deter School closings; and

That local Members of Provincial Parliament, Regional Councillors and School Board Trustees be invited to attend and/or comment.

Carried.

Councillor Burroughs stated his interest in attending the aforementioned meeting.

(Please note that Correspondence PWC 18-2009 is attached to the Integrated Community Planning & Public Works Minutes 4-2009)

CLOSED SESSION

113. Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of dealing with a Matter Concerning the Security of Regional Property, Litigation and Solicitor/Client Advice.

Carried.

114. A Matter Concerning the Security of Regional Property,
Litigation and Solicitor/Client Advice
PWA 31-2009 Confidential

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Confidential Report PWA 31-2009, March 24, 2009, respecting a Matter Concerning the Security of Regional Property, Litigation and Solicitor/Client Advice, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

115. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Draft a conceptual drawing, after the necessary funding needed to proceed is identified, of what O'Reilly's Bridge will look like when it is eventually replaced with a new bridge structure (Refer to Minute Item #86) (Councillor Lepp)
- Provide Legal advice respecting how the Niagara Specialized Option 3 affects the triple majority (Refer to Minute Item #93) (Councillor Augustyn)
- Report on the cost differences between a Niagara Specialized Option 2 (based on ridership) vs. Niagara Specialized Option 3 (based on assessment) for each municipality (Refer to Minute Item #94) (Councillor D'Angela)
- Include in Option 3 (based on assessment) each municipalities specific service details, including current duplicated services (e.g. St. Catharines – ParaTransit costs) (Refer to Minute Item #94) (Councillor D'Angela)
- Advise Committee members as to "what is required" respecting the Legislation for each of the Options offered (Refer to Minute Item #94) (Councillor Timms)
- Include the comments obtained at the April 6, 2009 meeting between the Town of Grimsby, West Lincoln, Wainfleet and Regional staff (Refer to Minute Item #96) (Councillor Trombetta)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11:57 a.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Councillor Rigby
Co-Chair

Councillor Smeaton
Co-Chair

Lisa Ricci
Legislative Assistant

Janet Pilon
Deputy Clerk