

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT 1-2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 commencing at 9:34 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Rigby (Chair), Augustyn, Badawey (Vice-Chair), Baty, Burroughs, Byslma, D'Angela, Henderson, Hodgson, Marshall, Puttick, Timms.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, Brothers, Commissioner Public Works, Pollock, Director, Waste Management Services; Colosimo, Director Development Services; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director, Water and Wastewater; Mr. Flora, Associate Director Transportation Systems; Mr. Bain, Regional Clerk; Ms. McManus, Legislative Assistant.

Other: Messrs. Roberts, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair; Weaver, Director Corporate & Community Planning; Steele, Associate Director, Strategy Business Management; Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality Improvement.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Procedure to Select the Committee Co-Chairs; Chairs and Vice-Chairs
ICP 1-2010

Regional Chair Partington, called for nominations for the position of Chair, of the Public Works Committee.

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Councillor Rigby be nominated for the position of Chair, of the Public Works Committee.

Carried.

Regional Chair Partington called a second and third time for nominations.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That nominations for the position of Chair of the Public Works Committee, be closed.

Carried.

There being no other nominations, Regional Chair Partington, with the agreement of Councillor Rigby, declared him Chair, of the Public Works Committee for the remainder of the 2006 – 2010 term of Council.

Regional Chair Partington called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair, of the Public Works Committee.

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Councillor Badawey be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair, of the Public Works Committee.

Carried.

Regional Chair Partington called a second and third time for nominations.

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That nominations for the position of Vice-Chair, of Public Works Committee be closed.

Carried.

There being no other nominations, Regional Chair Partington, with the agreement of Councillor Badawey, declared him Vice-Chair, of the Public Works Committee for the remainder of the 2006 – 2010 term of Council.

Regional Chair Partington vacated the Chair; Councillor Rigby assumed the Chair.

(Please note that Report ICP 1-2010 can be found behind the Joint Reports Blue Book Tab)

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. 2009-2010 Niagara Region Blue Box Program Plan
PWA 116-2009

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PWA 116-2009, December 9, 2009 respecting 2009-2010 Niagara Region Blue Box Program Plan, be received;

That Niagara Region's 2009-2010 Blue Box Program Plan be approved.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

3. Project Initiation
Proposed "40 km/h in School Zone"
Regional Road 48 (Niagara Street)
City of St. Catharines
PWA 01-2010(CSD 05-2010)

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report PWA 01-2010(CSD 05-2010), January 13, 2010 respecting Project Initiation Proposed "40 km/h in School Zone" Regional Road 48 (Niagara Street) City of St. Catharines, be received;

That approval be given to initiate Capital Levy Financing in the amount of \$40,000 for Project ZRT0903 Traffic Warning Beacons;

That the portion of Regional Road 48 (Niagara Street) from 150 metres north to 150 metres south of the limits of property of Laura Secord Secondary School be designated a 40 km/h speed zone during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on January 21, 2010 to affect this change.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

(Please note that Report PWA 01-2010(CSD 05-2010) can be found behind the Joint Reports Blue Book Tab)

4. Increases to Recycling Container Fees and Landfill Tipping Fee
PWA 02-2010

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PWA 02-2010, January 13, 2010 respecting increases to Recycling Container Fees and Landfill Tipping Fee, be received ***as amended***;

That the fee for Blue and Grey Recycling Boxes be increased from \$5.00 to \$6.00 each, including taxes, effective May 1, 2010;

That the fee for recycling carts be increased from \$75.00 to \$90.00 each, including taxes, effective May 1, 2010;

That a policy be established whereby a resident, with acceptable proof of a broken Blue or Grey Recycling Box, will be able to obtain a replacement Blue or Grey Recycling Box, at no cost, effective May 1, 2010;

That the landfill tipping fee for all industrial/commercial/institutional (IC&I) and residential self-hauled waste be increased from \$80 per tonne to \$90 per tonne (taxes not applicable), effective May 1, 2010;

That staff be authorized to make any necessary fee adjustments as a result of the implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax, and

That the Regional Clerk be directed to revise the appropriate fees in the 2010 Municipal Fees and Charges By-law.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That staff prepare a policy that reflects cost recovery pricing and market rate fees; and

That the policy be reviewed annually and be included in the Consolidated Fee Report.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5. **Minutes – Waste Management Planning Steering Committee**
December 14, 2009

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee (December 14, 2009), be received for information.

Carried.

6. **Source Water Protection Update**
PWP 01-2010

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report PWP 01-2010, January 13, 2010 respecting Source Water Protection Update, be received for information.

Carried.

7. **Letter from Minister of Finance Re: Town of Fort Erie Race Track Proposal**
PWC 01-2010

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Correspondence PWC 01-2010 respecting a Letter from Minister Dwight Duncan, Ministry of Finance (December 2, 2009) respecting Town of Fort Erie Race Track Proposal, be received and refer to the Integrated Community Planning Committee.

Carried.

8. **Minutes – Transportation Strategy Steering Committee**
December 7, 2009

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That the Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee (December 7, 2009), be received for information.

Carried.

9. 2008 Management Letter –
Funding to Not for Profit/Service Provider Organizations
CSD 152-2009

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report CSD 152-2009, November 4, 2009 respecting 2008 Management Letter – Funding to Not for Profit/Service Provider Organizations, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Public Works Committee – Meeting Room

Councillor Rigby suggested and Committee members agreed, that the Public Works Committee should meet in Committee Room #4 from this point on.

13. Public Works Committee – Meeting Day and Time

Councillor Bylsma stated his concern with respect to the number of municipal Mayors who, due to scheduling conflicts and the 2010 meeting day and time, had to withdraw from membership on the Public Works Committee.

Following a lengthy discussion it was:

Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Staff conduct a poll of the original Integrated Community Planning and Public Works members inquiring about their continued interest in acting as members on the Public Works Committee depending on different meeting time options.

Carried.

14. Ontario Good Roads

Councillor Puttick referenced an article within the Milestones book respecting the provincially funded Ontario Good Roads Program. He stated that the Province was requesting feedback from municipalities.

Mr. Brothers advised that staff would review and bring a Report forward to Committee at a later date.

15. Rubber Asphalt – County of Grey

Councillor Henderson referenced an article she had read in a magazine that made references to Rubber Asphalt and its monetary and environmental benefits; she inquired as to whether the Region was looking into Rubber Asphalt as an option.

Mr. Brothers stated that he would have staff look into the subject and report back to Committee at a later date.

16. Update – GO Bus Station
City of St. Catharines and City of Niagara Falls

Councillor Timms requested a staff update on the GO Bus stations in the City of St. Catharines and the City of Niagara Falls.

Mr. Flora advised that he would gather the appropriate information and forward an update to Committee members via e-mail.

17. Niagara District School Board and the
Queen Mary Site
City of St. Catharines

Councillor Timms inquired as to the status of the Queen Mary site (located behind Carlton Street) relating to demolition specifically and how it would possibly affect the GO Bus Stations.

Mr. Flora advised that he would gather the appropriate information and forward an update to Committee members via e-mail.

18. Effingham Road and Highway 20
Town of Pelham

Councillor Augustyn advised staff of an e-mail he had received from a concerned citizen respecting visibility at Effingham Road and Highway 20.

Mr. Flora advised that he would follow up with the appropriate staff.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Research the enforcement practices of other municipalities recycling By-laws and whether other municipalities impose a fine to those who either do not participate in recycling programs or have large amounts of recycling in their garbage (Refer to Minute Item #2) (Councillor Timms)
- Place the topic of “Stretchable” recycle bin covers on the next Waste Management Planning Steering Committee agenda (Refer to Minute Item #2) (Councillor Baty)
- Look in to whether the posting of fines alongside the posted speed limit signs was necessary (Refer to Minute Item #3) (Councillor Puttick)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 10:35 a.m. to meet again at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 in Committee Room #4, Regional Headquarters.

Councillor Rigby
Chair

Lisa McManus
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk