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## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

### PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

#### REPORT 1-2001

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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

#### ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Badawey, Chair; Regional Chair Zimmerman; Davidson, Forster, Harry, Hildreth, Konkle, Redekop, Rigby, Thomson, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Neville, Director of Public Works; Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Cousins, Assistant Director, Transportation Division; Payne, Assistant Director, Solid Waste Management Division; Sidawi, Assistant Director, Operational Support Services Division; Brcic, Assistant Director, Water & Wastewater Division; Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facilities Management; Gilroy, Properties Officer; Robson, Shared Services Development Manager; Bernard, Manager, Court Services; Ms. Ralph, Manager, Policy & Planning; Ms. Pilon, Committee Secretary.

#### CLOSED SESSION

1. Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for the purpose of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to legal matters.

Carried.

2. Proposed License Agreement  
for Use of Court Space  
200 Jarvis Street  
Town of Fort Erie

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Regional Chair and Clerk to execute a lease agreement for the use of the Provincial Court space at 200 Jarvis Street, Fort Erie, for P.O.A. court activities on the third Monday of each month at the per diem rate reported for a three year term commencing January 29, 2001.

Carried.

3. Contract RN. 00-46  
Property Sale of Surplus Property  
Former West Side Pollution  
Control Plant Site  
In the City of Port Colborne

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That the Region rejects the offer to Purchase in the amount reported as received from 1201169 Ontario Ltd., in response to the Region's Contract RN. 00-46 for the sale of surplus land described as being Parts 3, 5 and 20 on Plan 59R-3308 in the City of Port Colborne.

Carried.

4. Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Konkle

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

5. Proposed Stopping Up, Closing and Conveying  
of Part of Regional Road 81  
(locally known as King Street East)  
Town of Lincoln

The Director of Public Works introduced the above matter for public hearing and advised the Committee that the notice of the proposed by-law was published in the St. Catharines Standard on four occasions, namely December 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2000 and in the Lincoln Post Express on four occasions, namely December 13, 20, 27, 2000 and January 3, 2001.

Mr. Bousfield, Manager, Property & Facilities Management, provided the Committee with an overview of the proposed stopping up, closing and conveying of an untravelled portion of Regional Road 81 (locally known as King Street East) and being described as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 30R-8466, in the Town of Lincoln.

The Chair asked whether any person present would like to be heard with respect to the proposed stopping up, closing and conveying.

Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That for the reasons outlined in the verbal report of the Director of Public Works to this Committee on January 9, 2001, this Committee rejects the stopping up, closing and conveying of an untravelled portion of Regional Road 81 (locally known as King Street East) and being described as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 30R-8466, in the Town of Lincoln.

Carried.

**ADMINISTRATION**

6. Street Improvements to  
Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue)  
From Regional Road 81 (King Street)  
To John Street  
Town of Lincoln
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- PWA 256-2000 (Revised)**

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that Alternative # 3 is the preferred alternative, following the public meetings that were held on October 18, 2000 and January 4, 2001.

Mr. Mike Ambacher addressed the Committee on behalf of the Vineland Community and Merchants Association. Mr. Ambacher advised the Committee that the association is proposing that traffic lights be installed at Menno Street and Frederick Avenue to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety; and that Alternative #3 be modified by reducing the width of the turning/island lane to three meters so that the cyclist lanes can be made wider for safety.

Mr. Lamb addressed the Committee on behalf of the residents of Heritage Village. Mr. Lamb advised the Committee that he would prefer that the area be left as is with the bump outs as they are now with some beautification.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the turning lane provides the residents with a safe way of entering onto Victoria Avenue.

Mr. Fred High a long time resident of the area as well as a driver of a water truck who utilizes Victoria Avenue numerous times a day, spoke to the issue, Mr. High is in favor of Alternative # 3, as the center lane will provide motorists with a safe mode of entering and exiting Victoria Avenue via adjacent driveways and side streets. Mr. High advised the Committee that Victoria Avenue has not been upgraded since the 1960's and feels that it is time to think about upgrading the road with specific structural upgrades to the deteriorating section south of Regional Road 81.

As the Committee has not had the advantage of seeing the 2001 Capital Budget, Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the reconstruction of Regional Road 24 immediately south of Regional Road 81 has been included in the 2001 Budget.

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Konkle

That the Victoria Avenue Traffic Calming Public Information Centre report dated November 14, 2000, as prepared by our consultant, Totten, Simms, Hubicki Associates, detailing the traffic calming results of previous initiatives and further proposed improvements to Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue) in the Town of Lincoln be received.

That staff be directed to proceed with the detailed design of traffic calming improvements to Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue), in accordance with Alternative # 3 as recommended in the Public Information Centre Report.

Carried.

Staff Recommendations  
For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in PWA Summary, January 9, 2001:

7. Tender Award for Contract RN.00-31  
Reconstruction of  
Regional Road 81 (King Street)  
Between Ontario Street and Aberdeen Road  
In the Town of Lincoln

**PWA 1-2001 (CSD 6-2001)**

That subject to confirmation of cost sharing by the Town of Lincoln, PenWest Utilities, Great Lakes Christian College, Cogeco Cable TV, Contract RN 00-31, Reconstruction of Regional Road 81 (King Street) between Ontario Street and Aberdeen Road in the Town of Lincoln be awarded to the low bidder, Stephens and Rankin Inc., at its bid price in the amount of \$3,386,110.00, excluding GST.

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$100,000.00 be provided for this contract.

That the engineering agreement with the consulting firm of V & S Engineering Group Ltd. be extended to include additional design and contract administration and inspection, with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursements basis, estimated at \$224,270.00, plus G.S.T.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-laws, including the by-law authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, are presented to Regional Council on January 18, 2001.

That funding in the amount of \$2,720,000.00 gross and \$477,590.00 net be approved from the 2001 Roads Capital Budget, for Capital Works Project ZRC9920 (previously R99-20, sub-ledger RC9920), Reconstruction of Regional Road 81 (King Street) from Queen Street to Aberdeen Road, Town of Lincoln, to award this contract. (Transportation)

8. Award of Contract  
Reference 2000-T-25  
Supply and Delivery of Liquid  
Aluminum Sulphate, Clar + Ion A7 and A10

**PWA 2-2001**

That Tender 2000-T-25, covering the supply and delivery of Liquid Aluminum Sulphate, Clar + Ion A7 and A10, (to be used by Niagara Water Treatment Plants) be awarded to the sole bidder, General Chemical Performance Products Ltd., Mississauga, Ontario, at a total cost, including sales tax, of \$1,075,064.82. (Water & Wastewater/Purchasing)

9. Proposed Stopping Up and Closing  
Part of the Road Allowance between  
Lots 74BF and 75  
City of Niagara Falls

**PWA 3-2001**

That the City of Niagara Falls be advised that the Region of Niagara has no objections to the stopping up and closing of part of the road allowance between Lots 74 BF and 75, Geographic Township of Stamford, designated as Part 2 on Plan 59R-11249. (Operational Support Services)

10. Proposed Stopping Up and Closing  
Part of Willick Road  
City of Niagara Falls

**PWA 4-2001**

That the City of Niagara Falls be advised that the Region of Niagara has no objections to the stopping up and closing of part of Willick Road, being part of the road allowance between Lots 18 and 19, in Broken Front Concession Niagara River and Concession 1, Geographic Township of Willoughby, designated as Part 7 on Plan 59R-11086. (Operational Support Services)

11. Disposal of Excess Land  
Future Long Term Care Facility – Kalar Road  
City of Niagara Falls

**PWA 5-2001**

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Regional Chair and Clerk to execute the necessary documents to declare an excess portion of land, shown hatched on Appendix 1, as surplus to the Region's needs and to dispose of the said land to the abutting owner as outlined in the staff report to Committee of the Whole and Regional Council on November 2, 2000. (Operational Support Services)

12. Agreement for Welland Fire Department  
to Occupy Regional Police Communications  
Tower behind 5 Lincoln Street  
City of Welland

**PWA 6-2001**

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for submission to Regional Council authorizing the Regional Chair and Clerk to execute an Agreement with the Corporation of the City of Welland to permit the Welland Fire Department to use the existing Police communications tower and site for their antennae and equipment for the nominal sum of \$2.00 per annum subject to six (6) months notice by either party. The said approval is subject to the Police Services Board approval. (Operational Support Services)

13. Amendment to the Regional Bicycling Network

**PWA 7-2001**

That the Regional Niagara Bicycling Network be amended to include the following:

Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) from Regional Road 101 (Mountain Road) to Chippawa Creek Road, in the City of Niagara Falls. (Transportation)

14. Municipal Traffic By-laws

**PWA 8-2001**

That the following local traffic by-laws be approved:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
2231 (2000)	Town of Pelham	Stop Sign Controls
2000-209	City of Niagara Falls	Stop Sign Controls
2000-235	City of Niagara Falls	Limited Parking Control
To be determined	City of St. Catharines	All-way Stop Control
2000-163	City of Welland	Stop Sign Controls

(Transportation)

15. Tender Award for Contract RN 00-44  
Watermain and Sewer Construction  
Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road)  
between Thorold Stone Road and Highway 420  
City of Niagara Falls

**PWA 9-2001**

That subject to confirmation of cost sharing by the City of Niagara Falls for the storm sewer installation, sanitary sewer and watermain replacement, Contract RN 00-44, Watermain and Sewer Construction on Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) between Thorold Stone Road and Highway 420, in the City of Niagara Falls be awarded to the low tenderer, Volsci Construction Co. Ltd., at its bid price in the amount of \$1,209,995.50, excluding GST.

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$50,000.00 be provided for this contract.

That the Engineering agreement with the consulting firm of Earth Tech Canada Inc. be extended to include additional engineering fees and contract administration and inspection, with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursements basis, estimated at \$99,350.00, plus G.S.T.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-laws, including the by-law authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, are presented to Regional Council on January 18, 2001.

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works project R98-17 (sub-ledger account RC9817). (Transportation)

16. Tender Award for Contract RN. 00-42  
Pelham Street Watermain Replacement  
Town of Pelham

**PWA 10-2001**

That, Contract RN. 00-42, Pelham Street Watermain Replacement, be awarded to the low tenderer, DeRose Bros. General Contracting Ltd. at its bid price of \$1,152,014.46 plus G.S.T.

That a contingency amount of \$75,000.00 be provided for this project.

That the engineering agreement with R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd., be extended to provide for the related engineering, resident inspection and contract administration services in the amount of \$182,500.00 plus G.S.T.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws are prepared for submission to Regional Council, including the by-law authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That, subject to final approval by the Town of Pelham, the actual cost of the Town's portion of the work be charged to the Town at completion of the project.

That all project costs be charged against Project ID CW0018. (Water & Wastewater)

17. Collection and Haulage of Solid Waste Material within the Municipalities of Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Port Colborne  
Tender #2000-T-26 – Award of Tender

**PWA 11-2001**

That Tender Number 2000-T-26 covering the Collection and Haulage of Solid Waste Material (Component I, Base Services) and the Collection and Haulage of Containerized Waste (Component II, Enhanced Level of Service – Niagara Falls) for the period commencing April 1, 2001 and expiring on March 31, 2003 (twenty-four months), be awarded to the low bidder, Canadian Waste Services Incorporated, Stoney Creek, Ontario, at a total cost including G.S.T. of \$5,239,321.56, as outlined in Appendix I, Option A. (Solid Waste Management)

18. Waste Management Advisory Committee  
Terms of Reference

**PWA 12-2001**

Whereas the Terms of Reference for the Waste Management Advisory Committee were approved by Regional Council on November 23, 1999, and representatives were appointed for the balance of Council's term, it is recommended that the current public representatives on the Committee be confirmed for the 2001, 2002 and 2003 Council term.

And that the three political positions be filled at this time for the same three-year Council term. (Solid Waste Management)

19. Regional Niagara Solid Waste Financial and Service Assessment

**PWA 13-2001**

That the report entitled Regional Niagara Solid Waste Financial and Service Assessment be approved; and

That copies of this report be distributed for information to the Area Municipalities. (Solid Waste Management)

20. Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That PWA Summary, January 9, 2001, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 1-2001 to PWA 13-2001 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

21. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary and Addendum, January 9, 2001, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 1-2001 – (November 9, 2000) – Petition from **Mary Ransom and Area Residents**, to Mayor Ray A. Konkle, Town of Lincoln, reinforcing their preference for the current “bump-out” system on Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue).

-- Received and referred to the Deferred PWA 256-2000.

PWC 2-2001 – (December 21, 2000) – **Laurence Lamb**, 3406 Frederick Avenue, Vineland, supporting the current “bump-out” system on Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue) as a permanent traffic calming solution.

-- Received and referred to the Deferred PWA 256-2000.

PWC 3-2001 – (November 21, 2000) – **Honourable David Turnbull**, Minister of Transportation to Regional Chair Debbie Zimmerman, advising that the Ministry is very supportive of the Region’s initiative to undertake comprehensive strategic transportation planning and pledging to continue to work with Niagara on transportation planning activities.

-- Received.

PWC 4-2001 – (October 31, 2000) – **Paul Mathur**, Senior Project Engineer, Ministry of Transportation, to Joe Cousins, Assistant Director, Transportation Division, providing a response on the QEW Widening through St. Catharines and the Ministry’s plans regarding the Martindale Road bridge replacement.

-- Received.

PWC 5-2001 – (November 8, 2000) – **Frank Racioppo**, Royal Niagara Golf Club, to Joe Cousins, Assistant Director, Transportation Division, expressing appreciation for staff's commitment to providing signal lights at the intersection of Glendale Avenue and Niagara-on-the-Green Boulevard and other upgrades to the intersection of Glendale and Taylor Roads.

-- Received.

PWC 6-2001 – (November 3, 2000) – **Linda Johnson**, Principal, Parnall Public School, 507 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, to Ron Davidson, Manager of Roads Operations, expressing appreciation for the donation of a sugar maple tree to the school grounds, which has been planted to commemorate the retirement of a teacher.

-- Received.

PWC 7-2001 – (December 11, 2000) – **W. R. Gurney**, 4191 Victoria Avenue, Vineland Station, to Ralph Scholz, Senior Projects Engineer, supporting the continued use of the bump outs on Victoria Avenue, in the Town of Lincoln, as traffic calming.

-- Received and referred to the Deferred PWA 256-2000.

PWC 8-2001 – (December 13, 2000) – **W. Taylor**, 4190 Almond Court, Vineland, to Ralph Scholz, Senior Projects Engineer, on behalf of residents of Heritage Village, supporting Alternative 3 (3-lane option), for street improvements on Victoria Avenue, Town of Lincoln.

-- Received and referred to the Deferred PWA 256-2000.

PWC 9-2001 – (December 20, 2000) – **Honourable David Turnbull**, Minister of Transportation, to Regional Chair Debbie Zimmerman, providing information on the Ministry's plans for expansion of Highway 406.

-- Received and referred to Transportation Division.

PWC 10-2001 – (December 21, 2000) – **Honourable Ernie Eves**, Minister of Finance to Regional Chair Debbie Zimmerman, responding to the Region's letter of support for the Town of Lincoln's application to the OSTAR initiative, and advising the application will be evaluated accordingly.

-- Received and referred to Water & Wastewater Divisions for information.

PWC 11-2001 – (January 9, 2001) – **Cindy Cameron**, Chair, Vineland Community and Merchants Association, regarding the Victoria Avenue project.

-- Received and referred to the Revised PWA 256-2000.

22. Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That PWC Summary, Addendum and PWC 11-2001, January 9, 2001, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

23. Property Value Protection Plan Status  
Road 12 Landfill Site  
Township of West Lincoln

Mr. Neville advised the Committee that the figures on page 2 are to be reversed as; "settled at a cost of \$12,474.50; and terminated claim was \$10,364.86".

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 1-2001, January 9, 2001, respecting the Property Value Protection Plan Status, Road 12 Landfill Site in the Township of West Lincoln, be received for information as amended.

Carried.

24. Illegal Roadside Dumping

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 2-2001, January 9, 2001, respecting Illegal Roadside Dumping, be received for information.

Carried.

25. Status Report on the Development  
of a Transportation Strategy

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 3-2001, January 9, 2001, respecting the Status Report on the Development of a Transportation Strategy, be received for information.

Carried.

**MINUTES**

26. Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee  
Meeting, Report 3-2000, held October 16, 2000

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting report 3-2000, held October 16, 2000, be received.

Carried.

27. Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee  
Meeting, Report 4-2000, held November 6, 2000

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting report 4-2000, held November 6, 2000, be received.

Carried.

28. Minutes of the Budget Review Committee Meeting  
Report 4-2001 Budget, held December 19, 2000

Moved by Regional Chair Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That the minutes of the Budget Review Committee meeting report 4-2001 Budget, held December 19, 2000, be received.

Carried.

(Report 4-2001 Budget is attached to Corporate and Financial Services Committee Report 1-2001.)

29. Minutes of the Vineland Residents Advisory Group Meeting Report No. 1, held January 4, 2001

Moved by Councillor Konkle  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the minutes of the Vineland Residents Advisory Group, regarding traffic calming measures on Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue) in the Town of Lincoln on January 4, 2001, be received.

Carried.

### ORAL REPORTS

30. Request for Elected Representatives to Serve on the Niagara Voice Radio Joint Board of Management

Councillor Forster requested that the meetings take place on Mondays or Wednesdays to accommodate her schedule.

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Konkle

That the Public Works and Utilities Committee appoint Councillors Rigby and Forster on the Niagara Voice Radio Joint Board of Management.

Carried.

31. Request for Elected Representatives to Serve on the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That the Public Works and Utilities Committee appoint Councillor Redekop in addition to Councillors Rigby, Badawey and Collins to the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee.

Carried.

32. Request for Elected Representatives to Serve on the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee

Regional Council will be solicited for members on January 18, 2001.

33. Request for Elected Representatives to Serve  
on the Waste Management Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That the Public Works and Utilities Committee appoint Regional Chair Zimmerman and Councillor Rigby to the Waste Management Advisory Committee for a three-year term; and

That Regional Council be solicited on January 18, 2001 for additional members.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

34. Status of Fort Erie Road Repairs

Councillor Redekop asked Mr. Cousins for an update on repairs to several roads in the Fort Erie area, Mr. Cousins advised Councillor Redekop that the roads, which were mentioned, are programmed for 2001 through 2003.

35. Use of Salt and Salt Mixtures

Councillor Redekop requested that a report be provided to the Committee on the use of salt and salt mixtures on Regional roads along with the Ministry of the Environment's future restrictions on the use of salt, to address concerns about cost, the affect on automobiles and the environment.

36. Glendale Avenue  
City of St. Catharines

Councillor Rigby advised the Committee that Glendale Avenue has deteriorated due to the snow and asked Mr. Cousins when crews will begin filling potholes and patching roads, Mr. Cousins advised Councillor Rigby that crews have been authorized to begin filling potholes and patching roads whenever weather conditions are favorable for the balance of the winter season and early spring.

37. Boundary Fences between  
the Q.E.W. and the Service Roads  
Town of Lincoln

Councillor Hildreth asked Mr. Cousins whether the boundary fencing that had fallen down between the Q.E.W. and the Service Roads in the Town of Lincoln would be replaced, Mr. Cousins advised Councillor Hildreth that the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario would be replacing the fencing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:55 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on January 23, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey  
Chair

Janet Pilon  
Committee Secretary

Thomas R. Hollick  
Regional Clerk