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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

REPORT 19-2001

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, November 27, 2001 commencing at 1:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Badawey, Chair; Davidson, Eke, Konkle, McMullan, Redekop, Rigby, Thomson, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services Division; Payne, Director, Waste Management Services Division; Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater Services Division; Sidawi, Director, Operation Support Services Division; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Part-time): Mr. Bousfield, Manager Property and Facility Management.

CLOSED SESSION

480. Moved by Councillor Konkle
Seconded by Councillor Eke

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

Carried.

481. Lease Renewal
Ambulance Station
42 Dolphin Street
City of Port Colborne
PWA 209-2001 (PHD 99-2001) CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PHD 99-2001, dated November 26, 2001, and Report PWA 209-2001, dated November 27, 2001, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

482. Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 98 (Montrose Road)
Property Purchase of a 10 Foot Wide Strip of Land
Designated as Part 15 on Plan 59R-11211
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 210-2001 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 210-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 98 (Montrose Road), Property Purchase of a 10 Foot Wide Strip of Land Designated as Part 15 on Plan 59R-11211 in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

483. Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 98 (Montrose Road)
Property Purchase of a 10 Foot Wide Strip of Land
Designated as Part 3 on Plan 59R-11211
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 211-2001 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That Report PWA 211-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 98 (Montrose Road), Property Purchase of a 10 Foot Wide Strip of Land, Designated as Part 3 on Plan 59R-11211 in the City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations therein approved.

Carried.

484. Moved by Councillor Konkle
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION

485. Moved by Councillor Konkle
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PWA 219-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting Road Salt Management Assessment Study Phase 1 - October 2001, be lifted from PWA Summary - November 27, 2001 and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

486. Road Salt Management Assessment Study
Phase I – October 2001
PWA 219-2001

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that PWA 138-2001, approved on July 19, 2001, authorized Ecoplans to complete a Salt Management Assessment

Study (Phase I) and that the complete report is available from the Transportation Services Division.

The Region has initiated the preparation of their Road Salt Management Plan with the pending announcement from Environment Canada that will declare salt as a CEPA Toxic, which will most certainly implement Salt Management Plans throughout the province.

The consultant has made recommendations for the improvement of On Road Use; Storage; Equipment; Decision Support; Advanced Road Weather Information Systems (ARWIS); Record Keeping and Training.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that the cost for the implementation of the recommended improvements will be offset by the reduction of salt applied to Regional Roads annually.

The Region's objectives are to use less salt by maintaining and possibly exceeding the minimum 25% reduction; improve the use of salt by utilizing new equipment with onboard pre-wetting & anti-icing, methods and procedures and improved training and record keeping. In addition, the Transportation Services Division will continue to investigate alternative materials and methods and will be performing a number of tests during this winter season with the results being submitted to the Public Works and Utilities Committee upon their completion.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that most of the available alternatives are chlorides, so the Region would be replacing salt with another form of salt. Staff is however, continuing to research alternatives and further testing will be performed.

The Region's level of service is currently under review, however, the Region will continue to maintain a level of service that will meet driver expectations, as most of the roads are arterial roads and require a bare pavement level of service. The consultant has recommended a review of Niagara Region's level of service as Niagara's level of service is higher than in many other areas in the province.

Mr. Cousins noted that the 25% reduction in the use of salt is the minimum expected reduction, staff will be encouraged to make suggestions that will further reduce Niagara's use of salt.

The Committee requested that staff continue to research alternatives to the use of salt on Niagara's roads.

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWA 219-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Road Salt Management Assessment Study Phase I – October 2001, be received.

That the report entitled "Road Salt Management Assessment Study – Phase I", prepared by Ecoplans Limited be received and that staff proceed as expeditiously as possible with implementation of the recommendations contained therein;

That a copy of the report be forwarded to the Ecological Environmental Advisory committee for their information. (Transportation)

Carried.

487. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That Report PWA 214-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting Proposed All-way Stop Control, Intersection of Regional Road 122 (Helena Street) and Washington Road/Albany Street in the Town of Fort Erie, be lifted from PWA Summary - November 27, 2001 and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

488. Proposed All Way Stop Control
Intersection of Regional Road 122 (Helena Street)
and Washington Road/Albany Street
Town of Fort Erie

PWA 214-2001

That Report PWA 214-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Proposed All Way Stop Control, Intersection of Regional Road 122 (Helena Street) and Washington Road/Albany Street in the Town of Fort Erie, be deferred to the next meeting of the Public Works and Utilities Committee.

Carried.

Staff Recommendations
For Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the following staff recommendations contained in PWA Summary, November 27, 2001:

489. Block III, Plan M-92
Calaguero Estates Subdivision
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 212-2001

That Report PWA 212-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Block III, Plan M-92, Calaguero Estates Subdivision in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That the Region of Niagara deviate from Policy and sell to Kybald Ventures Inc., for \$2.00 Block III on Plan M-0\92, which was deeded to the Region of Niagara at no cost for the purpose of a future sanitary pumping station site under Stage II of Calaguero Estates Subdivision as the municipal services study for Stage II has repositioned the location of the sanitary pumping station approximately 400 feet further to the north. (Operational Support)

490. Proposed Stopping Restrictions
Regional Road 81 (Main Street East) between
Elm Street and Kingsway Boulevard
Town of Grimsby

PWA 213-2001

That Report PWA 213-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Proposed Stopping Restrictions, Regional Road 81 (Main Street East) between Elm Street and Kingsway Boulevard in the Town of Grimsby, be received.

That stopping be prohibited from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the north side of Regional Road 81 (Main Street East) between Elm Street and Kingsway Boulevard; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to submit the necessary by-law amendment to Council on December 6, 2001. (Transportation)

491. Proposed Speed Limit Reduction
Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road)
Town of Fort Erie

PWA 215-2001

That Report 215-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Proposed Speed Limit Reduction, Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) in the Town of Fort Erie, be received.

That the existing speed limit on Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) from Rosehill Road to Buffalo Road be reduced from 80 km/h to 60 km/h;

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on December 6, 2001. (Transportation)

492. Municipal Traffic By-laws
City of Niagara Falls and Town of Pelham
PWA 216-2001

That Report PWA 216-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Municipal Traffic By-laws in the City of Niagara Falls and the Town of Pelham, be received.

That the following local traffic by-laws be approved:

No. 2001-207	City of Niagara Falls	All Way Stop Controls & Heavy Vehicle Prohibition
No. 2326(2001) (Transportation)	Town of Pelham	Stop Sign Control

493. Proposed Speed Limit Reduction
Regional Road 14 (Smithville Road)
Township of West Lincoln
PWA 217-2001

That Report PWA 217-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Proposed Speed Limit Reduction, Regional Road 14 (Smithville Road) in the Township of West Lincoln, be received.

That the existing speed limit on Regional Road 14 (Smithville Road) from 100 metres north of Concession 2 to 300 metres south of South Chippawa Road be reduced from 80 km/h to 60 km/h;

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on December 6, 2001. (Transportation)

494. Proposed Speed Limit Reduction
Regional Road 26 (Jordan Road)
Town of Lincoln
PWA 218-2001

That Report PWA 218-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Proposed Speed Limit Reduction, Regional Road 26 (Jordan Road) in the Town of Lincoln, be received.

That the existing speed limit on Regional Road 26 (Jordan Road) from 70 metres north of Chestnut Street to 200 metres northerly be reduced from 80 km/h to 50 km/h;

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on December 6, 2001. (Transportation)

495. Additional Construction Fees for
Contract RN. 01-06, Taro North Sewage
Pumping Station Decommissioning – Phase 1
City of Niagara Falls

PWA 220-2001

That Report PWA 220-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Additional Construction Fees for Contract RN. 01-06, Taro North Sewage Pumping Station Decommissioning – Phase 1 in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That Provincial Construction (Montrose) Ltd. receive payment for construction costs in the amount of \$58,363.76, including tax, for the additional work performed. (Water & Wastewater)

496. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Konkle

That PWA Summary, November 27, 2001, and the foregoing recommendations of Reports PWA 212-2001, PWA 213-2001, PWA 215-2001 to PWA 218-2001 and PWA 220-2001 inclusive, be received and accepted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

497. Communications listed in Report PWC Summary, November 27, 2001, were received and dealt with as follows:

PWC 79-2001 – (November 6, 2001) – **Mayor Gord Harry**, Township of Wainfleet, to Jason White, MTO, requesting a review of the intersection of Highway 3, Regional Road 24 and Regional Road 23, to determine if a signal is warranted to address traffic safety issues.

-- Received and referred to Transportation Services Division for report.

PWC 80-2001 – (October 3, 2001) – **Dan Sullivan**, Clerk-Administrator, Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, being a resolution petitioning the Ontario Government to provide reliable confirmation of OSTAR funding levels to all municipalities related to meeting the new Ontario Drinking Water Regulations.

-- Received for consideration.

PWC 81-2001 – (November 3, 2001) – **Keith and Elsie Moyer**, residents of Lincoln, to Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services, expressing appreciation and thanks for the installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of North Service Road and Regional Road 24.

-- Received.

PWC 82-2001 – (October 31, 2001) – **Doug Campbell**, Operations Manager, Town of Lincoln, to Joe Cousins, Director of Transportation Services, expressing thanks for having Regional Training Officer Cecil Cooke conduct training courses for six Town employees in chainsaw operations.

-- Received.

PWC 83-2001 – (November 3, 2001) – **Alan Mannell**, Operations and Technical Services Co-ordinator, Town of Pelham, to Ron Davidson, Associate Director, Transportation Services, expressing appreciation for assistance provided by Murray Potts with the Town's annual tree inspections for the Urban Tree Maintenance Program.

-- Received.

PWC 84-2001 – **Barbara Volzke**, Manager of Community Outreach Program Erie, to Catherine Habermehl, Manager of Waste Collection and Diversion Operations, thanking staff for assisting in the success of a program which enabled this group to help people with non-perishable food items.

-- Received.

498. Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the PWC Summary, November 27, 2001, be received and dealt with as directed by this Committee and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PROGRESS REPORTS

499. Public Works Staff Comments on
Development and Related Proposals

The Committee was advised of an error at the top of Page 13, where it reads "Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake" it should read "City of Thorold". (Page 13 has been corrected and placed in the Blue Book)

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 103-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Development and Related Proposals, be received for information.

Carried.

500. Public Works Staff Comments on
Municipal Servicing Applications

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 104-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Public Works Staff Comments on Municipal Servicing Applications, be received for information.

Carried.

501. Water & Wastewater Billing Quantities
By Municipality – Report for 3rd Quarter of 2001

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 105-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the Water & Wastewater Billing Quantities By Municipality – Report for 3rd Quarter of 2001, be received for information.

Carried.

502. 2000 Statistical Report
Public Works Department

Moved by Councillor Thomson
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWP 106-2001, November 27, 2001, respecting the 2000 Statistical Report, Public Works Department, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

503. Minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee
Meeting of Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the minutes of the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee meeting held Tuesday, November 6, 2001, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

504. Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the following accounts list be approved for payment:

for the period ending October 31, 2001	\$4,481,775.99
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Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

505. Road Markings
Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue) at
Regional Road 81 (King Street)
From Moyer Road to John Street

Councillor Konkle has been approached by several area residents who are concerned about the road markings on Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue) at Regional Road 81 (King Street) from Moyer Road to John Street (northbound approach). The residents have requested that the white arrows be reinstated on the roadway and that overhead signage be installed, to provide motorists with advance notice.

Mr. Cousins advised the Committee that staff is currently reviewing the roadway markings and the possibility of overhead signage.

506. Waste Disposal Planning Steering Committee - Membership

The Committee was advised that the Waste Disposal Planning Steering Committee will require three additional Regional Councillors to sit on the Committee, in addition to Regional Chair Zimmerman, Councillor Rigby and Councillor Eke, anyone interested or anyone needing further information, please contact Mr. Payne, Director, Waste Management Services Division.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on December 11, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.

Vance Badawey
Chair

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk