

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**PWC 9-2020
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
Council Chamber / Video Conference
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Rigby (Committee Chair)

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: Bradley (Regional Chair), Chiocchio, Diodati, Disero, Edgar (Committee Vice-Chair), Fertich, Foster, Gale, Heit, Insinna, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Sendzik

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, B. Zvaniga, Interim, Commissioner, Public Works

Staff Present via Video Conference: M. Cruickshank, Legal Counsel, C. Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement and Strategic Acquisitions, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, M. Wilson, Senior Project Manager, Transportation Engineering

Others Present via Video Conference: M. Guy, GFL Environmental, L. Parcher, G. Gifford, P. Saabas, M. Canal, Miller Waste Systems

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Rigby called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Green For Life (GFL) Environmental - Niagara Region - Curbside Collection

Dave Vieira, General Manager, Solid Waste Division, GFL Environmental, provided information respecting Green For Life (GFL) Environmental - Niagara Region - Curbside Collection. Topics of the presentation included:

- Who We Are
- Where We Are
- What We Do
 - Municipal Contracts
 - Solid Waste Operations - Innovative Technology
 - Contract Specifics
 - Commitment to Niagara

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the Niagara Region Waste App's ability to track real-time collection vehicle movement in the future. Councillor Diodati.

3.2 A New Partnership with Niagara Region - How Miller Waste Services will Serve Collection Area Two

Denis Goulet, President, and Rob Harris, District Manager, Miller Waste Systems, provided information respecting A New Partnership with Niagara Region - How Miller Waste Services Will Serve Collection Area Two. Topics of the presentation included:

- Who we are: Miller
- Niagara Contract Specifics
 - Part 1 - Managerial staff
 - Part 2 - Service team
- Our Commitment to Niagara

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Proposed Lament Drain - Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

4.1.1 S.C. Watson, Resident, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

The delegation request from S.C. Watson was withdrawn.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **PW 40-2020**

Regional Road 38 (Martindale Road) Amending Agreement with Engineering Consultant Wood

Moved by Councillor Witteveen
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 40-2020, dated October 13, 2020, respecting Regional Road 38 (Martindale Road) Amending Agreement with Engineering Consultant Wood Canada Limited operating as Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **APPROVE** the increase to the current Engineering Agreement between Niagara Region and Wood Canada Limited operating as Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions ("Wood") by \$190,409, for a new total value of \$1,250,838 (excluding 13% HST); and
2. That Council **AUTHORIZE** the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an amendment to the Engineering Agreement between Niagara Region and Wood incorporating the increase proposed in recommendation 1 of Report PW 40-2020.

Carried

5.2 **PW 45-2020**

Approval of Public Works Single Source Purchase Requests Over \$100,000

Moved by Councillor Edgar
Seconded by Councillor Zalepa

That Report PW 45-2020, dated October 13, 2020, respecting Approval of Public Works Single Source Purchase Requests Over \$100,000, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a change request to Purchase Order PO71767, assigned to Summa Engineering per tender 2019-T-272 for SCADA Upgrades at Five Landfill Sites, to increase the original pre-tax amount of \$535,544.00 by \$113,595.38 for a new total of \$649,139.38, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Edgar
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

PWC-C 37-2020
COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Works

PWC-C 38-2020
Update on Public Education Campaign and Contract Implementation

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Landfill Site Hours

Councillor Insinna requested information respecting the operating hours of Niagara's landfill sites. Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, advised that Niagara's landfill sites' hours of operation are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; however, if required may open at 7 a.m.

7.2 Speeding on Regional Roads

Councillor Insinna enquired whether staff were aware of an increase in speeding and motor vehicle incidents on Dominion Road, in the Town of Fort Erie. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised that staff have received reports of these issues and continue to refer such matters to Niagara Regional Police. She additionally advised that the Vision Zero Road Safety program will be presented to all of the local area municipalities by the end of the year with a view to implementing the program in the first quarter of 2021.

7.3 Recycling Bin Collection

Councillor Foster requested information respecting whether individuals are allowed to remove recycling materials from recycling bins placed curbside for collection. Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, advised that the Waste Management By-law states that no person shall remove any material set out for collection and that staff investigate any complaints of scavenging that are received.

7.4 Niagara Region Waste App Metrics

Councillor Nicholson requested information respecting the number of individual downloads and/or metrics concerning the use of the Niagara Region Waste App. Catherine Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services, stated staff would provide statistics via weekly correspondence.

7.5 Cost of Garbage Bag Tags

Councillor Heit enquired whether garbage tags, previously purchased at a lower cost, were still valid. Catherine Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services, advised that garbage tags increased to a price of \$2.50 in 2019, however older tags purchased at a lower cost were still valid for use.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Councillor Rigby
Committee Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk