

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

**PWC 10-2020
Tuesday, November 10, 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: Chiocchio, Diodati, Disero, Edgar (Committee Vice-Chair), Fertich, Foster, Gale, Heit, Insinna, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Bradley (Regional Chair)

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: S. Guglielmi, Technology Support Analyst, 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, S. Fraser, Transportation Lead, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, L. Lane, Transit Services Planning Analyst, B. Menage, Director, Procurement and Strategic Acquisitions, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, R. Salewytch, Transit Services Program Manager, S. Tait, Waste Management Program Manager, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, B. Wilson, Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Rigby called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1 **Niagara-on-the-Lake Drainage (Report PW 49-2020 (Agenda Item 6.6))**

Steve Watson, resident, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Tom Richardson, Sullivan Mahoney LLP, appeared before Committee to express concerns over the construction of a drainage outlet on part of Lot 141 in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, located on the south side of York Road.

There being no objection, Report PW 49-2020 (Agenda Item 6.6), respecting Niagara-on-the-Lake Drainage, was considered at this time.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.6 **PW 49-2020**

Niagara-on-the-Lake Drainage

Moved by Councillor Fertich

Seconded by Councillor Disero

That Report PW 49-2020, dated November 10, 2020, respecting Niagara-on-the-Lake Drainage, **BE RECEIVED** for information;

That Niagara Region staff **BE DIRECTED** to meet with Mr. Watson's drainage engineer as well as staff from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to further discuss this matter; and

That the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake **BE ADVISED**.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Request that staff include the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority in discussions related to the proposed drainage outlet. Councillor Insinna.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 PW 48-2020

Residential Blue Box Program – Proposed Producer Responsibility Regulation

Sherri Tait, Program Manager, Policy and Planning, provided information respecting Residential Blue Box Program - Proposed Producer Responsibility Regulation. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Regulations
- Designated Materials
- Responsible Producer
- Common Collection System
- Collection/Service, and Management Requirements
- Transition Schedule
- Comments
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Edgar
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 48-2020, dated November 10, 2020, respecting Residential Blue Box Program – Proposed Producer Responsibility Regulation, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to send comments on the proposed Blue Box regulation to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) before the close of the consultation period on December 3, 2020, following further internal and external coordination and analysis of the proposed regulation.

Carried

5.2 PW 47-2020

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

Moved by Councillor Zalepa
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report PW 47-2020, dated November 10, 2020, respecting Approval of Public Works Single Source Purchase Request Over \$100,000, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a change request to Purchase Order PO23236, assigned to WSP Consulting Engineers, per proposal 2017-RFP-08 for Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Phase II Upgrades, to increase the pre-tax amount of \$593,634.00 by \$96,400.00 for a new total of \$690,034.00 **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

5.3 PWC-C 44-2020

Recommendations for Consideration from the Linking Niagara Transit Committee meeting held October 21, 2020

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 44-2020, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated November 10, 2020, respecting Recommendations for Consideration from the Linking Niagara Transit Committee meeting held October 21, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report LNTC-C 4-2020 **BE FORWARDED** to the Clerks of Niagara's twelve (12) local area municipalities and that they **BE REQUESTED** to have the Council's of the twelve (12) local area municipalities consider the resolution outlined in Appendix 1 to Report LNTC-C 4-2020, advising the Regional Clerk of any municipal feedback, no later than February 28, 2021; and

2. That Council **DIRECT** staff to undertake an assessment of the proposed resolution outlined in Appendix 1 to Report LNTC-C 4-2020 and **REPORT BACK** to the Public Works Committee, no later than February 28, 2021, evaluating the expected impacts to Niagara Region Transit, Niagara Specialized Transit, Niagara Region Transit OnDemand, and the Regional tax levy from the proposed resolution.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the transition of transit expenditures from local municipal budgets to a single Regional budget, taking into account projected revenue ridership increases and projected assessment growth. Councillor Sendzik.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 PWC-C 41-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Works

Moved by Councillor Ugolini

Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 41-2020, being a memorandum from B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works, dated November 10, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Works, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 PW 46-2020

NRT OnDemand - Update

Rob Salewytch, Program Manager, Transit Services, and Leah Lane, Planning Analyst, Transit Services, provided information respecting Niagara Region Transit OnDemand - Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Pilot Objectives
- Promotional Efforts
- Community Engagement
- Ridership Statistics
- Operational Changes/Improvements
- Reporting Frequency

Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Report PW 46-2020, dated November 10, 2020, respecting Niagara Regional Transit OnDemand – Update, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the municipalities of Pelham, Lincoln, Grimsby, West Lincoln and Wainfleet for information.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

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

PWC-C 40-2020

Update on Extended Producer Responsibility – Electrical and Electronic Equipment

PWC-C 42-2020

Stewardship Ontario's Proposed Plan to Windup the Residential Blue Box Program and Transition to the New Producer Responsibility Framework

PWC-C 43-2020

Proposed Changes to Ontario's Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Tender 2020-T-116

Councillor Gale raised concerns with respect to Tender 2020-T-116 respecting the Port Dalhousie Waste Water Treatment Plant. He requested the following information be provided at the Regional Council meeting being held on November 19, 2020:

- The analysis of the redesign of the blower system, and whether this was completed by Regional staff or a third party;
- The sole source purchase of the blower system; and
- Why the sole source purchase was not considered by the Public Works Committee.

7.2 Vision Zero Road Safety

Councillor Insinna requested information respecting the use of technology, such as radar and red light cameras, as part Vision Zero road safety program. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised that staff will be presenting details of the program to the local area municipalities to seek approval for an inter-municipal agreement. Should approval be given, the program would be operational in the spring of 2021.

7.3 Traffic Study, City of Welland

Councillor Chiocchio requested staff review traffic at the intersection of Regional Rd 54 (Prince Charles Dr.) and Lincoln Street in the City of Welland.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Councillor Rigby
Committee Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk