THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

PWC 11-2020
Tuesday, December 8, 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), Foster, Gale, Heit, Insinna, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa
Absent/Regrets:	Fertich
Staff Present in the Council Chamber:	T. Cimino, Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Engineering, E. Fabiani, Technology Support Analyst, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works
Staff Present via Video Conference:	J. Brunet, Associate Director, Water Operations Maintenance, M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, C. Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, D. Johnson, Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Operations Management & Laboratory services , B. Menage, Director, Procurement and Strategic Acquisitions, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, R. Salewytsch, Transit Services Program Manager, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Whyte, Water & Wastewater Quality Management Specialist

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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

Moved by Councillor Gale
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Omar Hammoud and Ed Pikovnik, APG Neuros, **BE PERMITTED** to appear before Committee to delegate respecting Correspondence Item PWC-C 49-2020 - Response to Councillor Information Request re 2020-T-116 Port Dalhousie Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades (Agenda Item 6.5).

Recorded Vote:

Yes (4): Chiocchio, Diodati, Gale, Nicholson.

No (13): Disero, Edgar, Foster, Heit, Insinna, Ip, Junkin, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa.

Defeated

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 PW 53-2020

Niagara Specialized Transit Service Agreement Amendment 2021

Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, provided information respecting Niagara Specialized Transit. Topics of the presentation included:

- Niagara Specialized Transit (NST)
- Service Levels - Statistics
- NST Timeline: 2006 - 2020
- Creating Social & Transit Equity
- Achieving Strategic Alignment

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Report PW 53-2020, dated December 8, 2020, respecting Niagara Specialized Transit Service Agreement Amendment 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the Niagara Specialized Transit (NST) Service Delivery Amending Agreement 2021 between The Regional Municipality of Niagara and The BTS Network Inc., such that the agreement meets the approval of the Director of Niagara Region Legal and Court Services; and
2. That the Chief Administrative Officer also **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any necessary extensions such that those extensions support a potential transition to a single transit entity resulting from the ongoing Niagara Transit Governance Study.

Carried

5.2 PW 52-2020

Niagara Region Transit Service Agreement Renewal

Moved by Councillor Chiocchio
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Report PW 52-2020, dated December 8, 2020, respecting Niagara Region Transit Service Agreement Renewal, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the renewal of the Niagara Region Transit (NRT) 2018 Service Agreement using the terms and conditions contemplated in the original agreement, subject to the approval of the City of Niagara Falls, the City of Welland, and the St. Catharines Transit Commission; and
2. That the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute a renewal of the 2018 NRT Service Agreement between Niagara Region, the City of Niagara Falls, the City of Welland, and the St. Catharines Transit Commission (service providers), upon terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Works, the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer, and the Director of Legal & Court Services.

Carried

5.3 PW 44-2020

Award of Contract 2020-T-116 Port Dalhousie Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrades Contract 1

Moved by Councillor Edgar
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report PW 44-2020, dated December 8, 2020, respecting Award of Contract 2020-T-116 Port Dalhousie Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrades Contract 1, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2020-T-116 Port Dalhousie WWTP Upgrades Contract 1 in the City of St Catharines **BE AWARDED** to Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd., at their bid price of $36,836,870 (including 13% HST); and

2. That the current approved contract amount of $1,153,785.37 (including 13% HST) awarded to Hatch Corp. **BE INCREASED** by $1,568,511.19 (including 13% HST), for a total revised contract of $2,722,296.56 (including 13% HST) for Port Dalhousie WWTP Upgrades for the provision of contract administration and inspection services for Port Dalhousie WWTP Upgrades Contract 1.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (13): Disero, Edgar, Foster, Heit, Insinna, Ip, Junkin, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa.

No (4): Chiocchio, Diodati, Gale, Nicholson.

Carried

5.4 PW 51-2020

Amendment to Purchase Order for Tender 2019-T-157 Regional Road 38 (Martindale Road)

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Sendzik

That Report PW 51-2020, dated December 8, 2020, respecting Amendment to Purchase Order for Tender 2019-T-157 Regional Road 38 (Martindale Road), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the original contract amount of $10,366,851.65 (including 13% HST) awarded to Rankin Construction Inc., **BE INCREASED** by $1,300,000.00 (including 13% HST), for a total revised contract of $11,666,851.65 (including 13% HST) for the reconstruction of Regional Road 38 (Martindale Road) from Fourth Avenue to Barton Street, in the City of St. Catharines.

Carried

5.5 PWC-C 50-2020

Recommendations for Consideration from the Linking Niagara Transit Committee meeting held November 23, 2020

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 50-2020, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated December 8, 2020, respecting Recommendations for Consideration from the Linking Niagara Transit Committee meeting held November 25, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Correspondence Item LNTC-C 6-2020, being a memorandum from S. Fraser, Transportation Lead, GO Implementation Office, dated November 25, 2020, respecting Councillor Information Request: Niagara Transit Governance Study – Local Area Municipality Engagement, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities; and

2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to reach out to the local area municipalities to arrange to present to their Council when the Niagara Transit Governance Study is being considered.

Moved by Councillor Zalepa
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That the motion **BE AMENDED** to add the following:

3. That the Linking Niagara Transit Committee BE DIRECTED to review alternative funding options.

Carried

The Committee Chair called the vote on the motion, as amended, as follows:

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 50-2020, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated December 8, 2020, respecting Recommendations for Consideration from the Linking Niagara Transit Committee meeting held November 25, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Correspondence Item LNTC-C 6-2020, being a memorandum from S. Fraser, Transportation Lead, GO Implementation Office, dated November 25, 2020, respecting Councillor Information Request: Niagara Transit Governance Study – Local Area Municipality Engagement, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to reach out to the local area municipalities to arrange to present to their Council when the Niagara Transit Governance Study is being considered.
3. That the Linking Niagara Transit Committee **BE DIRECTED** to review alternative funding options.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 PWC-C 47-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Works

Moved by Councillor Ugulini
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 47-2020, being a memorandum from B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works, dated December 8, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Works, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 PW 50-2020

Annual Water and Wastewater Quality Management System Update

Rachel Whyte, Water & Wastewater Quality Management Specialist, provided information respecting Annual Water and Wastewater Quality Management System Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Water Quality Management System (Water QMS)
  - Activities
  - Internal and External Audit
  - Water Systems Risk Assessment
  - Management Review
  - Changes Impacting Water QMS/Operational Plan
- Wastewater Quality Management System (Wastewater QMS)
  - Internal Audit
  - Wastewater Systems Risk Assessment
  - Management Review
  - Changes Impacting Wastewater QMS/Operational Plan

Moved by Councillor Edgar
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report PW 50-2020, dated December 8, 2020, Annual Water and Wastewater Quality Management System Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Zalepa

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

PWC-C 46-2020
Short Form Offences and Set Fine Schedule

PWC-C 48-2020
Update on Waste Management Contract Implementation

PWC-C 49-2020
Response to Councillor Information Request re 2020-T-116 Port Dalhousie Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Port Dalhousie Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Moved by Councillor Gale
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That the Public Works Committee Chair in association with the Public Works Committee and the Director of Procurement, **CONDUCT** an investigation into the sole sourcing of the Port Dalhousie wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) blowers.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (4): Diodati, Gale, Junkin, Nicholson.

No (9): Edgar, Foster, Heit, Ip, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Witteveen, Zalepa.

Defeated

7.2 Water Samples

Councillor Foster expressed concern with the difficulty that members of the public are experiencing with the private well water testing process due to the pandemic and expressed the importance of re-instating this program. Committee Chair Rigby advised that as water testing is a Public Health program the matter should be brought to the Public Health and Social Services Committee.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Councillor Rigby
Committee Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk