

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

**PWC 7-2021
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Council Chamber/Video Conference
Regional Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

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

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

Other Councillors Present in the Council Chamber: Greenwood

Absent/Regrets: Chiocchio

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: L. Glynn, Technology Support Analyst, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Staff Present via Video Conference: H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, R. Salewysch, Transit Services Program Manager, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, C. Ventura, Legislative Coordinator

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**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **PW 38-2021**

Niagara Regional Transit (NRT) OnDemand - Port Colborne Inclusion

Moved by Councillor Insinna

Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Report PW 38-2021, dated July 13, 2021, respecting Niagara Regional Transit (NRT) OnDemand – Port Colborne Inclusion, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the report from the City of Port Colborne titled, “Transit Enhancement Opportunity” (Appendix 1 to Report PW 38-2021) **BE RECEIVED** for information;
2. That the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any amendments to the Agreement and/or Service Order between the Regional Municipality of Niagara and River North Transit, LLC (a.k.a. Via Mobility, LLC) in the amount of \$898,840 (excluding HST) to enable the inclusion of a turnkey, on-demand transit service pilot in Port Colborne to be branded and administered as part of the Niagara Regional Transit (NRT) OnDemand pilot;
3. That the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Niagara Region and the City of Port Colborne to allow for Niagara Region to facilitate and administer the deployment of on-demand transit services within the City of Port Colborne as approved in the terms and value outlined in City of Port Colborne report 2021-15; and
4. That the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute amendments and/or extensions to both the MOU and the Agreement/Service Order such that it facilitates the continuity of services as a result of the Niagara Transit Governance Study.

Carried

5.2 PW 41-2021

Approval of Public Works Single Source Purchase Order Requests and Purchase Change Order Requests Exceeding \$100,000

Moved by Councillor Zalepa
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 41-2021, dated July 13, 2021, respecting Approval of Public Works Single Source Purchase Order Requests and Purchase Change Order Requests Exceeding \$100,000, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Single Source Purchase Order Requests identified in Appendix 1 of Report PW 41-2021 **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

5.3 PWC-C 25-2021

Recommendations for Consideration from the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting held on June 28, 2021

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 25-2021, being a memorandum from A.-M Norio, Regional Clerk, dated July 13, 2021, respecting Recommendations for Consideration from the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting held June 28, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue promoting the availability of recycling box lids and covers through public retail and on-line outlets, using Regional communication avenues, in place of offering recycling box lids or covers.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Follow up with the Town of Lincoln respecting the pilot project that was undertaken for recycling box covers. Councillor Foster

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1 **PWC-C 24-2021**

Blue Box Program - Final Producer Responsibility Regulations

Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, provided an update respecting Blue Box Program - Final Producer Responsibility Regulations. Topics of the presentation included:

- Regulations Recap
- Considerations & Decision Points
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Gale
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 24-2021, being a memorandum from S. Tait, Program Manager, Policy & Planning, dated July 13, 2021, respecting Blue Box Program – Final Producer Responsibility Regulations, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 **PWC-C 23-2021**

Public Works Single Source Purchases over \$100,000 - Exceptions

Moved by Councillor Edgar
Seconded by Councillor Junkin

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 23-2021, being a memorandum from B. Zvaniga, Commissioner of Public Works (Interim), dated July 13, 2021, respecting Public Works Single Source Purchases over \$100,000 - Exceptions, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Regional Road 70 (Thorold Townline Road), City of Thorold and City of Niagara Falls

Councillor Greenwood expressed concerns respecting speeding and traffic volume on Regional Road 70 between Chippawa Creek Road and Lundy's Lane and requested that staff assess the intersection of Regional Road 70 and McLeod road for the installation of a three way stop. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised that staff have been in contact with the area residents to advise that although the intersection does not meet the requirements for a three way stop, it is very close to meeting the requirements for a signalized intersection. She noted that staff are continuing to monitor the area. Councillor Ugolini also raised concerns regarding speeding on Regional Road 70 from Beaverdams Road through to Chippawa Creek Road and suggested staff review the speed limit.

7.2 Waste Management Collection Updates for Seasonal Cottage Owners

Councillor Steele advised of issues related to seasonal cottage owners placing waste out for collection on the wrong collection week due to unfamiliarity with the changes to every other week waste collection. Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, noted that the cottage associations have previously assisted with communicating these types of changes and advised that staff would consider ways to ensure cottage owners were aware of the collection changes

7.3 Vision Zero Road Safety Program Presentations

Councillor Foster requested a timeline for staff to meet with the Local Area Municipalities regarding community safety and traffic issues. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised staff will be providing presentations on the Vision Zero Road Safety Program to the 12 local area municipalities starting in September 2021.

7.4 Regional Road Access

Councillor Foster requested information respecting the approval process for properties requiring an entrance to access regional roads and if traffic impact studies were required. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised that there is an application process in place to request access; however, a traffic impact study is not required in all cases. She noted that any time access is required to a regional road, the Region is requested to comment.

7.5 Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road), Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Councilor Zalepa requested an update respecting traffic control considerations at the intersection of Regional Road 55 and Anderson Lane. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised that this intersection is currently being reviewed by staff.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Councillor Rigby
Committee Chair

Chris Ventura
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk