

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

**PWC 6-2021
Tuesday, June 15, 2021
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), Fertich (Committee Vice Chair)
Committee Members Present via Video Conference:	Bradley (Regional Chair), Chiocchio, Diodati, Disero, Edgar, Foster, Gale, Heit, Insinna, Junkin, Nicholson, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa
Staff Present in the Council Chamber:	K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works
Staff Present via Video Conference:	S. Alkarawi, Associate Director, Transportation Planning, D. Ane, Manager, Program Financial Support, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, M. Elia, Technology Support Analyst, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, D. McGaghey, Associate Director, Transportation Integrated Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, E. Prpic, Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations and Engineering, L. Ripenburg, Associate Director, Transportation Operations, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, F. Tassone, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, S. Wood, Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Transportation Services - Divisional Key Messages, Projects & Updates

Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, provided information respecting Transportation Services: Divisional Key Messages, Projects & Updates. Topics of the presentation included:

- Infrastructure
 - Transportation Quarterly Update
 - Pavement Condition Index (PCI) in Niagara Region
 - Bridge Condition Index (BCI) in Niagara Region
- Road Safety
 - Niagara Road Safety Annual Report
 - Vision Zero Road Safety Program
 - Municipal 511
- Strategic Divisional Priorities and Initiatives
- Operations

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the number of trees planted by Transportation Services, Operations. Councillor Sendzik.

Provide information respecting any Federal/Provincial Gas Tax funding opportunities for Niagara's transportation network projects. Councillor Sendzik.

Provide Pavement Condition Index and Bridge Condition Index data from four years ago. Councillor Nicholson.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 PW 18-2021

Cost Sharing Commitment – Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at QEW Interchange

Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, provided information respecting QEW / Glendale Avenue (Regional Road 89) Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI): Project Overview & Update.

Topics of the presentation included:

- QEW / Glendale Avenue (Ministry of Transportation Ontario)
- Driving on a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)
- Single-lane Roundabout at Glendale Avenue/York Road intersection (Niagara Region)
- New Airport Road Loop Ramp (Niagara Region)
- Extend Right Turning Lane on Glendale Avenue between Taylor Road and Niagara-on-The-Green Boulevard (Niagara Region)
- Construction Schedule & Key Milestones
- Transportation Environmental Study Report Comments/Questions

Moved by Councillor Zalepa

Seconded by Councillor Junkin

That Report PW 18-2021, dated June 15, 2021, respecting Cost Sharing Commitment – Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at QEW Interchange, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the commitment to cost sharing with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) and the Niagara Region, for MTO Design Build 2019-2119 QEW / Glendale Avenue diverging diamond interchange, New Glendale Avenue / York Road Roundabout, New Airport Road Loop Ramp, and Connection Road, Central Region, in the amount of \$15,521,489.67 (including 13% HST), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign a cost-sharing agreement with the MTO reflective of the Region's required works; and
3. That the gross budget for – Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at QEW, diverging diamond interchange, **BE INCREASED** by \$7,095,808 and that the increase **BE FUNDED** as follows:
 - \$5,742,249 – development charges – roads
 - \$1,013,338 – capital variance – levy project
 - \$340,221 – municipal cost sharing – Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting New Airport Road Loop Ramp project and its impact on the intersection of Airport Road and York Road. Councillor Diodati.

Provide information respecting the New Airport Road Loop Ramp project and its impact on the intersection of Airport Road and Queenston Road; currently a four-way stop. Councillor Gale.

Provide information respecting the Ministry of Transportation Ontario addressing concerns with weaving traffic on the Eastbound QEW from the Glendale on-ramp towards the Hwy 405 on-ramp. Councillor Gale.

5.2 PW 27-2021

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

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 27-2021, dated June 15, 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 27-2021 **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

5.3 PW 28-2021

Tip Fees at the Thorold Residential Recycling & Waste Drop-off Depot

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Report PW 28-2021, dated June 15, 2021, respecting Tip Fees at the Thorold Residential Recycling & Waste Drop-off Depot, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an increase in the per tonne tip fee at the Thorold Residential Recycling & Waste Drop-off Depot from the current \$117 per tonne **BE APPROVED** as follows: \$120 per tonne in 2021, \$122.50 per tonne in 2022, and \$125 per tonne in 2023, excluding applicable HST.

Carried

5.4 PW 31-2021

Award of Contract 2020-RFP-127 Stamford Interceptor Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II

Moved by Councillor Nicholson
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 31-2021, dated June 15, 2021, respecting Award of Contract 2020-RFP-127 Stamford Interceptor Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2020-RFP-127 – Stamford Interceptor Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II **BE AWARDED** to Liqui-Force Services (Ontario) Inc. at their proposal price of \$7,985,734.30 (including 13% HST); and
2. That the current approved Contract amount of \$253,401.37 (including 13% HST) awarded to Robinson Consultants **BE INCREASED** by \$221,180.55 (including 13% HST), for a total revised Contract of \$474,581.92 (including 13% HST) for Stamford Interceptor Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II for the provision of Contract Administration and Inspection Services.

Carried

5.5 PW 29-2021

Award of 2021-T-64 Humberstone Landfill Operations

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That Report PW 29-2021, dated June 15, 2021, respecting Award of 2021-T-64 Humberstone Landfill Operations, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2021-T-64 – Humberstone Landfill Operations **BE AWARDED** to Future Waste Systems (Niagara) Inc., at their tender price of \$2,529,027.42 per year (including 13% HST) for a term of seven (7) years, with an option in favour of Niagara Region to extend the term for up to three (3), one (1) year periods; and
2. That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the Contract and any required documents related thereto in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, provided an update regarding Ontario Regulation 391/21, respecting the transition of Municipally operated residential blue box programs to the full producer responsibility model, whereby producers are 100 percent responsible for the collection and processing of residential blue box materials.

Committee members expressed their concerns with the Provincial regulations and requested staff continue to seek clarity from the Province.

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the total cost of consulting services utilized by the Region for the Material Recycling Facility review. Councillor Insinna.

Report PW 32-2021 was considered separately as follows:

6.3 PW 32-2021

Niagara Road Safety Annual Report

Moved by Councillor Zalepa

Seconded by Councillor Sendzik

That Report PW 32-2021, dated June 15, 2021, respecting Niagara Road Safety Annual Report, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to look at options to recover costs as outlined in Report PW 32-2021.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information in subsequent Niagara Road Safety Reports respecting any associated reallocation of resources for the Niagara Regional Police. Councillor Sendzik.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Steele

Seconded by Councillor Ugolini

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

PW 6-2021

Transportation Quarterly Update

PW 24-2021

Complete Street Design manual (CSDM)

PWC-C 22-2021

Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Phase 4 Opportunity Review – Chronology of Events and Update on Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP)

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Gilmore Road, Town of Fort Erie

Councillor Insinna requested staff assess Gilmore Road, between Concession Road and Thompson Road, for potential road improvements.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Committee did not resolve into closed session.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

9.1 Confidential PW 30-2021

Cost Sharing Commitment - Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at QEW Interchange

Moved by Councillor Junkin
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Confidential Report PW 30-2021, dated June 15, 2021, respecting A Matter of Advice that is subject to Solicitor Client Privilege under section 239(2) of the Municipal Act – Cost Sharing Commitment - Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at QEW Interchange **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Councillor Rigby
Committee Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk