

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

**PWC 1-2019  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
Council Chamber  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Chiocchio, Disero, Edgar (Committee Vice-Chair), Fertich, Foster, Gale, Insinna, Junkin, Nicholson, Rigby (Committee Chair), Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Bradley (Regional Chair), Diodati, Heit

Staff: H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, J. Gilston, Legislative Coordinator, C. Habermehl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, B. Whitelaw, Waste Management Policy & Planning Program Manager, S. Wood, Legal Counsel

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

**3.1 Call for Nominations for Committee Chair**

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Public Works Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020).

Moved by Councillor Fertich  
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Councillor Rigby **BE NOMINATED** as Chair of the Public Works Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020).

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Sendzik

That Councillor Edgar **BE NOMINATED** as Chair of the Public Works Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020).

3.2 Motion to Close the Nominations for Committee Chair

The Regional Clerk called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Public Works Committee Chair. There being no further nominations it was:

Moved by Councillor Sendzik  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That nominations for the position of Chair of the Public Works Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020), **BE CLOSED**.

**Carried**

3.3 Voting for Position of Committee Chair

Voting by a show of hands resulted in the following:

Edgar = 6

Rigby = 8

Based on the result of the vote, the Regional Clerk announced that Councillor Rigby had received the majority of votes and would be the Public Works Committee Chair for a two-year term (2019-2020).

3.4 Call for Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Public Works Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020).

Moved by Councillor Sendzik  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Councillor Edgar **BE NOMINATED** as Vice-Chair of the Public Works Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020).

3.5 Motion to Close the Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair

The Regional Clerk called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Public Works Committee Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations it was:

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by Councillor Disero

That nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Public Works Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020), **BE CLOSED**.

**Carried**

3.6 Voting for Position of Committee Vice-Chair

There being only one nominee for the position of Committee Vice-Chair, Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, announced that Councillor Edgar would be the Public Works Committee Vice-Chair for a two-year term (2019-2020).

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Rigby assumed the Chair.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

Ron Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, indicated that multiple presentations would be given during the Public Works Committee meeting that may exceed the ten minutes presentation time limit, therefore it was:

Moved by Councillor Nicholson  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That the staff presentation **BE PERMITTED** to exceed the 10 minute presentation time limit.

**Carried**

4.1 Regional Transit Budget

Stephen Kosh, Executive Director, and Ryan Huckla, President, Niagara College Student Administrative Council, Niagara College, appeared before the Committee to provide information respecting Regional Transit Budget. Topics of the presentation included:

- The state of transit for the Niagara College service area
- What an amalgamated transit system would look like in Niagara Region
- Examples of other comparator service areas providing transit for colleges
- Suggestions for improving specific transit corridors
- The increase of financial contributions to Regional transit from Niagara College

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

That staff consider subsidizing other transit services, such as Uber, to help cover outlying service areas not covered by current transit routes.  
Councillor Gale.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 PW 3-2019

Proposed Base Services for Next Collection Contract

Catherine Habermebl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, and David Kaines, Metroline Research Group, provided information respecting Proposed Base Services for Next Collection Contract. Topics of the presentation included:

- Proposed Collection Service Options (background, rationale)
- Results and key insights of the targeted and broad stakeholder consultations
- The research methodology for conducting the stakeholder consultations
- Base Garbage Collection Service Options
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Sendzik  
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 3-2019, dated January 8, 2019, respecting Proposed Base Services for Next Collection Contract, **BE RECEIVED** for information and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That, based on the results of the stakeholder engagement process, the Request for Proposals for Niagara Region's next garbage, recycling and organics collection RFP **BE APPROVED** to be issued with the following, subject to final comments from Local Area Municipalities:
  - a. Pricing for the following garbage collection frequency options:
    - i. Every-other-week (EOW) garbage collection for all residential properties and for those Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (IC&I) and Mixed-Use (MU) properties located outside Designated Business Areas (DBAs), as a base service (weekly recycling and organics to continue, and current garbage container (bag/can) limits would double for affected sectors, on an EOW basis), and,
    - ii. Status quo – weekly base garbage collection service.
  - b. Establishment of a four (4) item limit per residential unit, per collection, for large item collection at Low-Density Residential (LDR) properties, as a base service.
  - c. Pricing for the continuation of appliances and scrap metal curbside collection at LDR properties, as a base service.
  - d. Change the weekly garbage container (bag/can) limits for Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (IC&I) and Mixed-Use (MU) properties located inside Designated Business Areas (DBAs) from seven (7) containers to four (4) containers per property, as a base service.
  - e. Change the weekly garbage container limit for MU properties located outside DBAs from six (6) containers to four (4) containers per property, as a base service.

2. That Report PW 3-2019 and Council's resolutions, along with the Metroline stakeholder consultation report, when finalized, **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities, for their review, and comments to be provided by February 1, 2019 or no later than February 20, 2019; and,
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a follow-up report on the position of the Local Area Municipalities on the base and enhanced services to be included in the next garbage, recycling and organics collection contract Request for Proposals.

The following friendly *amendment* was accepted by the Committee Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion to add clause 1(f) as follows:

***f. Mandatory use of clear garbage bags for garbage collection.***

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That clause 1(c) **BE AMENDED** to read as follows:

***c. Discontinuation and continuation of appliances and scrap metal curbside collection at LDR properties, as a base service.***

**Carried**

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

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    - ii. Status quo – weekly base garbage collection service.
  - b. Establishment of a four (4) item limit per residential unit, per collection, for large item collection at Low-Density Residential (LDR) properties, as a base service;
  - c. Discontinuation of appliances and scrap metal curbside collection at LDR properties, as a base service;
  - d. Change the weekly garbage container (bag/can) limits for Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (IC&I) and Mixed-Use (MU) properties located inside Designated Business Areas (DBAs) from seven (7) containers to four (4) containers per property, as a base service;
  - e. Change the weekly garbage container limit for MU properties located outside DBAs from six (6) containers to four (4) containers per property, as a base service;
  - f. Mandatory use of clear garbage bags for garbage collection;
2. That Report PW 3-2019 and Council's resolutions, along with the Metrolina stakeholder consultation report, when finalized, **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities, for their review, and comments to be provided by February 1, 2019 or no later than February 20, 2019;
  3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a follow-up report on the position of the Local Area Municipalities on the base and enhanced services to be included in the next garbage, recycling and organics collection contract Request for Proposals; and,

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

That staff consider closed-top containers as an option for recycling collection. Councillor Ugulini.

Provide information respecting what constitutes the 36% of non-recyclable and non-compostable materials in the garbage bags collected between 2015 and 2016, as described in Report PW 3-2019. Councillor Disero.

6.2 PW 4-2019

Financial Plan for O.Reg. 453/07

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Report PW 4-2019, dated January 8, 2019, respecting Water and Wastewater Financial Plan for O.Reg. 453/07, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the following statements included in the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan **BE APPROVED** by a resolution of Regional Council in accordance with O.Reg 453/07:
  - Pro forma Statement of Financial Position – Water
  - Pro forma Statement of Financial Operations – Water
  - Pro forma Statement of Cash Flow/Cash Receipts – Water
2. That the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan **BE APPROVED** to be used by staff as the guidance for the preparation of water and wastewater budgets for the 2019 to 2028 period of the plan;
3. That a copy of the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan **BE SUBMITTED** to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and,
4. That a copy of the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan **BE MADE** available on the Regional website.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Include data from the Regions of Waterloo and Durham for comparison of the financial rate increases for water and wastewater operating expenses. Councillor Sendzik.

That staff consider using simple language for the statements in the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan, rather than the use of "pro forma". Councillor Sendzik.



**7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There being no objection, Report PWC-C 2-2019 was considered at this time.

**7.2 PWC-C 2-2019**

Inter-Municipal Transit (IMT) Update, Primer

Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, Kumar Ranjan, Transit Lead, GO Implementation Project, and Heather Talbot, Financial and Special Projects Consultant, provided information respecting Inter-Municipal Transit (IMT) Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview: Where We've Been
- Successes: What We've Achieved
- Workplan: What's Next
- Moving Transit Forward: Where We're Going
- NST: Growing Ridership

Moved by Councillor Steele  
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 2-2019, being a memorandum from M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, dated January 8, 2019, respecting Inter-Municipal Transit (IMT) Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

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

PWC-C 1-2019  
Emterra Collection Contract Update

PWC-C 3-2019  
2018 U-Pass Agreements

**Carried**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 Speed Limit on East Main Street, City of Welland**

Councillor Chiocchio inquired regarding the speed limit between the East Main Street tunnel and the roundabout in the City of Welland and whether an indication of the speed limit reduction could be posted in the area. Ron Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, advised that staff would follow-up with the Ministry of Transportation regarding this concern.

**8.2 Waste Collection Update**

Councillor Foster requested an update regarding waste collection in Niagara. Catherine Habermehl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, advised new collection routes in the Towns of Lincoln and West Lincoln, noted challenges faced by the new contractor, and advised that staff would continue to monitor the services provided in the area.

**8.3 Niagara-on-the-Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Councillor Zalepa requested information regarding the wastewater treatment plant in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Catherine Habermehl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, advised that an update would be provided at the Public Works Committee meeting being held on February 19, 2019.

**8.4 Street Lighting on Niagara Stone Road**

Councillor Zalepa requested staff review the street lighting on Niagara Stone Road near the Royal Elite International Academy.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

Committee did not resolve into Closed Session.

**10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**10.1 Confidential Report PW 6-2019**

A Trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality - Contract Negotiations with Emterra.

Moved by Councillor Gale  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Confidential Report PW 6-2019, dated January 8, 2019, respecting A Trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of an organization - Contract Negotiations with Emterra, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations therein **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

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Councillor Rigby  
Committee Chair

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Jonathan Gilston  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk