

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

**PWC 4-2020**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

**Council Chamber/Teleconference**

**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 Teleconference: Bradley (Regional Chair), Chiocchio, Diodati, Disero, Edgar (Committee Vice-Chair), Fertich, Foster, Gale, Heit, Insinna, Ip, Nicholson, Sendzik, Steele, Ugolini, Witteveen, Zalepa

Other Councillors via Teleconference: Campion

Absent/Regrets: Junkin

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: M. Elia, Technology Support Analyst, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Staff Present via Teleconference: M. Evelyn, Legislative Coordinator, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement and Strategic Acquisition, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk

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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**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5.1 PW 21-2020**

Extension to Residential Waste and Recycling Drop-Off Depot Contract

Moved by Councillor Fertich

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report PW 21-2020, dated May 12, 2020, respecting Extension to Residential Waste and Recycling Drop-Off Depot Contract, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Interim Commissioner of Public Works **BE AUTHORIZED** to seek the consent of Walker Environmental Group Inc. to a five year extension of the existing agreement between The Regional Municipality of Niagara and Walker Environmental Group Inc. for the Operation of a Residential Waste and Recycling Drop-off Depot on the same terms and conditions as contained in the original agreement save the end date and the further opportunity to renew;
2. That an Amending Agreement for the Operation of a Residential Waste and Recycling Drop-off Depot **BE PREPARED** by the Director of Legal & Court Services to amend the agreement end date, and that the Interim Commissioner of Public Works **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the amending agreement between The Regional Municipality of Niagara and Walker Environmental Group Inc. for extension of the agreement; and
3. That Niagara Region staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to review options to expand and/or relocate the Residential Waste and Recycling Drop-Off Depot operation at the Walker Environmental Group Inc. site.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting whether or not the contract with Walker Environmental Group is an exclusive contract. Councillor Nicholson.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**6.1 PWC-C 13-2020**

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Works

Moved by Councillor Edgar

Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 13-2020, being a memorandum from B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works, dated May 12, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Works, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting how the ethanol used in the production of hand sanitizer is obtained. Councillor Edgar.

Provide information respecting Public Works projects that have been delayed due to the pandemic. Councillor Gale.

**6.2 PW 20-2020**

Weekly Diaper Collection Service for All Households, Regardless of the Number of Children

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 20-2020, dated May 12, 2020, respecting Weekly Diaper Collection Service for All Households, Regardless of the Number of Children, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Moved by Councillor Disero

Seconded by Councillor Insinna

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

***That Option 1, as detailed in Report PW 2020, respecting Weekly Curbside Collection of Diapers, on a Year-Round Basis, BE APPROVED.***

**Carried**

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

That Report PW 20-2020, dated May 12, 2020, respecting Weekly Diaper Collection Service for All Households, Regardless of the Number of Children, **BE RECEIVED** for information; ***and***

That Option 1, as detailed in Report PW 2020, respecting Weekly Curbside Collection of Diapers, on a Year-Round Basis, **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Ensure information is provided to residents registered for weekly diaper collection respecting alternative diapering solutions (i.e. cloth diapers) with a roster of providers. Councillor Sendzik.

6.3 PWC-C 12-2020

Procurement Progress Report Liquid Biosolids and Residual Management

Moved by Councillor Gale

Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 12-2020, being a memorandum from B. Menage, Director, Procurement and Strategic Acquisitions, dated May 12, 2020, respecting Procurement Progress Report Liquid Biosolids and Residual Management, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

6.4 PW 18-2020

Council Motion - 2020 Water and Wastewater Increase Deferral

Ron Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, provided information respecting Report PW 18-2020 advising that should Committee recommend proceeding with one of the options outlined, it would require a reconsideration of Council's previous approval of the Water and Wastewater Budget.

Moved by Councillor Heit

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report PW 18-2020, dated May 12, 2020, respecting Council Motion Re 2020 Water and Wastewater Increase Deferral, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Fuel Savings

Councillor Gale requested information respecting any fuel savings being realized as a result of the pandemic. Todd Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, advised that staff would highlight this information in future update reports regarding the pandemic.

7.2 Coordination of Road Works Projects

Councillor Ugolini expressed concern regarding the lack of coordination with respect to current road work projects being undertaken simultaneously in the City of Thorold. He noted that as of May 11, 2020, the Thorold Tunnel is closed, Highway 406 between Regional Road 67 (Beaverdams Road) and Regional Road 20 (Canboro Road) is reduced to one lane in both directions, and Niagara Region will be paving Regional Road 67 (Beaverdams Road) between Regional Road 56 (Collier Road) and Highway 406. Bruce Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works, advised that staff would discuss these concerns with the Ministry of Transportation.

7.3 Reopening of Regional Landfill Sites and Drop-Off Depots

Councillor Steele advised that there have been several incidents of illegal dumping in the City of Port Colborne, and expressed his thanks to the staff for their efforts in reopening Regional Landfill sites and Drop-Off Depots. Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, advised that sites would be re-opened on May 13; however, noted longer than usual wait times, restrictions around the number of people allowed in the site to ensure physical distancing, no recycling or organics containers would be for sale, free compost would not be available and the use of Interac or Visa would be encouraged for payment.

7.4 Waste Collection Contract Fuel Surcharge

Councillor Heit requested information respecting the fuel surcharge included in the waste collection contract. Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, advised fuel surcharge adjustments are calculated annually and the final payment would include the savings realized.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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Councillor Rigby  
Committee Chair

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Mark Evelyn  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk