

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

**PWC 8-2021  
Tuesday, August 10, 2021  
Council Chamber/Video Conference  
Niagara Region 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, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Chiocchio, Sendzik, Zalepa

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: S. Fraser, Transportation Lead, GO Implementation Office, M. Lewis, Client & Support Advisor, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, C. Ventura, Legislative Coordinator, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Staff Present via Video Conference: D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, C. Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, E. Prpic, Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations & Engineering, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, S. Wood, Legal Counsel

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Rigby called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### 3. **PRESENTATIONS**

#### 3.1 **Niagara Transit Governance: Revised Strategies Reflecting Phase 1 Feedback**

Scott Fraser, Transportation Lead, GO Implementation Office, provided information respecting Niagara Transit Governance - Revised Strategies Reflecting Phase 1 Feedback. Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview
  - The Focus is on Effective Consultation
  - Working Timeline
- What We Heard
  - Phase 1 Themes/Focus Areas
- Revised Strategies
  - Theme 1: Financial Strategy
  - Theme 2: Board Composition
  - Theme 3: Service Standards Strategy
- Next Steps
  - Phase 2 Consultation and Triple-Majority

### 4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

### 5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### 5.1 **PW 37-2021**

Expansion of the Walker Environmental Group Composting Facility

Moved by Councillor Insinna

Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Report PW 37-2021, dated August 10, 2021, respecting Expansion of the Walker Environmental Group Composting Facility, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** a seven (7) year extension of the term of the existing agreement, dated April 30, 2008, with Integrated Municipal Services Inc. (since renamed Walker Environmental Group Inc.) at a processing rate of \$107.98 per tonne beginning in 2029, together with such other amendments to the existing agreement as may be required in order to provide for an expansion of the Source Separated Organic (SSO) Material processing facility at the Walker Organics Recovery Thorold site as described in Report PW 37-2021;

2. That Regional Council **APPROVE** entering into a contract with Miller Waste Systems to redirect, from time to time, up to approximately 2,500 tonnes of Source Separated Organics material from the west end municipalities during the months of December to March to the Miller Systems Digester facility in Grimsby at a rate of \$100 per tonne; and
3. That, following the successful negotiations of the final agreement terms and conditions, the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute: (i) an amending agreement with Walker Environmental Group Inc. consistent with Recommendation 1; and, (ii) a new contract with Miller Waste Systems consistent with Recommendation 2; along with any other required documents, all in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services.

**Carried**

5.2 PW 43-2021

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

Moved by Councillor Junkin  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report PW 43-2021, dated August 10, 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 43-2021 **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

5.3 PW 47-2021

Special Procurement Rules for Public Works Single Source Exceeding \$100,000

Moved by Councillor Nicholson  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report PW 47-2021, dated August 10, 2021, respecting Special Procurement Rules for Public Works Single Source Exceeding \$100,000, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to discontinue the interim procurement approval procedures for Public Works Single Source purchases exceeding \$100,000 introduced July 30, 2020; and, to return to consistently applying the provisions of Niagara Region's Procurement By-law 02-2016 as amended February 28, 2019; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide information reports to the Corporate Services Committee each quarter identifying all corporate non-competitive procurement activities that exceeded \$100,000 in the intervening period.

**Carried**

5.4 PW 38-2021

Niagara Regional Transit (NRT) OnDemand - Port Colborne Inclusion

Moved by Councillor Steele

Seconded by Councillor Ugolini

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**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no consent items for information.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Regional Road 116 Traffic Study, Town of Fort Erie**

Councillor Insinna requested information respecting the most recent traffic study for Regional Road 116, and planned road improvements. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised that she would follow up on this request.

**7.2 Roadwork Technology**

Councillor Foster requested information respecting technology used by Public Works to support data driven roadwork improvements and maintenance. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised staff would bring a report to a future Public Works Committee meeting.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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Councillor Rigby  
Committee Chair

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Chris Ventura  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk