

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

**PWC 12-2021
Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Council Chamber/Video Conference
Regional Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

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

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

Absent/Regrets: Chiocchio, Gale

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: J. Brunet, Associate Director, Water Operations & Maintenance, M. MacDonald, Water & Wastewater Quality Management Specialist, M. Max, Water & Wastewater Quality Management Specialist, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, J. Oatley, Manager, Wastewater Quality & Compliance, J. Spratt, Administrative Assistant, Regional Clerk, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, C. Ventura, Legislative Coordinator, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Staff Present via Video Conference: B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, L. Torbicki, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning, R. Whyte, Water & Wastewater Capital Planning Program Manager

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 57-2021

Award of Contract No. 2021-T-70 - Reconstruction of Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) from Beachview Avenue to Lakeshore Road in the Town of Fort Erie

Moved by Councillor Nicholson
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report PW 57-2021, dated December 7, 2021, respecting Award of Contract No. 2021-T-70 - Reconstruction of Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) from Beachview Avenue to Lakeshore Road in the Town of Fort Erie, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2021-T-70 – Reconstruction of Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) from Beachview to Lakeshore Road, in the Town of Fort Erie, **BE AWARDED** to Rankin Construction Inc., at their bid price of \$7,218,174.45 (including 13% HST).

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the inclusion of bike lanes on Regional Road 1 (Dominion Road) in the Town of Fort Erie that would connect to the Greater Niagara Circle Route. Councillor Sendzik

5.2 PW 58-2021

Award of Contract 2021-T-14 Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Upgrades in the City of Port Colborne

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 58-2021, dated December 7, 2021, respecting Award of Contract 2021-T-14 Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Upgrades in the City of Port Colborne, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2021-T-14 Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Upgrades in the City of Port Colborne **BE AWARDED** to Romag Contracting Ltd. at their bid price of \$10,028,750 (including 13% HST)

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 PW 54-2021

Annual Water and Wastewater Quality Management System Update

Molly MacDonald, and Michelle Max, Water Wastewater Quality Management Specialists, provided information respecting Annual Water and Wastewater Quality Management Systems Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Water Quality Management System (QMS) Activities
- Water QMS Internal & External Audit
- Water Systems Risk Assessment
- Water QMS Management Review
- Changes Impacting Water QMS/Operational Plan
- Wastewater Quality Management System (Wastewater QMS)
- Wastewater QMS Internal Audit
- Wastewater Systems Risk Assessment
- Wastewater QMS Management Review
- Changes Impacting Wastewater QMS/Operational Plan

Moved by Councillor Zalepa
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 54-2021, dated December 7, 2021, respecting Annual Water and Wastewater Quality Management System Update, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the 2021 Water QMS Internal Audit Report, 2021 Water QMS External Audit Report, and 2021 Wastewater QMS Internal Audit Report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

In future updates provide historical non-conformance items and consider providing a colour coded breakdown that signifies the urgency of high risk items. Councillor Sendzik

6.2 CAO 20-2021

Recruitment of the Commissioner of Public Works

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Item CAO 20-2021, being a memorandum from R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, dated December 7, 2021, respecting Recruitment of the Commissioner of Public Works, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Intermunicipal Transit

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a report outlining the 2011 Guiding Principles for delivery of Intermunicipal Transit including any changes or updates to the principles; and

That the report **INCLUDE** information on the overpayment to the City of Welland for transit services, how many years any overpayment(s) occurred, plans to recover overpayment(s) and legal advice regarding legal action that should be considered.

Carried

7.2 Pedestrian Crosswalks and Road Safety

Councillor Zalepa requested information respecting how pedestrian crosswalk locations are selected and expressed concern with ongoing issues regarding excessive speed. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised that requests for pedestrian crosswalks are reviewed by staff and based on set criteria a decision is made regarding the type of crosswalk that should be implemented taking into consideration safety concerns. She noted that speed enforcement falls within the jurisdiction of the Niagara Regional Police Services and that staff work closely with them regarding the tracking of speeding trends at various locations throughout the Region.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Councillor Rigby
Committee Chair

Chris Ventura
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk