

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

**PWC 8-2023**

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

**Council Chamber - In Person and Electronic Meeting  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair) (via Video Conference), Diodati (via Video Conference), Easton (via Video Conference), Foster, Gale, Grant (via Video Conference), Heit, Huson, Insinna (Committee Vice-Chair), Morocco, Seaborn, Siscoe, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen (Committee Chair), Zalepa (via Video Conference)

Other Councillors: Bateman (via Video Conference), Ganann (via Video Conference)

Absent/Regrets: Chiocchio, Junkin, Rigby, Sorrento, Villella

Staff: A. Basic, Legislative Assistant, S. Fraser, Associate Director, Transportation Planning, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services (via Video Conference), C. Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions (via Video Conference), R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support (via Video Conference), A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, F. Tassone, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Witteveen 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 24-2023**

Niagara-on-the-Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant and Lagoon  
Decommissioning – Update regarding Unexploded Explosive Ordinance  
Remediation

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 24-2023, dated August 8, 2023, respecting Niagara-on-the-Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant and Lagoon Decommissioning – Update regarding Unexploded Explosive Ordinance Remediation, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Niagara Region Council **DIRECTS** staff to reach out to the Government of Canada to request their financial aid in funding and assistance in managing the Unexploded Explosive Ordinance (UXO) remediation of the Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL) WWTP and Lagoon land or in the alternative that the Government of Canada accept return of the subject land in an “as is” condition;
2. That the CAO and the Treasurer **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any necessary funding agreements or related documents with the Government of Canada to support the remediation of the land and/or the return of the land on an “as is” basis, each in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services;
3. That staff **PROVIDE** an update to Regional Council following receipt of a response from the Government of Canada related to Recommendation 1 regarding next steps for the decommissioning of Regional assets and restoration/return of the land;

The following friendly **amendment** was accepted by the Chair, and the mover and the seconder of the motion to add the following clause:

4. ***That this report BE CIRCULATED to the Local Members of Parliament.***

The committee Chair called the vote on the motion as amended and declared it,

**Carried**

5.2 PW 25-2023

Award of Contract 2023-T-1 DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant 3 Upgrades Contract 2 in the City of St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Siscoe  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report PW 25-2023, dated August 8, 2023, respecting Award of Contract 2023-T-1 DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant 3 Upgrades Contract 2 in the City of St. Catharines, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2023-T-1 DeCew Falls WTP Plant 3 Upgrades Contract 2 in the City of St Catharines **BE AWARDED** to the lowest compliant bidder, Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. at their bid price of \$45,081,350.00 (including 13% HST); and
2. That the current approved Contract amount of \$599,761.85 (including 13% HST) awarded to Associated Engineering Ltd. **BE INCREASED** by \$1,502,161.21 (including 13% HST), for a total revised Contract of \$2,101,923.06 (including 13% HST) for DeCew Falls WTP Plant 3 Upgrades for the provision of Contract Administration and Inspection Services for DeCew Falls WTP Plant 3 Upgrades Contract 2.

**Carried**

5.3 PW 34-2023

Community Safety Zone Policy and Warrant

Moved by Councillor Insinna  
Seconded by Councillor Morocco

That Report PW 34-2023, dated August 34, 2023, respecting Community Safety Zone Policy and Warrant, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the adoption of Community Safety Zone Policy attached as Appendix 1 to Report PW 34-2023;
2. That the designation of Community Safety Zones **BE APPROVED** for the list of zones in Appendix 3 to Report PW 34-2023; and
3. That the necessary By-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Regional Council for consideration.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no consent items for information.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Stalled Train in City of Niagara Falls**

Councillor Gale expressed concerns respecting the stalled train in the City of Niagara Falls on July 27, 2023, and the lack of an alternate route for traffic and Emergency Services when a train is stalled. Frank Tassone, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, advised that this happens infrequently; however if it became a regular occurrence, staff would enter into discussions with the rail authority.

**7.2 McLeod Road Intersections near QEW**

Councillor Gale requested information to address the cueing of traffic at the intersections on McLeod Road near the QEW off-ramps. Frank Tassone, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, advised that staff will be undertaking a review of the traffic signals and timings in this area as the closure of Montrose Road may be contributing to increased traffic.

**7.3 Merrit Road Concerns between Kottmeier Road and Merrittville Highway**

Councillor Ugulini expressed concerns respecting the high rate of speed and heavy traffic on Merritt Road from Merrittville Highway to Kottmeier Road and requested staff review this section of road. Frank Tassone, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, advised that a speed study is currently underway in this area.

**7.4 Capital Works Upcoming Projects**

Councillor Huson requested a list of the current capital works projects for the upcoming year.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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Councillor Witteveen  
Committee Chair

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Jenna Spratt  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk