

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

**PWC 10-2023  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
Council Chamber  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair)\*, Chiocchio\*, Easton\*, Foster, Grant\*, Heit, Huson, Insinna (Committee Vice-Chair), Junkin\*, Rigby, Seaborn\*, Siscoe\*, Sorrento\*, Steele\*, Ugulini, Villella\*, Witteveen (Committee Chair), Zalepa\*

Other Councillors: Craitor\*, Ganann\*

Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Gale, Morocco

Staff: A. Basic, Legislative Assistant, R, Bradshaw, Associate Director, Water Waste-Water Asset Management, J. Brunet, Associate Director, Water Operation Maintenance, D. Carnegie, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, B. Collins, Program Financial Specialist, R. Daw, Associate Director, Wastewater Operations, Maintenance & Laboratory Services\*, H. Furtado, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions\*, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development\*, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, S. Tait, Manager, Policy and Planning, Waste Management Services, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer

\* indicates members who participated electronically, all other members participated in person

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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 45-2023

Water and Wastewater Financial Plan for O.Reg. 453/07

Roland Bradshaw, Associate Director, Water and Wastewater Asset Management, and Helen Furtado, Director, Financial Management and Planning, provided information respecting Water and Wastewater Financial Plan for O.Reg. 453/07. Topics of the presentation included:

- Water Wastewater Asset Snapshot
- Capital Project Insights
- Region-wide Outlook
- Guiding Principles
- Water and Wastewater Requisition
- Recommended Plan Increase
- Asset Renewal
- Growth Related Capital
- Impacts on Asset Condition
- Maintain Reserve Balances
- Use of Debt and Reserves
- Summary of Risks
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Heit

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PW 45-2023, dated October 10, 2023, 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 as part of Appendix 3 to Report PW 45-2023 resulting from the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan **BE APPROVED** in accordance with O.Reg. 453/07:
  - Pro forma Statement of Financial Position - Water
  - Pro forma Statement of Cash Flow/Cash Receipts – Water
  - Pro forma Statement of Financial Operations - Water

2. That the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan in Appendix 2 to Report PW 45-2023 **BE APPROVED** and used for the planning and preparation of water and wastewater budgets for the 2024 to 2033 period of the plan;
3. That a copy of the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan in Appendix 2 to Report PW 45-2023 **BE SUBMITTED** to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and
4. That a copy of the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan in Appendix 2 to Report PW 45-2023 **BE POSTED** on the Niagara Region website.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information for a 5.15% increase, instead of 7.15% increase, and how that would impact future Water Wastewater projects and maintenance. Councillor Huson.

5.2 PW 39-2023

Award of Contract 2023-T-21 Ontario Street Sanitary Sewer & Watermain Replacement

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report PW 39-2023, dated October 10, 2023, respecting Award of Contract 2023-T-21 Ontario Street Sanitary Sewer & Watermain Replacement, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2023-T-21 Ontario Street Sanitary Sewer & Watermain Replacement in the Town of Lincoln **BE AWARDED** to the lowest compliant bidder, Alfred Beam Excavation Limited at their bid price of \$16,259,198.51 (including 13% HST); and
2. That a gross capital budget adjustment in the amount of \$886,449 gross and \$0 net **BE APPROVED** for the Ontario Street Sanitary Sewer & Watermain Replacement project and **BE FUNDED** as follows:
  - Cost sharing - Town of Lincoln \$4,247,907
  - Capital Variance Project – Water (\$3,361,458)

**Carried**

5.3 PW 46-2023

Purchase of a New Backhoe Loader for Welland Patrol Yard

Moved by Councillor Insinna  
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Report PW 46-2023, dated October 10, 2023, respecting Purchase of a New Backhoe Loader for Welland Patrol Yard, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a capital budget adjustment in the amount of \$300,000 gross and net **BE APPROVED** for the purchase of one (1) new backhoe loader in Fleet – Transportation Services and that the project **BE FUNDED** from the Capital Variance Project – Levy.

**Carried**

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 PWC-C 8-2023

Appointment of By-law Officers for the Enforcement of the Sewer Use By-law No. 27-2014

Moved by Councillor Ugulini  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report PWC-C 8-2023, dated October 10, 2023, respecting Appointment of By-law Officers for the Enforcement of the Sewer Use By-law No. 27-2014, **BE RECEIVED**.

**Carried**

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Regional Road 37 (Merritt Road) Extension Update

Councillor Huson requested an update on the Merritt Road extension in the Town of Pelham/City of Thorold. Frank Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, advised that the environmental assessment is still in progress and once completed will be posted publicly for review and comment.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 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