

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

PWC 1-2024

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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

Committee: Diodati*, Easton*, Foster, Gale, Heit, Huson, Insinna (Committee Vice-Chair), Morocco*, Rigby, Seaborn*, Siscoe, Steele, Ugolini, Witteveen (Committee Chair), Zalepa*

Other Councillors: Craitor*, Ganann*

Absent/Regrets: Bradley (Regional Chair), Chiocchio, Grant, Junkin, Sorrento, Villella

Staff: A. Basic, Legislative Coordinator, D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, S. Fraser, Associate Director, Transportation Planning, C. Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions*, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services*, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Witteveen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Committee Chair Witteveen read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING PURSUANT TO REGIONAL POLICY

At 9:32 a.m. Committee Chair Witteveen called the public participation meeting pursuant to Regional Policy to order.

The Committee Chair advised that the purpose of this meeting was to recommend the passing of a By-law to rename a section of Regional Road 61 from "Townline Stamford Road" to "Niagara Townline Road," as requested by the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake following the opportunity for the public to provide comments.

4.1 Speakers to the Matter

There were no speakers to the matter.

4.2 Correspondence

The Committee Chair invited members of the public to provide their input to the Members of the Public Works Committee and to Regional staff either orally today or in writing to the Regional Clerk.

4.3 Report for Consideration

4.3.1 PW 1-2024

Proposed Street Name Change by Area Municipality - Regional Road 61, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Moved by Councillor Zalepa
Seconded by Councillor Huson

That Report PW 1-2024, dated January 9, 2024, respecting Proposed Street Name Change by Area Municipality - Regional Road 61, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the renaming of Regional Road 61 (Townline Stamford Road / Niagara Townline Road), between Regional Road 100 (Four Mile Creek Road / St. Paul Avenue) and Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) to Regional Road 61 (Niagara Townline Road); and
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** for Council's consideration.

Carried

4.4 Adjournment of the Public Participation Meeting Pursuant to Regional Policy

The Committee Chair declared the public participation meeting pursuant to Regional Policy adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

6. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

8. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

8.1 WMPSC 6-2023

Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Minutes December 11, 2023

Moved by Councillor Ugolini
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report WMPSC 6-2023, dated December 11, 2023, respecting Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Minutes, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

9.1 Automated Speed Enforcement Update

Frank Tassone, Director Transportation Services, provided an update respecting the automated enforcement program, which included the following items:

- First rotation of automated speed enforcement is complete and the second rotation for locations will be up and running within the next week.
- Currently moving from mobile units to mounted units. The units were always intended to be mounted; however, as the hardware was not ready for the start of the school year, mobile units were being utilized. The intention is for the pole and enclosure to stay fixed and the cameras to be rotated through various locations.

- The Region is in an agreement with both the vendor and the joint processing centre for the processing of infractions. The vendor provides the camera and associated hardware, retrieves photos and data from the units and sends it to the joint processing centre. The processing centre validates the photos ensuring the infractions are in fact infractions and sends a copy of the infraction to the recipient and the courts. The timeline for ticket issuance is 23 days as mandated by the Province.
- School Zones have changed from “flashing” 40 km/hr beacons to a “flat” 40 km/hr speed limit during specific times as this avoids any potential disputes that the beacon was not flashing at the time of the ticket issuance. Initially these school zones were designated as 50 km/hr but due to concerns from the school boards, the speed limits were lowered to 40 km/hr.
- Red light camera automated enforcement is currently being installed by the vendor and should be operational by the end of January.

Director Tassone advised that a detailed report would be provided to the future Public Works Committee meeting by the end of Q1 indicating early results of the automated enforcement program.

9.2 Regional Road 81 (York Road) and Regional Road 100 (Four Mile Creek Road) Roundabout

Councillor Rigby requested an update on the roundabout project in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake at York Road and Four Mile Creek Road. Frank Tassone, Director of Transportation Services, advised that the detailed design was recently approved and that the overall project was approved through the Transportation Master Plan.

9.3 Recycling Program Transition to Circular Materials Ontario

Councillor Huson requested an update on the recycling program transition to Circular Materials Ontario as of January 1, 2024. Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, advised that thus far the transition has been successful and the Region has provided significant communication to ensure that residents have the correct contact information for their local recycling contractor.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Councillor Witteveen
Committee Chair

Azra Basic
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk