

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

**PWC 3-2024**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

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

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

Other Councillors: Craitor\*

Absent/Regrets: Chiocchio, Grant, Sorrento

Staff: A. Basic, Legislative Coordinator, D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services\*, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, P. Lambert, Acting Director, Water Wastewater Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions\*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, M. Singzon, Manager, Waste Collection and Diversion, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, S. Tait, Manager, Policy and Planning, Waste Management Services, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Wilson, Supervisor, Waste Management

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**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. PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 **PW 6-2024**

Award of Contract 2023-T-222 Regional Road 45 Oswego Creek Bridge (Structure No. 045205) Over Oswego Creek, in the Township of Wainfleet

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PW 6-2024, dated March 5, 2024, respecting Award of Contract 2023-T-222 Regional Road 45 Oswego Creek Bridge (Structure No. 045205) Over Oswego Creek, in the Township of Wainfleet, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2023-T-222 Regional Road 45 Oswego Creek Bridge (Structure No. 045205) over Oswego Creek, **BE AWARDED** to, Anthony's Excavating Central Inc., at their bid price of \$5,836,335.87 (including 13% HST); and
2. That the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the contract documents, in a form satisfactory to the Director, Legal and Court Services.

**Carried**

7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7.1 **WMPSC 1-2024**

Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Minutes February 26, 2024

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Ugolini

That minutes WMPSC 1-2024, being the minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee, **BE RECEIVED**.

**Carried**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 Funding for South Niagara Wastewater Treatment Plant

Councillor Gale requested an update respecting funding from the Provincial and Federal government for the South Niagara Wastewater Treatment Plant. Terry Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, advised that funding commitments have not yet been made; however, noted that staff continue to advocate and stress the importance of this project at both levels of government.

8.2 Wastewater Vacuum Truck

Councillor Gale requested an update regarding the replacement wastewater vacuum truck including when the truck is expected to go into service, if the issues with the supplier have been resolved as well as a breakdown of the cost and time required to train staff to operate it.

8.3 Cyber Security

Councillor Foster requested that Council be provided with information regarding the Region's cyber security protocols in light of the recent cyber security issue at the City of Hamilton.

8.4 City of St. Catharines Council Decision

Regional Chair Bradley informed Committee that St. Catharines City Council voted against the proposal for the Reconstruction of Regional Road 87 in Port Dalhousie (Main Street, Lock Street and Lakeport Road) at their meeting on March 4, 2024. Terry Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, advised that staff will be communicating with City staff to discuss next steps.

8.5 Excess Soil in Niagara

Councillor Huson requested information respecting excess soil being dumped in Niagara construction projects. Ron Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, advised dumping of soil falls under site alteration which is handled by the local area municipalities.

8.6 Regional Road 37 (Merritt Road) Extension Update

Councillor Huson requested an update on the status of the Environmental Assessment for the Merritt Road extension in the Town of Pelham/City of Thorold. Frank Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, advised that the environmental assessment has been completed and comments are being accepted until May 6, 2024.

8.7 Red Light Cameras

Councillor Insinna requested if additional signage should be considered for those intersections with red light cameras. Frank Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, advised that staff would be reviewing the data from the program once it has been in place for a few months and would use that data to determine if additional signage is warranted.

8.8 Thorold Stone Road Extension Update

Councillor Morocco requested an update on the Thorold Stone Road Extension in the City of Niagara Falls. Frank Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, advised that staff are working with the City of Niagara Falls regarding the design and construction of the storm sewers, which is anticipated to be completed next year and, once complete, road construction would begin.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Ugulini  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That this Committee **DO NOW MOVE** into closed session for the purpose of receiving information of a confidential nature respecting:

A Matter of Commercial Information Supplied in Confidence and a Position to be Applied to Negotiations under s. 239(2)(i) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Negotiations with Miller Waste Systems Inc. and GFL Environmental Inc. for Recycling Collection from Non-Eligible Sources under Blue Box Regulation (O. Reg 391/21)

**Carried**

Committee resolved into closed session at 10:12 a.m.

10. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Committee reconvened in open session at 10:47 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

Committee: Bateman, Bradley (Regional Chair)\*, Diodati\*, Easton\*, Gale, Heit, Huson, Insinna (Committee Vice-Chair), Morocco\*, Seaborn\*, Siscoe, Steele\*, Ugulini, Villella\*, Witteveen (Committee Chair)

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10.1 Confidential PWC-C 2-2024

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Moved by Councillor Ugolini  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Confidential Memorandum PWC-C 2-2024, dated March 5, 2024, respecting A Matter of Commercial Information Supplied in Confidence and a Position to be Applied to Negotiations under s. 239(2)(i) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Negotiations with Miller Waste Systems Inc. and GFL Environmental Inc. for Recycling Collection from Non-Eligible Sources under Blue Box Regulation (O. Reg 391/21), **BE RECEIVED.**

**Carried**

11. **NEXT MEETING**

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 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