

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

**PWC 8-2024**

**Tuesday, September 10, 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), Chiocchio\*, Diodati\*, Easton, Gale, Heit, Huson, Insinna (Committee Vice-Chair), Morocco, Rigby, Seaborn\*, Siscoe, Sorrento, Steele\*, Ugulini, Villella\*, Witteveen (Committee Chair), Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Foster, Grant, Junkin

Staff: D. Barnhart, Chief of Staff, Governance\*, D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer\*, S. Fraser, Associate Director, Transportation Planning, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services\*, G. Guthrie, Associate Director, Transportation Engineering, R. Hill, Legislative Assistant, M. Iafrate, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, P. Lambert, Acting Director, Water Wastewater Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions\*, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support\*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, E. Prpic, Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations & Engineering\*, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, D. Yousif, Acting Director, Waste Management

\* 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 9:31 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**

4.1 Waste Management Strategic Plan Update

Blair Shoniker and Katrina McCullough, GHD Limited, provided information respecting the Waste Management Strategic Plan Update.

Topics of the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Mission and Vision
- Goals
- Generation of Options
- Options to Achieve Waste Management Goals
- Preliminary Evaluation of Options
- Short List of Options
- Phase Two Engagement - Next Steps

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Consider funding options that are available for waste management through the Green Municipal Fund. Councillor Huson

**5. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 PW 27-2024

Extension to 2022-T-145 Winter and Summer Grounds Maintenance – Water & Wastewater

Moved by Councillor Insinna  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report PW 27-2024, dated September 10, 2024, respecting Extension to 2022-T-145 Winter and Summer Grounds Maintenance – Water & Wastewater, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2022-T-145 Winter and Summer Grounds Maintenance - Water & Wastewater with ABC Enterprises, Total Land Care and Stonecast Contracting Ltd. **BE EXTENDED** under the same terms and conditions, as outlined in Report PW 27-2024, for a one (1) year optional extension (Term 3) at the total estimated cost of \$2,565,651 including 13% HST; and

2. That the CAO **BE AUTHORIZED** to approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to effect the extension of the contract.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (15): Bradley, Chiochio, Diodati, Easton, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Morocco, Rigby, Seaborn, Siscoe, Ugulini, Vilella, Witteveen, Zalepa.

No (2): Bateman, Gale

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

If possible, provide information on contractor employee agreements including unionization, wage band, and benefits. Councillor Bateman.

Provide examples of procurement agreements that have similar contract extension provisions. Councillor Gale.

6.2 PWC-C 11-2024

Motion Respecting the Process to Appeal Red-light Camera and Automated Speed Enforcement Infractions

Moved by Councillor Diodati

Seconded by Councillor Morocco

WHEREAS there are a number of extenuating circumstances in which vehicles may be inadvertently ticketed and/ or the driver might need to appeal should they not be at fault including:

- a car being towed by a tow truck running a red light;
- sliding through an icy intersection;
- being rear-ended and pushed into an intersection;
- being part of a funeral procession;
- a valet driver driving a vehicle;
- a stolen vehicle being driven by a criminal; and
- a medical emergency

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a report outlining the process to appeal red-light camera and automated speed enforcement infractions resulting in a charge under the Highway Traffic Act, as well as a review of how other jurisdictions are managing these types of extenuating circumstances.

**Carried**

**7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7.1 PW 26-2024

Hauled Sewage Rate Setting

Phill Lambert, Acting Director, Water and Wastewater Services provided information respecting Hauled Sewage Rate Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- What is Hauled Sewage?
- Hauled Sewage Disposal Stations
- Delivery of Hauled Sewage
- Who Uses the Service and Who Hauls Sewage?
- Why is Change Needed?
- Rate Setting History
- Key Updates to Rate Methodology
- What is Included in the Rate?
- Waste Types
- Selecting a Methodology
- Pollutant Concentration Comparison and Municipality Comparison
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by Councillor Sorrento

That Report PW 26-2024, dated September 10, 2024, respecting Hauled Sewage Rate Setting, **BE RECEIVED**.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Consider options for consolidation of electronic document submissions for haulers. Councillor Zalepa.

**7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

PW 28-2024 was considered separately.

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That the following **BE RECEIVED** for information:

PW 29-2024

Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment – Terms of Reference Submission (and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Town of Grimsby, Town of Lincoln, and Township of West Lincoln)

PWC-C 10-2024  
Public Works Capital Project Update – September

WMPSC 2-2024  
Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Minutes August 27, 2024

**Carried**

7.2 PW 28-2024  
Update Regarding Regional Road 87 Reconstruction in Port Dalhousie

Moved by Councillor Siscoe  
Seconded by Regional Chair Bradley

1. That Report PW 28-2024, dated September 10, 2024, respecting Update Regarding Regional Road 87 Reconstruction in Port Dalhousie, **BE RECEIVED**; and
2. That staff **DO NOT PROCEED** with Reconstruction of Regional Road 87 in Port Dalhousie as outlined in the Environmental Assessment and **CONTINUE** with regular maintenance.

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Morocco

That the question **BE CALLED**.

**Carried**

Recorded Vote:

Yes (13): Bradley, Diodati, Easton, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Morocco, Seaborn, Siscoe, Sorrento, Ugulini, Villella, Witteveen.

No (2): Bateman, Rigby.

**Carried**

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

### 8.1 Waste Materials

Councillor Bateman requested information respecting ways to expedite cleanup of waste materials and receptacles left at the curb following collection and options to manage repeat offenders.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.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