

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

PWC 3-2025

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

**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, Grant*, Heit, Insinna (Committee Vice-Chair), Junkin*, Morocco, Rigby, Seaborn, Sorrento*, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Witteveen (Committee Chair), Zalepa*

Other Councillors: Craitor*, Whalen*

Absent/Regrets: Foster, Huson, Siscoe

Staff: D. Carnegie, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer*, S. Fraser, Associate Director, Transportation Planning, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, M. Glenney, Program Financial Specialist, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, R. Hill, Legislative Coordinator, 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, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, D. Yousif, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning, B. Wilson, Legal Counsel

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

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

5.1 Recycling Collection to Non-Eligible Sources Following End of Provincial Transition Period December 31, 2025 (Report PW 8-2025 (Agenda Item 6.1))

5.1.1 Stephanie Hicks, Executive Director, Downtown Bench Beamsville Business Improvement Area

Stephanie Hicks, Executive Director, Downtown Bench Beamsville Business Improvement Area, appeared before Committee to express concerns respecting the proposed recommendation and requested that waste collection services be continued within the designated business areas.

5.1.2 Kat Dodge, Marketing & Communications Director, St. Catharines Downtown Association

Kat Dodge, Marketing & Communications Director, St. Catharines Downtown Association, appeared before Committee to express concerns respecting waste collection in the downtown areas, the potential impact on the residents, businesses and economic investors, and the need for further advocacy with the province.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 PW 8-2025

Recycling Collection to Non-Eligible Sources Following End of Provincial Transition Period December 31, 2025

Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, and Dave Yousif, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning, provided information respecting the Recycling Collection to Non-Eligible Sources Following End of Provincial Transition Period December 31, 2025. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Eligible and Non-Eligible Sources (NES)
- Niagara Regions Non-Eligible Sources
- Service Level Options After 2025
- Comparison of Annual Cost to Collect and Process NES Recycling
- Budget Impacts - Options for NES

- Outreach for Non-Eligible Sources
- Recommendation: Allow Recycling Collection Services to Lapse
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Ugulini
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report PW 8-2025, dated March 4, 2025, respecting Recycling Collection to Non-Eligible Sources Following End of Provincial Transition Period December 31, 2025, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That after December 31, 2025, curbside recycling collection services to non-eligible sources **BE ALLOWED TO LAPSE** when recycling collection fully transitions to producers;
2. That the Commissioner of Public Works, **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the necessary amending agreements, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services, for purposes of implementing the changes to the Region's two waste collection contracts to effect the changes to curbside collection services to non-eligible sources;
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to advise local area municipalities and all other interested parties of Niagara Region's decision regarding the changes to curbside recycling collection services to non-eligible sources;
4. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to develop and implement a communication strategy leading up to December 31, 2025, to advise owners and operators of non-eligible sources about the change; and
5. That the necessary amendments to By-law No. 2022-32 **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration before December 31, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Ugulini
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Report PW 8-2025, dated March 4, 2025, respecting Recycling Collection to Non-Eligible Sources Following End of Provincial Transition Period December 31, 2025, **BE DEFERRED** to the Public Works Committee meeting being held on May 7, 2025 to allow for further consultation with the parties that will be affected by the curbside collection service changes to non-eligible sources and for further advocacy with the Province.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide the estimated cost of the enhanced recycling service for each local area municipality. Councillor Whalen.

6.2 PW 4-2025

Community Safety Zones – Annual Review

Moved by Councillor Steele

Seconded by Councillor Seaborn

That Report PW 4-2025, dated March 4, 2025, respecting Community Safety Zones – Annual Review, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the designation of Community Safety Zones **BE APPROVED** for the Regional Road segments listed in Appendix 1 to Report PW 4-2025.

Carried

6.3 PW 6-2025

Gross Budget Increase for 2023-T-128 Quaker Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer

Moved by Councillor Junkin

Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That Report PW 6-2025, dated March 4, 2025, respecting Gross Budget Increase for 2023-T-128 Quaker Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the gross capital budget for the Quaker Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer **BE INCREASED** by \$3,530,000 and that the increase **BE FUNDED** as follows:
 - Capital Variance Project – Wastewater - \$353,000
 - Development Charges – Wastewater - \$3,177,000
2. That an amendment to increase construction contract 2023-T-128 with Peters Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$3,331,368 (including 13% HST) **BE APPROVED** for a total revised contract value of \$15,398,257 (including 13% HST) for the Quaker Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer project, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services.

Carried

6.4 PW 10-2025

Project Eagle – Eastside Pumping Station Forcemain and Barrick Road Watermain Extension - Tender Award

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Report PW 10-2025, dated March 4, 2025, respecting Project Eagle – Eastside Pumping Station Forcemain and Barrick Road Watermain Extension - Tender Award, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Commissioner of Public Works **BE DELEGATED** the authority to award the tender for the construction for the Eastside Pumping Station Forcemain and Barrick Road Watermain Extension (the “Project”) in the City of Port Colborne, and that such authority only be permitted if the following conditions are satisfied:
 - a) the award is to the lowest compliant bidder, as determined in accordance with the evaluation and award process set out in the tender documents (the “Successful Bidder”);
 - b) the award is within the approved project budget and is otherwise in compliance with the Region’s Procurement Bylaw; and
 - c) the City of Port Colborne (the “City”) has agreed to pay for the cost of all City infrastructure to be delivered as part of the Project.
2. That the Commissioner of Public Works **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the resulting construction agreement for the Project with the Successful Bidder provided that the agreement is in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services and the conditions set out in Recommendation 1 have been satisfied.
3. That the Commissioner of Public Works **BE AUTHORIZED** to award the provisional Phase 2 work (Contract Administration and Inspection) under Contract 2023-RFP 225 with Associated Engineering dated January 24, 2024 and execute all necessary agreements in order to give effect thereto, provided that such award is within the approved budget and the City of Port Colborne has agreed to pay its proportionate share of the costs in respect thereof.

Carried

6.5 PW 12-2025

Updated Speed Limit Policy and Signs in School Zones

Moved by Councillor Heit

Seconded by Councillor Sorrento

That Report PW 12-2025, dated March 4, 2025, respecting Updated Speed Limit Policy and Signs in School Zones, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the adoption of the Speed Limit Policy attached as Appendix 1 to Report PW 12-2025; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to implement the speed limit changes as outlined in Appendix 4 to Report PW 12-2025.

Carried

6.6 PW 11-2025

Purchase of Seven (7) New Dump Trucks with Winter Control Equipment

Moved by Councillor Morocco

Seconded by Councillor Seaborn

That Report PW 11-2025, dated March 4, 2025, respecting Purchase of Seven (7) New Dump Trucks with Winter Control Equipment, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the original Contract amount of \$6,739,382 (including 13% HST) awarded to Rush Truck Centres of Canada Ltd. **BE INCREASED** by \$4,132,128 (including 13% HST), for a total revised Contract of \$10,871,510 (including 13% HST) for the purchase of seven (7) additional new dump trucks with winter control equipment.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Consider providing information on where the parts are procured to manufacture the seven (7) new dump trucks. Councillor Bateman.

Provide information on fleet-related collisions and associated costs. Councillor Gale.

6.7 PWC-C 2-2025

Recommendation for Consideration from the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee Meeting on February 12, 2025

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to include the Fonthill Spur-Bauer multi-use trail, Town of Pelham, as a recognized trail in the 2051 Transportation Master Plan.

Carried

7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

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

WMPSC 1-2025

Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Minutes from February 24, 2025

PWC-C 5-2025

Letter from the Lincoln, West Lincoln and Grimsby Chambers of Commerce, dated February 26, 2025, respecting Urgent Request to Maintain Recycling Services for Lincoln, West Lincoln and Grimsby Business Areas

Carried

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Committee did not resolve into closed session.

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

10.1 Confidential PW 9-2025

A Matter of Financial Information Supplied in Confidence to the Municipality, which if disclosed could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons or organization; and A Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality under s. 239 (2) (i) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Collection to Non-Eligible Sources at the end of the provincial transition period on December 31, 2025

Moved by Councillor Morocco
Seconded by Councillor Seaborn

That Confidential Memorandum PW 9-2024, dated March 4, 2025, respecting A Matter of Financial Information Supplied in Confidence to the Municipality, which if disclosed could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons or organization; and A Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality under s. 239 (2) (i) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Collection to Non-Eligible Sources at the end of the provincial transition period on December 31, 2025, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Councillor Witteveen
Committee Chair

Jenna Spratt
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk