

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

PWC 5-2025

Tuesday, May 6, 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)*, Diodati*, Easton, Foster, Gale, Grant*, Heit, Insinna (Committee Vice-Chair), Junkin*, Morocco*, Olson, Rigby, Seaborn, Siscoe, Sorrento*, Steele*, Ugulini, Villella, Witteveen (Committee Chair), Zalepa*

Other Councillors: Ganann

Absent/Regrets: Chiocchio

Staff: R. Bradshaw, Associate Director, Water Wastewater Asset Management* , T. Cimino, Acting Director, Water Wastewater Services, R. Daw, Associate Director, Wastewater Operations, Maintenance & Laboratory Services, S. Dunsmore, Acting Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering, R. Gabel, Manager Capital Projects, Water Wastewater Engineering*, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services*, R. Hill, Legislative Coordinator, A. Korchok, Chief of Staff, D. Morreale, Director, Growth Management and Planning, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, E. Prpic, Acting Director, Waste Management Services, M. Sergi, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, I. Stetic, Manager, Water Wastewater Infrastructure Planning, F. Tassone, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer

* 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**

There were no delegations.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 **PW 7-2025**

Contract Amendment for 2019-RFP-239 Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment and Digester Upgrades

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Olson

That Report PW 7-2025, dated May 6, 2025, respecting Contract Amendment for 2019-RFP-239 Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment and Digester Upgrades, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a contract amendment to increase engineering construction and design services with Environmental Infrastructure Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$821,169 (including 13% HST) **BE APPROVED** for a total revised contract value of \$5,106,068 (including 13% HST) for the Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment Upgrades project, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information that outlines the protocol and communication strategy, for Public Works and Public Health, following spills in connection with the collection and treatment of wastewater in Niagara Region. Councillor Easton.

Provide information respecting the potential environmental impact of the wastewater spill. Councillor Zalepa.

6.2 PW 15-2025

Award of Contract 2024-T-174 Welland Water Treatment Plant New Welland Canal Transmission Watermain and Merritt Street Reconstruction

Moved by Councillor Villella
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report PW 15-2025, dated May 6, 2025, respecting Award of Contract 2024-T-174 Welland Water Treatment Plant New Welland Canal Transmission Watermain and Merritt Street Reconstruction, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the capital budget **BE INCREASED** by \$5,740,000 gross and \$3,173,552 net for the Welland Water Treatment Plant New Welland Canal Transmission Watermain and Merritt Street Reconstruction and that the increase **BE FUNDED** as follows:
 - Capital Variance Project – Water: \$3,173,552
 - Development Charges – Water: \$2,115,701
 - Cost Sharing – City of Welland: \$450,747
2. That Contract 2024-T-174 Welland Water Treatment Plant New Welland Canal Transmission Watermain and Merritt Street Reconstruction **BE AWARDED** to the lowest compliant bidder, Rankin Construction Inc. at their bid price of \$14,195,540 (including 13% HST).

Carried

6.3 PW 17-2025

Award of Contract 2023-RFP-139 New Fort Erie Elevated Tank

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Seaborn

That Report PW 17-2025, dated May 6, 2025, respecting Award of Contract 2023-RFP-139 New Fort Erie Elevated Tank, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2023-RFP-139 Fort Erie Elevated Tank in the Town of Fort Erie **BE AWARDED** to Landmark Structures Co., at their bid price of \$22,248,570 (including 13% HST).

Carried

6.4 PW 19-2025

Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program – 2025 Funding Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Ugolini
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Report PW 19-2025, dated May 6, 2025, respecting Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program – 2025 Funding Recommendations, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to issue letters to award funding to Local Area Municipalities for qualifying projects as outlined in Appendix 1 of Report PW 19-2025 for funding options as set out in Appendix 2 of Report PW 19-2025 and subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix 3 to Report PW 19-2025; and
2. That Local Area Municipalities **BE ADVISED** of the results of Regional funding support, as outlined in Appendix 1 to PW 19-2025.

Carried

6.5 PW 21-2025

Award of Contract 2025-T-13 Annual Strengthening and Resurfacing Program – Part 1 – Region Wide

Moved by Councillor Siscoe
Seconded by Councillor Villella

That Report PW 21-2025, dated May 6, 2025, respecting Award of Contract 2025-T-13 Annual Strengthening and Resurfacing Program – Part 1 – Region Wide, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Contract 2025-T-13 Annual Strengthening and Resurfacing Program – Part 1 – Region Wide, **BE AWARDED** to the lowest compliant bidder, Brennan Paving – Niagara, a division of Brennan Paving & Construction Ltd., at their bid price of \$6,123,647.41 (including 13% HST).

Carried

6.6 PW 13-2025

Gross Budget Increase for Catherine Street Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades

Moved by Councillor Junkin
Seconded by Councillor Sorrento

That Report PW 13-2025, dated May 6, 2025, respecting Gross Budget Increase for Catherine Street Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the gross capital budget for Catherine Street Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades **BE INCREASED** by \$1,140,000 and that the increase **BE FUNDED** as follows: Capital Variance Project – Wastewater - \$684,000, Development Charges – Wastewater - \$456,000;
2. That an increase to archaeological assessment contract with WSP Canada Inc. in the amount of \$992,255 (including 13% HST) **BE APPROVED** for a total revised contract value of \$1,919,021 (including 13% HST) for the Catherine Street Sewage Pumping Station project; and
3. That the Commissioner of Public Works **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the amendment to the Agreement between The Regional Municipality of Niagara and WSP Canada Inc., in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services.

Carried

7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Olson

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

PW 20-2025

2024 Reserve Water and Wastewater Treatment Capacities (and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Local Area Municipalities)

WMPSC 2-2025

Minutes of the April 28, 2025, Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Beaverdams Sewage Pumping Station, City of Thorold

Councillor Ugolini requested that an update on the Beaverdams Sewage Pumping Station in the City of Thorold.

8.2 Ontario Street Sanitary and Watermain Replacement, Town of Lincoln

Councillor Foster advised that the Ontario Street Sanitary and Watermain Replacement in the Town of Lincoln is almost complete and thanked Public Works staff for their work.

8.3 Miller Road, City of Port Colborne

Councillor Steele requested an update on the condition of Miller Road (between Forks Road and Third Concession Road) in the City of Port Colborne. Frank Tassone, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, advised that staff are aware of the road condition and this road is scheduled for repair as part of the Hot Mix Resurfacing Program.

8.4 Merritt Island Water Treatment Plant, City of Welland

Councillor Villella requested information respecting the Merritt Island Water Treatment Plant Project in the City of Welland. Tony Cimino, Acting Director, Water Wastewater Services, advised that the design phase would be completed later this year; however funding consideration would be part of future budget discussion.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Councillor Witteveen
Committee Chair

Jenna Spratt
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk