

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

**PWC 3-2020  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
Council Chamber  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Chiocchio, Diodati, Disero, Edgar (Committee Vice-Chair), Fertich, Foster, Gale, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Rigby (Committee Chair), Sendzik, Steele, Ugolini, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Heit, Insinna, Witteveen

Staff: D. Ane, Manager, Program Financial Support, D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, C. Courteau, Associate Director, Water/Wastewater Integrated Systems, M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, S. Wood, Legal Counsel, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Ron Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Bruce Zvaniga, the Interim Commissioner of Public Works, to Committee members.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **3.1 Update on Provincial Initiatives for Extended Producer Responsibility (Agenda Item 6.5)**

Jennifer Mazurek, Program Manager, Waste Management, provided information respecting Update on Provincial Initiatives for Extended Producer Responsibility. Topics of the presentation included:

- History
- Provincial Roadmap
- Regulations
- Request for Council Resolution
- Blue Box Program Decisions Points
  - Timing
  - Niagara Region's Role
  - Service Levels
  - Status of Resource Productive and Recovery Authority (RPRA)
- Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Phase 4 Opportunity Review

#### **3.2 Consideration of City of Niagara Falls Withdrawing from Regional Waste Management Services (Agenda Item 5.4)**

Prior to Committee hearing the presentation the following motion was put forward by Councillor Diodati:

Moved by Councillor Diodati  
Seconded by Councillor Gale

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Niagara will commence new waste collection contracts on October 19, 2020;

WHEREAS the estimated waste management budget increase for 2021 is estimated to be 18.5%;

WHEREAS Regional Council has decided to implement every other week (EOW) garbage collection starting October 19, 2020;

WHEREAS the City of Niagara Falls has expressed concern that the Region did not adequately address concerns related to garbage and recyclable collection methods, and;

WHEREAS the City of Niagara Falls has expressed concern related to the fact that single stream recycling collection methods were not fully explored.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the engagement of an outside independent waste management consultant **BE APPROVED** to:
  - review the current practices related to garbage collection and recycling/ recycling materials recovery facility; and
  - to make recommendations on how the system can be made more cost effective and efficient for the taxpayer;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to take the results of the review and work with the newly awarded companies and the operators of the material recovery facility to implement the suggestions over the term of the contract subject to Regional Council approval;
3. That a plan to deal with illegal dumping that could arise as a result of bi-weekly pick-up **BE DEVELOPED** and **IMPLEMENTED**;
4. That a plan to deal with public health problems that could arise as a result of moving to bi-weekly pick-up **BE DEVELOPED** and **IMPLEMENTED**;
5. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of Niagara Falls for their endorsement; and
6. That Report PW 14-2020 respecting Considerations of City of Niagara Falls Withdrawing from Regional Waste Management Services, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

The following friendly *amendment* was accepted by the Committee Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion:

***7. That this motion BE CIRCULATED to the Local Area Municipalities.***

The Committee Chair called the vote on the motion, as amended.

Clauses 1 and 2 were considered separately as follows:

1. That the engagement of an outside independent waste management consultant **BE APPROVED** to:
  - review the current practices related to garbage collection and recycling/ recycling materials recovery facility; and
  - to make recommendations on how the system can be made more cost effective and efficient for the taxpayer;

2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to take the results of the review and work with the newly awarded companies and the operators of the material recovery facility to implement the suggestions over the term of the contract subject to Regional Council approval.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (11): Chiocchio, Diodati, Disero, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Junkin, Nicholson, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini.

No (3): Edgar, Ip, Zalepa.

**Carried**

The Committee Chair called the vote on the balance of the motion as follows:

3. That a plan to deal with illegal dumping that could arise as a result of bi-weekly pick-up **BE DEVELOPED** and **IMPLEMENTED**;
4. That a plan to deal with public health problems that could arise as a result of moving to bi-weekly pick-up **BE DEVELOPED** and **IMPLEMENTED**;
5. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of Niagara Falls for their endorsement;
6. That Report PW 14-2020 respecting Considerations of City of Niagara Falls Withdrawing from Regional Waste Management Services, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
7. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (14): Chiocchio, Diodati, Disero, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Zalepa.

No (0).

**Carried**

#### **Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting the cost of an independent waste management consultant. Councillor Chiocchio.

#### **4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5.1 PW 2-2020**

Implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Report PW 2-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **AUTHORIZE** the use of automated speed enforcement technology on Regional roads for a five-year contract term with an option to extend for an additional five (5) years;
2. That the Commissioner of Public Works **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate, enter into and execute an operating agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Ministry of Transportation (the "MTO") of Ontario for the use of automated speed enforcement technology by Niagara Region including the access and use of license plate registration information subject to successful negotiations with the Local Area Municipalities with respect to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement;
3. That the Commissioner of Public Works **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate, enter into and execute an operating agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems (Canada) Limited to provide automated speed enforcement service for five (5) years from date of award during the second quarter of 2020 to 2024 in the amount of an upset limit of \$950,000 (including 13% HST) with an option to renew on the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works, and subject to budget approval, for one additional term of five (5) years subject to successful negotiations with the Local Area Municipalities with respect to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement;
4. That the Commissioner of Public Works **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate, enter into and execute a partnering agreement with the City of Toronto for processing automated speed infractions at the Joint Processing Center subject to successful negotiations with the Local Area Municipalities with respect to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement; and
5. That following implementation of recommendations 1 through 4 of Report PW 2-2020, Regional Staff will review the implementation strategy, including technology assessment, safety and educational evaluation, impacts on the Region's Provincial Offences Courts, countermeasures, and budget and revenue to cover the five (5) year period of 2020-2024 and **REPORT BACK** to Council with an update in late 2020.

**Carried**

5.2 PW 4-2020

Vision Zero Road Safety Program: Designation of Community Safety Zones around Schools

Moved by Councillor Steele

Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Report PW 4-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Vision Zero Road Safety Program: Designation of Community Safety Zones around Schools, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE**

**APPROVED:**

1. That the designation of Community Safety Zones (CSZs) **BE APPROVED** for schools described in Appendix 1 of Report PW 4-2020, effective date March 30, 2020;
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Regional Council for consideration; and,
3. That Regional Staff **REPORT BACK** to Council by the end of 2020, providing an update on the Community Safety Zones; including the new proposed ten (10) locations with the two (2) already in operation since 2019.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting the inclusion of Regional Road 56 (Collier Road) in the Vision Zero Safety Program. Councillor Ugolini.

Provide information respecting establishing Community Safety Zones for all schools on Regional Roads by the end of this term of Council. Councillor Foster.

5.3 PW 13-2020

Pattison Outdoor Advertising Request for Variance to Regional Sign By-law 122-2013

Moved by Councillor Edgar

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 13-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Pattison Outdoor Advertising Request for Variance to Regional Sign By-law 122-2013, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED:**

1. That Council **GRANT** a minor variance pursuant to section 24 from the requirements of Sign By-law No. 122-2013 to allow Pattison Outdoor Advertising to install a two-panel billboard sign with a digital panel at the property of 652 River Road, City of Welland at a 7m setback from the Woodlawn Road street line, subject to the condition that Pattison Outdoor Advertising agrees to remove and relocate the sign to comply with By-law at its sole cost upon notice from the Region if required in the event of a future road widening or expansion of Woodlawn Road or otherwise for municipal purposes.

**Carried**

5.4 PW 14-2020

Considerations of City of Niagara Falls Withdrawing from Regional Waste Management Services

This item was dealt with under Agenda Item 3.2.

5.5 PW 16-2020

Removal of All-Way Stop Control, Intersection of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at Bessey Street, City of St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Edgar

Seconded by Councillor Sendzik

That Report PW 16-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Removal of All-Way Stop Control, Intersection of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at Bessey Street, City of St. Catharines, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the removal of the all-way stop control for the eastbound and westbound traffic at the intersection of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) and Bessey Street, in the City of St. Catharines **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Regional Council for consideration.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Ugolini  
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

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

PW 12-2020

Niagara Regional Transit (NRT) and Niagara Specialized Transit (NST) 2019 Ridership and Revenue Summary

PWC-C 4-2020

Niagara Water Treatment Plant 2019 Summary Reports

PWC-C 8-2020

Status Update - Water and Wastewater Quality Management System Internal Audit Findings

PWC-C 10-2020

Procurement Progress Report Liquid Biosolids and Residual Management

PWC-C 6-2020

Update on Provincial Initiatives for Extended Producer Responsibility

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Include all incomplete non-conformance tasks identified in Correspondence Item PWC-C 8-2020 on the next Water and Wastewater Quality Management System Internal Audit Findings status update. Councillor Gale.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Regional Road 27 (Schisler Road) and Regional Road 84 (Moyer Road) Update**

Councillor Chiocchio requested information respecting the intersection reconstruction at Regional Road 27 (Schisler Road) and Regional Road 84 (Moyer Road) in the City of Welland. Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, advised that a tender will be issued shortly with work scheduled to start in spring 2020.

**7.2 Treated Wastewater Testing**

Councillor Zalepa requested information respecting the testing of treated wastewater for pharmaceuticals and cannabis.

**7.3 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Policy Update on Flooding**

Councillor Zalepa requested staff provide information on Ontario's Flooding Strategy just released by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.



7.4 Public Works Capital Projects

Councillor Foster requested that staff provide a report summarizing the approved capital projects by municipality for Transportation Services including timelines for each project.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

Committee did not resolve into closed session.

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

9.1 Confidential PW 15-2020

A Matter of Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client privilege under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Letter from City of Niagara Falls concerning Waste Collection

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Confidential Report PW 15-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting A Matter of Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client privilege under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Letter from City of Niagara Falls concerning Waste Collection, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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Councillor Rigby  
Committee Chair

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Mark Evelyn  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk