

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

**PWC 4-2016
Tuesday, March 29, 2016
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Augustyn, Bentley, Burroughs, Champion, Caslin (Regional Chair), Diodati, Gale, Grenier, Heit, Hodgson, Joyner, Kenny, Luciani, Marshall, Maves (Committee Chair), Petrowski, Quirk (Committee Vice Chair), Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Timms, Volpatti.

Absent/Regrets: Jeffs, MacGregor.

Staff: M. Cruickshank, Legal Counsel, A. M. Norio, Legislative Coordinator, N. Palomba, Director, Transportation Services, H. Schlange, Chief Administrative Officer, P. Smeltzer, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, L. Torbicki, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning, R. Tripp, Commissioner, Public Works, R. Walton, Regional Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Maves called the meeting to order 9:33 a.m.

2. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1. **PW 13-2016**

Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee Representation

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PW 13-2016, dated March 29, 2016, respecting Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee Representation **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the recommendation for Niagara Region to accept the proposed representative structure put forth by the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That the nomination for the City of Hamilton to represent Niagara Region on the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

5.2. **PW 18-2016**

Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) Designated Lanes

Moved by Councillor Quirk
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report PW 18-2016, dated March 29, 2016, respecting Regional Road 102 (Stanley Avenue) Designated Lanes **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the lane designations as outlined in Report PW 18-2016 **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

Carried

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1. PW 17-2016

Niagara Specialized Transit Fare Update

Moved by Councillor Grenier

Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report PW 17-2016, dated March 29, 2016, respecting Niagara Specialized Transit Fare Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Include the impact of *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* regulations on inter-municipal transit in future updates. Councillor Grenier.

Ensure an examination of the zone boundaries is undertaken as part of inter-municipal transit planning. Councillor Augustyn.

Examine changing the zones based on cost of operation and ridership regardless of municipal boundaries. Councillor Timms.

Consider developing a model that is based on trip length (i.e. kilometres) instead of through zones (i.e. less than 10 kms would be charged the fare for a one zone trip). Councillor Marshall.

6.2. PWC-C 11-2016

Councillor Information Request (Feb. 16, 2016 PWC)

Moved by Councillor Petrowski

Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 11-2016, dated March 29, 2016, being a memorandum from P. Smeltzer, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, Councillor Information Request (Feb. 16, 2016 PWC), **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.3. PWC-C 14-2016

South Side Low Lift Budget Update

Moved by Councillor Volpatti
Seconded by Councillor Kenny

That Correspondence Item PWC-C 14-2016, dated March 29, 2016, being a memorandum from P. Smeltzer, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, respecting South Side Low Lift Budget Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS7.1. Water & Wastewater Master Plan - Future Planning

Councillor Luciani inquired about the options for implementing a wastewater plant that would service both Thorold and Niagara Falls. Ron Tripp, Commissioner, Public Works, advised that staff are evaluating this as part of the Water & Wastewater Master Plan and part of the analysis includes examining potential service areas and determining the most appropriate approach.

7.2. Customs Pre-Clearance

Councillor Rigby requested staff provide a report that includes all four bridges in the pre-clearance initiative related to the motion introduced at the Regional Council meeting of March 24, 2016 respecting support for the implementation of a bi-national pre-clearance initiative at the Peace Bridge.

7.3. Niagara Region Transit - Discounted Fares

Moved by Councillor Petrowski
Seconded by Councillor Volpatti

That staff **PROVIDE** a report outlining a range of options for a discounted fare structure for assisted income or low income users of Niagara Region Transit at the Public Works Committee meeting being held on May 10, 2016.

Carried

8. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Volpatti
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That this Committee **DO NOW MOVE** into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature respecting:

A Matter Respecting Advice that is Subject to Solicitor/Client Privilege and Respecting Litigation – Helena Street Spill Update; and

A Matter of Litigation or Potential Litigation Affecting the Municipality – Southside Low Lift Sewage Pumping Station Upgrade and CSO Tank Construction, Niagara Falls

Carried

9. CLOSED SESSION

Committee resolved into closed session at 11:27 a.m.

Committee reconvened in open session at 11:55 a.m. with the following persons in attendance:

- Committee: Augustyn, Bentley, Gale, Heit, Joyner, Kenny, Marshall, Maves (Committee Chair), Petrowski, Redekop, Rigby, Timms, Volpatti.
- Absent/Regrets: Burroughs, Campion, Diodati, Caslin (Regional Chair), Grenier, Hodgson, Jeffs, Luciani, MacGregor, Quirk, Sendzik.
- Staff: M. Cruickshank, Legal Counsel, A. M. Norio, Legislative Coordinator, N. Palomba, Director, Transportation Services, H. Schlange, Chief Administrative Officer, P. Smeltzer, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, L. Torbicki, Manager, Waste Policy and Planning, R. Tripp, Commissioner, Public Works, R. Walton, Regional Clerk.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Confidential Memo PWC-C 12-2016, dated March 29, 2016, respecting A Matter of Respecting Advice that is Subject to Solicitor/Client Privilege and Respecting Litigation – Helena Street Spill Update **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

That Confidential Memo PWC-C 13-2016, dated March 29, 2016, respecting A Matter of Litigation or Potential Litigation Affecting the Municipality – Southside Low Lift Sewage Pumping Station Upgrade and CSO Tank Construction, Niagara Falls **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Councillor Maves
Committee Chair

Ann-Marie Norio
Legislative Coordinator

Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk