



GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 2003
7:10 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Meeting Number G.C. 2003 - 01

Members present: Mayor Cindy Forster

Councillors:

D. Beaudoin	D. Grenier
M. Belcastro	J. Irvine
N. Dmytrow-Bilboe (7:50 p.m.)	J. Mastroianni
T. Eybel	S. O'Dell
D. Fortier	J. Spadafora (7:30 p.m.)

Members of the Staff and Others Present:

City Clerk C.A. Stirtzinger
City Manager T. Fitzpatrick
Chief, Fire & Emergency Services P. Olah
General Manager Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services G. Marcello
General Manager Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services D. Shantz
General Manager Financial and Corporate Services / Treasurer B. Silvestri
Manager, Environmental and Traffic Services D. Cook
Manager, Development Planning / Real Estate D. Thorpe
Manager, Leisure Services R. Morwald (until 8:15 p.m.)
Recording Secretary, Games Licensing Clerk S. Stirling

Mayor Forster called the General Committee Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.



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1. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

The following correspondence was added:

(A) COMMUNITY SERVICES

Planning and Development Services

03-37

03-39

03-40 - Letter from Danny Moccia regarding Lot #18, Montgomery Road.

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni

That the letter from Danny Moccia regarding impost and other fees on Lot #18, Montgomery Road be referred to staff for report.

CARRIED

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Councillor Spadafora disclosed an interest in the matter of Item 02-170 – Waste Collection Contract, Region of Niagara, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2009 and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon as his company is affected by the Region of Niagara Waste Collection Contract.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF December 10th, 2002

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of December 10th, 2002 be and the same are hereby approved and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

(A) OPERATIONAL SERVICES - Councillor Beaudoin, Chair

Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services

02-170- Waste Collection Contract, Region of Niagara, April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2009.

(ENG 2002-56)



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Councillor O'Dell began the discussion on this matter by indicating his concerns regarding eliminating garbage pick up service to apartment buildings and businesses. He inquired as to whether the owners will have to make their own arrangements to get their garbage to the waste site and Mr. Cook replied that that was correct. Councillor O'Dell was concerned that this may result in some dumping their containers improperly to avoid this extra cost of having their garbage picked up. He asked for clarification on whether both garbage and recycling collection was going to be stopped. Mr. Cook suggested that Council may wish to stop the garbage collection from apartments but the City continue to pay for the collection of recycling. He explained the benefit of the City paying for enhanced recycling collection but not enhanced garbage collection as it would result in keeping recycling material out of the landfill site. Councillors O'Dell and Fortier stressed that the City of Welland should not have to pick up the extra cost of enhanced garbage collection and that the onus should be put back on the Region as it owns the Landfill Site now and controls the end product of recycling and its benefits. Councillor Mastroianni added that he would not expect to see businesses and industries dumping their garbage anywhere else if their garbage collection was no longer subsidized by the City. He added that other apartment buildings and businesses are currently responsible for taking away their garbage and it should be the same across the City. This savings to the City can be used for other things. Mr. Cook indicated that he felt the properties on page 7 of his report should be regular recycling pickups by the Region as these services were provided when it took over the recycling collection three or four year ago. A discussion continued on this matter regarding the individual categories and what Council would be interested in reviewing for enhanced service collection. Councillor Fortier requested that Mr. Cook report back to Council on what the impact has been on the City since the Region took over waste management. Councillor Irvine also requested that Mr. Cook confirm that the residue from recycling is not being billed to the City. He added that the report indicates that Colbeck Drive has 3 recycling carts and he would like to know where they are. He stressed that if this was a mistake there might be other mistakes on the list. Councillor Mastroianni stated the City of Welland has the highest per capita for basic service in the Region and he would like the reason for this explained to Council. Mayor Forster and Mr. Cook explained that the per capita rate is based on tonnage and they gave the City of Niagara Falls as an example of a city with a low per capita. It was explained that Niagara Falls only has garbage collected from single family residences and the hotels and businesses are responsible for their own waste disposal. Mayor Forster added that Welland will pay up to \$122 in 2003 and the next closest rate is only \$103. Councillor Grenier then requested a report on the actual tonnage weight of garbage collected from Atlas and Stelpipe individually but it was explained by Mr. Cook that it is impossible to break down how much of the waste on the truck is commercial and how much is residential. The recommendation was then broken down into each classification and amended.

Moved by Councillor O'Dell

1. That Council consider eliminating or reducing funding for 'ENHANCED SERVICES' outlined in Contract Documents for a 'NEW Waste and Recycling Collection Contract' being 'Tendered' by the Region of Niagara, to serve the City of Welland:
 - i) Commercial and Industrial Containerized Waste Collection
 - ii) Institutional Containerized Waste Collection with further review of institutional exemptions
 - iii) Multi-Residential Containerized Waste Collection with further review of all multi-residential as well as those multi-residential properties listed which may be eligible for normal curbside (base level) service; and



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- iv) Additional Curbside Waste Collection Twice Weekly from Downtown Area and ICI&I Properties meeting seven (7) container 'BAG' Limits;
And subject to Council review and approval of 'Tendered/Bid Prices' for these Items, prior to the 'AWARD' of the 'NEW Waste and Recycling Collection Contract' by the Region of Niagara.
2. That Council reject funding the 'ENHANCED SERVICE', for the 'Recycling Cart Collection Program', should the Region of Niagara **not** consider this service as part of the 'Base Level of Service'(BLOS) for waste and recycling collection, subject to Council review and approval of 'Tendered/Bid Prices' for this service, prior to the 'AWARD' of the 'NEW Waste and Recycling Collection Contract' by the Region of Niagara.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NIL

6. DELEGATIONS: NIL

7. STAFF REPORTS:

(A) COMMUNITY SERVICES - Councillor J. Spadafora, Chair

Planning and Development Services

Planning Division

02-175 - Proposed Amendment to the Official Plan Central West Area, City of Welland.

(PDS-2003-01)

Councillor O'Dell requested clarification on Official Plan #88 and why it is being repealed. Mr. Thorpe explained that once this new Official Plan is approved it provides for Official Plan coverage and a policy for development in these areas. Councillor Irvine asked if there were any Public Meetings held in regards to this matter and Mr. Thorpe responded that every property owner within 400 feet of the entire land hold received a notice of the Public Meeting and it was also advertised in the newspaper. Approximately 50 property owners attended the Public Meeting held on November 7th. In addition, there was a subsequent Public Hearing held before Council on November 26th. The City has met with the Region and is in full acceptance. This report is the final step in the process. Councillor Irvine expressed his concern that, in the future, sewer and water lines will be put across the road at the City's expense. Mr. Fitzpatrick clarified this concern by adding that the sanitary sewers are along Webber Road and there are no pipes south of Webber Road. The developer, at that time, would have to connect to the pipes on Webber Road so there would be no additional cost to the City.

Moved by Councillor Beaudoin



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1. That the City of Welland adopt an Official Plan Amendment respecting the Central West Area of the City to designate lands within this Area to various categories, to provide Planning Policies to promote the development of an attractive, safe, accessible and sustainable community, to bring those lands located south of Webber Road to approximately 130 metres south of Gaiser Road within the urban area boundary of the City, and to provide transportation policies for this Area, as well as a road hierarchy for the entire City;
2. That the City of Welland advise the Region of Niagara of its support for Regional Policy Plan Amendment No. 174 to permit the urban area expansion to the Central West Area of the City;
3. That upon approval of the Official Plan Amendment for the Central West Area of the City that Schedule "A" of Official Plan Amendment No. 54 be replaced by the Transportation Plan – Schedule "B" which forms part of the Official Plan Amendment respecting the Central West Area of the City; and,
4. That upon approval of the Official Plan Amendment for the Central West Area of the City that Official Plan Amendment No. 88 be repealed in its entirety.

CARRIED

Parks & Recreation Department

02-85

**03-10 - Accessibility Advisory Committee for the City of Welland.
(P&R-03-01)**

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni

That in accordance with the *Ontarians With Disabilities Act, 2001*, Council approves the proposed Terms of Reference, attached as Schedule "A", for the Accessibility Advisory Committee as presented in Report P&R-03-01, dated January 14th, 2003, and authorizes staff to issue a public notice to recruit members to serve on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

(B) CORPORATE SERVICES - Councillor D. Fortier, Chair

Clerk's Division

**03-48 - CAA Niagara Pothole Reporting Program.
(CLK-2003-01)**

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni

That the letter dated December 12, 2002 from Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) Niagara concerning the "Niagara Region Reporting of Potholes Program" be received for information; and
That staff establish a protocol with CAA Niagara to ensure that all reported information is



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relayed correctly and to the correct sources to ensure a timely manner for appropriate response; and further

That CAA Niagara be respectfully requested in the future to initiate discussions with municipalities before embarking on programs which may impact on municipal responsibility and liability issues.

CARRIED

(C) OPERATIONAL SERVICES - Councillor Beaudoin, Chair

Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services

Traffic Division

**03-44 - Purchase of Park Meter Mechanisms and Equipment – 2002 Capital Budget.
(TRAF-2003-01)**

Councillor Grenier inquired as to when the 200 parking meter mechanisms that are being replaced were originally purchased. Mr. Cook responded that they were purchased in 1965. She also requested the total number of meters in the City and Mr. Cook replied that there are currently 440 metered stalls. Councillor Grenier stressed that she did not feel the necessity to purchase 5 collection box receptacles and separate locks for each. Mr. Cook explained that there are six collection routes in the City and the City Treasurer has requested that the money from each route be calculated separately and that is why 5 new collection box receptacles are required. Mr. Fitzpatrick added that it was not only the Treasurer who wanted the routes kept separately but it was for the protection of the individual collecting the money and also for the security of the City's assets. Mr. Cook also indicated that each box could hold approximately 100 lbs. of coins when it was full and the City does not want an individual carrying that much weight or money in one receptacle.

Moved by Councillor Belcastro

1. That the General Manager, Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services be authorized to issue a 'Purchase Order' to J.J. MacKay Canada Limited for the purchase of 200 Guardian, Coin Only Electronic Parking Meter Mechanisms in the amount of \$42,788.00 plus applicable taxes in accordance with Quotation #02-11-287SH dated November 28, 2002.
2. That the General Manager, Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services be authorized to issue a 'Purchase Order' to J.J. MacKay Canada Limited for the purchase of 200 Extended Sealed Coin Can (C/W Lock) in the amount of \$3,992.00 plus applicable taxes in accordance with quotation #03-01-297SH dated January 7, 2003.
3. That the General Manager, Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services be authorized to issue a 'Purchase Order' to J.J. MacKay Canada Limited for the purchase of five (5) Collection Box Receptacles in the amount of \$3,992.00 plus applicable taxes in accordance with quotation #03-01-298SH dated January 7, 2003.

CARRIED



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(Councillors Eybel and Grenier requested to be recorded as opposed)

**03-22 - Amendments to By-law 9840, By-law to authorize designation and provision of parking spaces for sole use by a handicapped person.
(TRAF-2003-02)**

Councillor Eybel inquired as to whether there was any cost to the city on this recommendation and Mr. Cook replied that there was not. Mayor Forster questioned Mr. Cook on whether there was a law stating that handicapped persons can park in parking spaces as long as they want. Mr. Cook explained that mall and parking lot spaces with handicapped parking signs permit persons with the proper permits to park there as long as they wish but parking spaces in other areas only allow for a maximum of three (3) hours. He added that this can be changed in the By-law if it was Council's desire. The Mayor suggested that this matter be referred to the Disability Committee for review.

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni

That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a By-law to amend the text of By-law 9840, passed by Council on May 5th, 1992, to incorporate changes to the text as outlined in Report TRAF-2003-02.

CARRIED

Transit Services Division

**03-13 - Welland Harvest Table – Bus Transportation.
(TRANS-2003-01)**

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni

That Council support the request from Reverend Robert Bond, Welland Harvest Table Committee for Transit bus passes from January 15th to March 31st, 2003 at no cost.

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8. NEW BUSINESS:



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Councillor Eybel mentioned to Council that Community Resource Action Centre has scheduled a Raise the Roof fundraiser to be held on February 4th at the Market Square. All proceeds from this event will be used towards the homelessness shelter. Tickets can be purchased in advance. She added that Bernadette Corbin will be a delegation at Council next Tuesday where more details will be available.

Councillor Fortier announced that there will be a full Budget review on Wednesday, January 22nd from 4:30 to 7:00 with a subsequent meeting, if necessary, on Monday, January 27th from 4:30 to 7:00. He stressed that all Councillors should attend this meeting.

Mr. Fitzpatrick introduced Dave Shantz, the new General Manager Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services, to Council. He announced that Mr. Shantz will be replacing Gus Marcello when he retires at the end of January.

Councillor Grenier inquired as to when 'No Parking' signs were put up on the boulevard side of Golden Boulevard. Mr. Cook explained that staff received a complaint and, when the By-law was reviewed, it was discovered that it included no parking in this area. Staff was then directed to post 'No Parking' signs on the boulevard side of Golden Boulevard. The Mayor suggested that, in circumstance like this, in the future a letter be sent to the residents in the area advising them that signs are being posted. It was also suggested that members of Council be advised of these situations so they are able to answer questions from the public on the matter.

Councillor Grenier thanked City staff for erecting a snow fence at Manchester Park. She explained that there is a skating rink in this park and before the fence was put up it was not safe for children to use it because of the heavy snowmobile traffic in the area.

Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services

02-22 – Dr. Ralph Saari, Optometrist – request to install a handicap parking space in front of his business at 20 Cross Street

Councillor Grenier inquired as to when this item would be dealt with at Council. Mr. Cook responded that any handicapped person can park at any City meter for three hours now so there is no need for a specially marked handicapped parking space at this location.

9. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.