



GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 12th, 2005
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Meeting Number G.C. 2005 – 04

General Committee met in Committee-of-the-Whole in Camera at 6:30 p.m. to discuss security matters and in open session at 7:00 p.m. with Vice Mayor B. Sharpe calling the meeting to order.

Members present: Vice Mayor B. Sharpe

Councillors:

D. Alexander
M. Belcastro
P. Chiochio
M. Dzugan

D. Fortier
P. Grenier
J. Larouche

Members of the Staff and Others Present:

City Clerk C.A. Stirtzinger
City Solicitor G. Banks
Acing City Manager D. Shantz
General Manager, Parks and Recreation B. LaPlante
General Manager, Planning & Development Services D. Thorpe
Recording Secretary, Vital Statistics Clerk Steno II L. Bubanko

Others Present:

04-115Z

R. Brian Miller, Leon Taylor & Fazari, Barristers and Solicitors and consultant, Iggy Ip, Waterloo BioFilter Systems Inc.

Re: Creighton Rezoning Application.

Vice Mayor B. Sharpe called the General Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

On a motion duly moved and carried;

General Committee met in Committee-of-the-Whole (closed to the public) at 6:30 p.m. to discuss security of property matters and convened in open session at 7:00 p.m.



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1. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no additions or deletions however; a letter from 4500 Taxi was distributed that was made reference to in Report TRANS 2005-02.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Councillor Larouche disclosed an interest in the matter of Item 98-82 and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon as his company insures one of the unsuccessful bidders to this contract tender.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22nd, 2005

Moved by Councillor Dzugan that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of February 22nd, 2005 be and the same are hereby approved and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: **NIL**

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: **NIL**

6. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

(A) CORPORATE SERVICES

04-115Z - R. Brian Miller, Leon Taylor & Fazari Barristers and Solicitors and consultant Iggy Ip, Waterloo BioFilter Systems Inc. addressed Council regarding the Creighton Rezoning Application.

Mr. Ip informed Council of alternate technologies available for operating septic tank systems. He explained how synthetic foam is used to remove pollutants in the septic tank and the gravity draining system provides the removal of harmful bacteria from the wastewater before it goes back into the ground. He suggested that the BioFilter System can be used to promote new development in Welland without the need to extend city services. Councillor Alexander asked if there were any requirements to be met for the Public Health Department of the Region for approval of the system and Mr. Ip answered that it is only necessary to meet the requirements of the Ontario Building Code. Mr. Ip further advised that they currently have 1500 BioFilter systems in place in Ontario, including other municipalities in the Niagara Region.



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Moved by Councillor Larouche

That the presentation by R. Brian Miller, Leon Taylor & Fazari, Barristers and Solicitors and consultant Iggy Ip, Waterloo BioFilter Systems Inc. regarding the Creighton Rezoning Application be received for information and referred to staff for inclusion in Staff's Report to Council and that the meeting date for this report's consideration at Council be changed to May 3, 2005 from April 19, 2005 as agreed to by the applicant.

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORTS:

(A) CORPORATE SERVICES - Councillor D. Alexander, Chair

Clerk's Department

02-166

05-62 - Reduction of Regional Council Size and Representation Corresponding to Population Distribution.

(CLK-2005-09)

Councillor Grenier inquired if this resolution was an extension of the Fort Erie motion and Mr. Stirtzinger advised that the report is specific to letters from Niagara Falls and St. Catharines and recommended that Council support the recommendation and wait for reaction from the Region; anything more at this time would be speculative.

Moved by Councillor Grenier

That the letter from the City of Niagara Falls requesting support of its resolution requesting the reduction of Council size at the Regional Government level and a related letter from the City of St. Catharines requesting support of a resolution to establish representation which corresponds to population distribution without increasing the size of Regional Council be supported; and

That the Region and area municipalities of Niagara be so advised.

CARRIED

(B) OPERATIONAL SERVICES - Councillor M. Dzugan, Chair

Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services Public Works Division

05-74 - Tender – Supply of Asphaltic Materials

(ENG-2005-05)



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Moved by Councillor Larouche

That Council accept the tenders of materials of Matrex Company for the supply of Fine and Course Blend Cold Mix and Hard Rock Paving for the supply of HL2, HL3, HL3A and HL8 Hot Mix Asphaltic Materials, at the lowest unit prices submitted, as these were the lowest of the five (5) tenders submitted.

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05-75 - Tender – Supply of Stone (ENG-2005-06)

Moved by Councillor Larouche

That Council accept the tenders of Port Colborne Quarries and Lafarge Canada Inc. for the Supply of Stone at the tendered prices of \$100,438.90 and \$839.00 respectively, using the lowest tendered price for each stone category in the corresponding Trucking Areas.

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05-77 - Tender – Supply and Application of Road Surface Treatment Materials (ENG-2005-07)

Moved by Councillor Larouche

That Council accept the tender of Norjohn Emulsion Division for the supply and application of Road Surface Treatment Materials for the total price of \$47,700.00, as this being the lowest of the three (3) tenders submitted meeting tender specifications.

CARRIED

05-76 - Tender – Supply of Asphalt Emulsion (ENG-2005-08)

Moved by Councillor Larouche

That Council accept the tender of Norjohn Ltd. Emulsion Division for the supply of Asphalt Emulsions type RS1 and HF150S at the quoted price of \$20,900.00, this being the lowest tender of two (2) tenders meeting specifications.

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Transit Services Division

05-13 - Transcab Service (TRANS 2005-02)



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Councillor Alexander asked if the Transit Review Committee and the Transit Advisory Committee were consulted in preparation of the two transit reports and was advised by Chair Dzugan that the two committees were brought together as one and that the committee is not a decision making body, but only a sounding board for public input. Councillor Alexander expressed concern over the lack of structure of committee meetings especially considering that Transit continually operates with a deficit and that perhaps Council should be more involved and accountable for the Transit System in regards to the budget and delivering fair service for taxpayers. Councillor Fortier stated that we now have a full time Transit Manager, Mr. Stuart, who attends the Transit Advisory Committee meetings and provides reports to Council. Councillor Chiochio credited the Transit Advisory Committee's value in supplying the Transit Manager with information. Councillor Grenier asked if there was going to be an increase in the number of transit shelters and Mr. Shantz responded with a yes.

Moved by Councillor Alexander

1. That, subject to Council approval, staff be authorized to renew the Transcab contract with 4500 Taxi (1993) O/A 1032560 Ontario Inc., for a two year period commencing April 15, 2005 through April 14, 2007 with no rate increase; and
2. That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the by-law to authorize entering into an agreement for the supply of taxi service.

CARRIED

05-13 - Bus Shelter Advertising (TRANS 2005-03)

Moved by Councillor Alexander

1. That, subject to Council approval, staff be authorized to negotiate a bus shelter advertising renewal contract with Pattison Outdoor Advertising for a five (5) year term; and
2. That staff be authorized to proceed with the tender or request for proposal process if a new agreement has not been entered into between Welland Transit and Pattison Outdoor Advertising within one month.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE:

98-82 – Tender-Uniformed Security Guard & Patrol Services at New Civic Square (P&R-2005-03)

Moved by Councillor Belcastro

That Council accept the tender from Cantec Security Services Inc. for the provision of Uniformed Security Guard and Patrol Services at the new Civic Square for a period of three years, at an estimated cost of \$126,428.59 plus applicable taxes, this being the lowest of the three tender quotations received that meet the specifications.



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05-100 – Welland Courthouse – Security Upgrades
(P&R-2005-04)

Moved by Councillor Belcastro

1. That Council approve an expenditure in the amount of \$34,998.00, including applicable taxes, for replacement and improvements to the security and emergency exit systems at the Welland Courthouse; and
2. That the expenditure be charged to the Court House Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

9. OUTSTANDING ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

Mayor and Council reviewed with staff the status of the outstanding items.

Councillor Fortier asked when it would be appropriate to take the outstanding items to Council to prioritize and move the issues. Mr. Banks advised that staff should be asked to carry out the task of prioritizing outstanding issues. Mr. Stirtzinger suggested that recommendations would be derived from the Corporate Management Team meetings. He also pointed out the new format of the report. Councillor Alexander complimented the reporting structure and suggested the use of an additional column to identify the Councillor that requests a report for the item and he mentioned the possible need to tie these outstanding items to Strategic Planning for prioritization.

10. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.