



GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2002
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Meeting Number G.C. 2002 - 11

**General Committee met in Committee-of-the-Whole at 6:00 p.m. and in open session at 7:10 p.m.
with Mayor Forster calling the meeting to order**

Members present: Mayor Cindy Forster

Councillors:

R. Alakas	D. Fortier
D. Beaudoin	J. Irvine
M. Belcastro	J. Mastroianni (6:30 p.m.)
N. Dmytrow-Bilboe	S. O'Dell
T. Eybel	

**(Councillor Eybel was not present during Committee-of-the-Whole
discussions on a Security of Property / Labour Relations Matter)**

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 (7:10 p.m.)
General Manager Financial and Corporate Services / Treasurer B. Silvestri (7:10 p.m.)
Manager, Engineering Services L. Ventresca (7:10 p.m.)
Manager, Environmental and Traffic Services D. Cook (7:10 p.m.)
Manager, Human Resources R. Beaumont (until 7:00 p.m.)
Deputy Fire Chief, K. Roach (until 7:00 p.m.)
Vital Statistics Clerk- Steno II, Acting Games Licensing Clerk S. Stirling (7:10 p.m.)



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Others Present:

Greg D'Amico, Chair, Downtown Business Improvement Association
Re: Staff responses on parking principles as detailed by Council in General Committee – June 11, 2002. **(TRAF 2002-21)**

Andre Larabie, Chair, Humberstone Public Liaison Committee, 329 St. George Street, Welland
Margaret Vos, 408 St. George Street, Welland
Re: Regional Niagara's Draft Report – Identification of Preferred Alternative Environmental Assessment Level Review of Regional Mid-Term Waste Disposal Options.

The following were in attendance during Committee-of-the-Whole discussions on a Labour Relations Matter.

Henry Labenski, Welland Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF481
Guy Willson, Welland Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF481
Pete Voynovich, Welland Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF481

Dominic Faragalli, Volunteer Fire Fighting Negotiating Committee, IWA
Rob Pressey, Volunteer Fire Fighting Negotiating Committee, IWA
Robert Roy, Volunteer Fire Fighting Negotiating Committee, IWA
Guy Forget, Volunteer Fire Fighting Negotiating Committee, IWA

1. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** **NIL**

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Eybel disclosed an interest in the matter of Item 02-15 – Bill 30 Proposes to protect from union sanctions those full-time firefighters who choose to volunteer for their local community fire departments (Two-Hatters) (F&ES-2002-03) and did not take part in the consideration and discussion of same, and refrained from voting thereon as her daughter is a volunteer fire fighter.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF June 25, 2002**

Moved by Councillor Irvine that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of June 25, 2002 be and the same are hereby approved and adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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



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5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NIL



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6. DELEGATIONS:

97-77

02-31 - Joseph B. Pillitteri and Mike Simpson, Niagara Rebels Baseball Club addressed Council regarding the potential usage of baseball facilities.

Mr. Pillitteri explained to Council that the Niagara Rebels Baseball Club hopes to bring an elite baseball program to the City of Welland for the 2002 – 2003 season. He indicated that the Niagara Rebels is a non-profit baseball club founded in response to the needs of this area. All coaches, employees and founders are volunteers who have made a five year commitment to the organization. None are being paid for their involvement. The Niagara Rebels will play provincially, nationally and internationally. The focus of the organization will be the development of local area players to the highest levels of baseball. This organization will be community based, supported and involved and will work with minor baseball to help develop their players. Mr. Pillitteri explained that the club is eligible for funding and grants because they are non-profit and these funds would be used to improve the facilities used in this city. He explained that the club has three requests of Council at this time: consideration of use of the change rooms at the Sports Complex, approval of the balance of the fall schedule and next season schedule approval.

After discussion on this matter it was decided that approval would be granted for use of the Sports Complex on September 12th, September 20th and 21st. The balance of the requests would be referred to the Stadium Committee for a recommendation to Council. Mr. Simpson requested that the Stadium Committee meet as soon as possible as things must be put in motion now to attract teams for tournaments next season. He inquired if it would be possible to receive a commitment from the City before Thanksgiving as the club will be attending a tournament in the U.S. and wish to make contact and attract other teams to the tournament. The City Manager was instructed to follow up tomorrow with booking staff and report back to Councillors O'Dell and Alakas who sit on the Stadium Committee. Councillor Irvine also indicated that he would be interested in sitting on the Committee as Councillor O'Dell advised that originally there were several councilors on the committee but they are now down to just himself and Councillor Alakas.

Moved by Councillor Alakas

That the information presented by the Niagara Rebels Baseball Club be received and referred to the Sports Complex Committee for review and recommendation and that staff be directed to follow up and report on this matter; and further

That permission is hereby granted to the Niagara Rebels Baseball Club for use of the Sports Complex on September 12th, 20th and 21st in the interim.

CARRIED

02-136 - Janine Ralph, Manager, Solid Waste Policy and Planning, Regional Municipality of Niagara addressed Council regarding the Draft Report – Identification of Preferred Alternative Environmental Assessment Level Review of Regional Mid-Term Waste Disposal Options.

Ms. Ralph introduced David Payne, Director, Solid Waste Management Services, Regional Municipality of Niagara; Greg Taras, Urban Environmental Management Inc.; and Joseph Ovcjak,



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Urban Environmental Management Inc. who also participated in the presentation regarding the Draft Report. Ms. Ralph advised that the three mid-term disposal sites selected are Niagara Road 12 Landfill in West Lincoln, Line 5 Landfill in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Humberstone Landfill in Welland. She also explained that the mid-term period was a five year period from 2008 – 2012 when the Humberstone Landfill Site will reach its current final contours. Details on the evaluation process for the Draft Report were described. Data was collected, potential effects were identified, mitigative measures were applied and net effects were identified. The three sites were then compared based on the priority of criteria and net effects. Four disposal alternatives were then compared. Ms. Ralph proceeded to list the advantages and disadvantages of each site. The most preferred site is the Humberstone Landfill Site in Welland and the least preferred is the Line 5 Landfill in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The four alternatives were then addressed and explained. The Draft Report recommends the implementation of Alternative #2. It was indicated that the current concerns brought forward at the Public Forum held September 9th were the gulls, the odour and the visual impacts. A final Draft Report will be produced in October 2002 that will consider and address all comments and concerns. A Final Report will be presented to Regional Council in November 2002. The approvals process will be initiated in January 2003. Environmental Assessment and Environmental Protection Act approvals will take one to two years and will include ongoing consultation. It was indicated that these time frames are flexible.

At the conclusion of the presentation questions and comments were addressed to Ms. Ralph, Mr. Taras and Mr. Ovcjak by members of Council. Councillor Eybel stressed the economic impact of choosing the Humberstone Landfill Site would have on Welland. This municipality has the most population within 1 km of the site. She inquired if Welland is the only municipality that has a park within 1km of the landfill (430 residences as compared to 85 for Line 5). Ms. Ralph responded that that was corrected. Several councillors voiced their concerns that no matter what the public or the city had to say the decision was still the Region's and it appeared to them that they had already made that decision on the Humberstone Landfill Site. Ms. Ralph pointed out that the Ministry of the Environment and outside individuals will review the report which will include all comments and concerns from the public and Council. Councillor O'Dell stressed that there is a park alongside the landfill site, St. Augustine School backs onto the dump site and still the report selects this site as the best alternative. He pointed out that human beings matter more and far outway agricultural lands which the report indicates come first. Margaret Vos, who lives across the street from the park, asked if soil and pond study results will be presented to Regional Council before it makes its decision. Mr. Payne advised that all results will be included in the report as it must address all concerns even if the report is delayed another six months. Mr. Cook asked if Environmental Protection Act approval was required to reopen the Line 5 Landfill. Mr. Ralph indicated that only Environmental Assessment approval was required but residences within 1 km could request EAA approval and mostly would make that request. Andre Larabie, Chairman, Humberstone Public Liaison Committee then added that opening Line 5 and one dump truck every hour traveling along Highway 55 would not affect tourism in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Mr. Marcello was asked for his comments by the Mayor and he added that there was much less of an impact to people driving down a highway (Line 5) than there would be to people living within 1 km of the landfill site (Humberstone). He indicated that Line 5 could be designed to be just as good as the Humberstone Landfill Site. Mr. Payne indicated that all these concerns and comments were valid and the Region will meet and review them.

Moved by Councillor O'Dell

That the Region of Niagara be advised that Welland City Council will require additional time beyond the September 30th deadline to properly respond to the Region's Draft Report entitled ***"Identification of Preferred Alternative Environmental Assessment Level Review of***



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Regional Mid-Term Waste Disposal Options”.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor O’Dell

That staff be instructed to prepare a report on the Region of Niagara’s Draft Report entitled **“Identification of Preferred Alternative Environmental Assessment Level Review of Regional Mid-Term Waste Disposal Options”** for the purposes of Council to take a position with the Region on this matter at the earliest possible Council Meeting.

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORTS:

(A) **COMMUNITY SERVICES** - Mayor Forster

Fire and Emergency Services

02-15 – Bill 30 Proposes to protect from union sanctions those full-time firefighters who choose to volunteer for their local community fire departments (Two-Hatters). (F&ES-2002-03)

Moved by Councillor Dmytrow-Bilboe

That Report F&ES-2002-03, regarding Bill 30 (proposes to protect from Union sanctions those full-time firefighters who choose to volunteer for their local community fire departments - - two hatters) be received; and

That for the reasons set out in Report F&ES -2002 -03 that City of Welland not support the resolution of Thorold City Council in its efforts to have the Fire Protection and Prevention Act amended to allow firefighters to work in other municipalities.

CARRIED

(Councillor O’Dell asked to be recorded as opposed)

02-15 - Joint Emergency and Preparedness Program (JEPP) Application for Funding for Power Supply Generator for new City Hall. (F&ES-2002-05)

Moved by Councillor Dmytrow-Bilboe

That Council approve the inclusion of a power supply generator in the plans for the new City Hall, and that a specific area of the building be designated as an Emergency



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Operations Center, equipped with appropriate telecommunications equipment and other associated materials, and that staff be authorized to apply for federal funding through the Joint Emergency and Preparedness Program, to offset the cost.

CARRIED

(Councillor O'Dell asked to be recorded as opposed)



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

Finance Division

**98-152 – Council Remuneration – one-third expense allowance.
(TR 02-16)**

Moved by Councillor Dmytrow-Bilboe

That pursuant to the passing of the Municipal Act 2001 Welland Council states its intention that on and after January 1, 2003, one-third of the remuneration paid to elected members of Council shall be as expenses incident to the discharge of their duties as members of Council.

CARRIED

02-4 - Water Rate Structure

Mr. Silvestri, General Manager Financial and Corporate Services / Treasurer, made a power-point presentation to Council to review the rate structure and familiarize members with the water and sewer budget structure. The passing of Bill 155 and its control and accountability of water use was also discussed. This report regarding the water rate structure was received and filed.

Moved by Councillor Dmytrow-Bilboe

That the power-point presentation regarding the water rate structure be received for information.

CARRIED

(C) OPERATIONAL SERVICES - Councillor Beaudoin, Chair

Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services

Traffic Division

**01-22 – Staff responses on parking principles as detailed by Council in General Committee - June 11, 2002
(TRAF 2002-21)**

Councillor Eybel requested that each principle be discussed and dealt with separately. Greg D'Amico, Chair, Downtown Business Improvement Association was in attendance to answer questions. Mayor Forster indicated that she has been approached by the public and business owners downtown requesting the city to offer some period of free parking to



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customers. She suggested that there could be free parking on Saturday. Greg D'Amico added that the BIA did not have a problem with free parking on Saturday. In regards to Principle 1, Councillor Eybel advised that she would not support charging more to park downtown. Mr. D'Amico offered that the proposal of \$1.00 to park was to differentiate between on and off street parking and encourage the public to use the off street parking lot and movement in the on street spots. After discussion, it was agreed to amend Principle #1 (i) and (ii) to say 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, Free on weekends and holidays. Principle #5 was amended to be \$1.00 for 30 minutes in front of banks and the post office as it was agreed that fifteen minutes was not enough time for the public in these institutions. The Mayor advised Council that the cost for a pay and display machine was equal to 11 meters. Mr. Cook indicated that it was more cost effective to have pay and display machines. Concerns were voiced in regards to the paper being too light and being blown off the dash when car doors were closed. It was also mentioned that a darker print would be beneficial. Staff was directed to investigate a different type of machine and report back to Council. Mr. Cook was advised to prepare a report regarding on-street permit parking in some areas of the city (Principle #9).

Each principle was dealt with and voted on individually but, for convenience purposes, is shown below as one complete resolution.

Moved by Councillor Irvine

That subject to the discussions and direction of Council on matters 1 to 9 as outlined in Report TRAF 2002-21 dated September 10, 2002, staff be authorized to undertake the following:

PRINCIPLE 1 - TREAT 'ON STREET' PARKING DIFFERENT – DOWNTOWN

- (i) That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a By-law to amend By-law 89-2000 (Traffic and Parking, Schedule 'G' - Parking Meter Control), to incorporate changes to fees, maximum period, times/days as outlined in Report TRAF 2002-21 with amendment to be Monday to Friday only.
- (i) That Region of Niagara be requested to amend Regional By-law 89-2000 (Traffic and Parking - Schedule 'G' - Parking Meter Control), to incorporate changes to fees, maximum period, times/days as outlined in Report TRAF 2002-21 with amendment to be Monday to Friday only, pertaining to Regional Roads.
- (ii) That the Manager of Environment and Traffic Services be authorized to proceed with the upgrade/replacement of Mechanical Parking Meters with electronic mechanisms in heavy duty vaults, secure coin cans and collection cart to an upset limit of \$47,500 including taxes.

PRINCIPLE 2 - CONTINUE PAY FOR USE IN PARKING LOTS

That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a By-law to amend By-law 10721 - Parking Lots - Schedule 'A' to incorporate changes to, Control, Fee, Maximum Time, Time of Day, as outlined in Schedule 'B' attached to report TRAF 2002-21 with amendment to be Monday to Friday only and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PRINCIPLE 3 - FREE PARKING CITY HALL

That the Region of Niagara be requested to prepare a By-law to amend Regional By-law 89-2000 (Traffic and Parking) - Schedule 'G' Parking Meter Control - deleting the following:



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COLUMN 1 Highway	COLUMN 2 Side	COLUMN 3		COLUMN 4 Fees	COLUMN 5 MAXIMUM	COLUMN 6 TIMES/DAYS	AMENDING BY-LAW NO.
		FROM	TO				
				\$0.50 / 60 min.			
Regional Road #27 (East Main Street)	South	Empire St.	Duncan St.	\$0.5 / 6 min. \$0.10 / 12 min. \$0.25 / 30 min. \$0.50 / 60 min.	2 hours	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday Holidays Exempted	177-1999

PRINCIPLE 4 - PAY FOR USE PARKING ON CITY STREETS

That the Manager of Environmental and Traffic Services be requested to prepare a report, for the further consideration of Council, which outlines other areas of the City where Metered Parking Control could be considered.

PRINCIPLE 5 - VARIABLE MAXIMUM PERIODS

That the City Solicitor be requested to incorporate 'Maximum' periods of different durations to reflect adjacent land uses at 'On-Street' metered parking stalls as identified in Report TRAF 2002-21 - September 10, 2002.

PRINCIPLE 6 - CONTINUE USE OF 'PAY AND DISPLAY' MACHINES IN PARKING LOTS

- (i) That the Manager of Environmental and Traffic Services incorporate the procurement and/or replacement of 'Pay and Display' parking machines in municipal parking lots, in the five (5) year Capital Budget forecast 2003-2007.
- (ii) That the General Manager of Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services be authorized to proceed with the procurement and installation of a 'Pay and Display' parking machine in the Park Street Parking Lot at an estimated cost of \$11,100.00.

PRINCIPLE 7 - ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT

- (i) That the City Manager, Manager of Human Resources, and Manager of Environmental and Traffic Services prepare a report for the consideration of Council, which outlines the Human Resources needs for enhancing parking enforcement.
- (ii) That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a By-law which appoints the General Foremen and Working Foremen in the Public Works Department, as By-law Enforcement Officers - Parking, to enforce 'No Parking' provisions of By-law 89-2000 related to 'No Parking' on any City street as it affects snow clearing and public works operations.

8. FEE DIFFERENTIAL - ON TO OFF STREET PARKING

NOTE: Covered in recommendations under Principle 1.

9. RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING



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That the Manager of Environmental and Traffic Services, with the assistance of the City Solicitor prepare Policies and Procedures for consideration of Council, for the implementation of an 'On-Street Parking Permit.

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Public Works Division

02-128 - Quotation for Water and Sewer Operating Materials (ENG-2002-44)

Moved by Councillor Dmytrow-Bilboe

That Council accept the quotation of Vancor Supply, Gladding Sales Agency Ltd., Evans Supply Ltd., Emco and Hygrade Precast Concrete in the amounts of \$3,764.70, \$11,087.26, \$32,271.94, \$13,816.82 and \$2,166.96 respectively for a total expenditure of \$63,107.68 for the Supply of Water and Sewer Materials as these were the lowest of the seven (7) quotations submitted.

CARRIED

Engineer Division

02-140 - Dain City Area Watermain Replacement Phase 1. (ENG-2002-45)

Moved by Councillor Dmytrow-Bilboe

That the General Manager, Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services be authorized to proceed with the preparation of plans, specifications and calling of tenders for the replacement of watermains on the following roadways, referred to be Dain City Area Watermain Replacement Phase I:

- ↓ Crescent Drive - full length
- ↓ Glenwood Parkway - between Crescent Drive and Thornton Avenue
- ↓ Thornton Avenue - between Glenwood Parkway and Stanley Street;

That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare all necessary and appropriate By-laws to execute same;

That funding of the project shall be \$150,000 from the Operating Budget and \$190,000 from debenture.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Forster inquired as to when the Disability Committee will be meeting as everything must be in place by September 30th, 2002. Councillor Mastroianni will advise.

Craig Stirtzinger, City Clerk advised City Council that the new flags have arrived. The surplus old flags will be given the members of Council and the new flags may be purchased for approximately \$40.00

Councillor Eybel asked Mayor Forster the status of signs on Doan's Ridge Road to reduce the speed limit. Mayor Forster indicated that that matter would be addressed the next day.

Greg D'Amico thanked the Mayor and Council for inviting the BIA to the meeting.



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9. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.