



GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 25th, 2003
7:50 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

Meeting Number G.C. 2003 - 04

Members present: Mayor Cindy Forster

Councillors:

M. Belcastro	J. Irvine
N. Dmytrow-Bilboe	J. Mastroianni
M. Dzugan	S. O'Dell
T. Eybel	J. Spadafora
D. Fortier	

Members of the Staff and Others Present:

City Clerk C.A. Stirtzinger
City Solicitor G. Banks
City Manager T. Fitzpatrick
Chief, Fire & Emergency Services P. Olah
General Manager Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services D. Shantz
General Manager Financial and Corporate Services / Treasurer B. Silvestri
Chief Building Official M. Mantesso
Recording Secretary, Games Licensing Clerk S. Stirling

Mayor Forster called the General Committee Meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.



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1. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: NIL

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: NIL

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11TH, 2003

Moved by Councillor Irvine that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of February 11th, 2003 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: NIL

7. STAFF REPORTS:

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

Planning and Development Services

Building and Inspections Division

03-64 - 2002 Annual Building Report.
(PDS-2003-13)

Moved by Councillor Irvine

That Report PDS-2003-13 concerning the annual building permit activity in the City for the year 2002 be received for information.



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

Clerk's Division

03-29

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03-66 – Council Calendar 2003 – Council Meeting Dates, Municipal Election and Christmas Closure.

(CLK-2003-06)

Moved by Councillor Irvine

1. That the 2003 Summer Council Meetings be scheduled as follows:
Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m
Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
2. That the Regular Council Meeting of November 4th, 2003 be cancelled.
3. That the Christmas closure at Welland City Hall be from Thursday December 25, 2003 to Friday January 2, 2004 inclusive.

CARRIED

(C) OPERATIONAL SERVICES - Councillor Beaudoin, Chair

Engineering, Public Works and Transportation Services

Public Works Division

**03-61 – Award of tender for the supply of street sweeping rentals.
(ENG 03-09)**

Councillor O'Dell requested information regarding the horse power of the sweepers in this tender. He indicated that there have been problems in past years where the sweepers have not had the ability and a poor job was done. He mentioned that the company that was awarded the tender last year did a good job. He would like information comparing the horse power of the sweepers of the company being awarded the tender this year and the sweepers of the companies from previous years. Mr. Shantz replied that there was a minimum horse power rating on this request for tenders. He added that, if the machines were not able to do a good job the first time around, it may take more hours to complete the sweeping. The Mayor requested that Mr. Shantz report back to Council with information on the companies that were awarded the street sweeping tenders last year and the previous year. Councillor Spadafora inquired as to what horse power K & R and John Sweeping Inc. were using in their tenders as the report did not indicate. Councillor O'Dell added that the City may be getting more value for its money if it awarded the tender to a company using 210 horse power sweepers because they may only need one pass to



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perform the work and therefore require less hours to complete the job, saving the City money. Councillor Dmytrow-Bilboe then requested that this matter be referred to the March 4th, 2003 Council meeting when Council has been able to review the information requested on previous years and the companies awarded the tenders.

Moved by Councillor Dmytrow-Bilboe

That Report ENG 03-09 regarding the Award of Tender for the Supply of Street Sweeping Rentals be referred to the March 4th, 2003 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Councillor Spadafora requested that a stop sign be erected on Oakcrest. He indicated that when a vehicle travels along Thorold Road westerly to South Pelham the road sweeps left to an intersection at Oakcrest. There is a stop sign to the left but no stop sign for the vehicles going straight or the ones on the right. He mentioned that the road on the right has just been opened and inquired as to whether the developer has contacted the City yet to put up the stop sign. He asked that staff review and correct immediately.

Councillor Eybel inquired as to the status of the erection of a stop sign on Deere Street. She requested that this matter be brought back to Council at the next meeting.

Councillor Fortier requested an update on the Lincoln Corridor Study. He indicated that this study was budgeted and tendered for last year. He requested that a preliminary report on the study be brought back to Council for its information.

Councillor Irvine mentioned to Council and staff that an email was received via Don Cook from Joe Cousins, Regional Municipality of Niagara regarding calming traffic and reducing the speed limit to 40 km in the Downtown area. Councillor Irvine asked staff to set up a meeting with the Region to discuss this matter.

9. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.