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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

WORKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

A regular meeting of the Works Committee was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Mitchell, Chair
Councillor Marimpietri, Vice-Chair
Councillor Barton
Councillor Crawford
Councillor McLean
Councillor John Neal
Councillor Smith
Regional Chair Henry
*** all members of Committee except Councillor Mitchell and Regional Chair Henry participated electronically**

Also
Present: Councillor Dies
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Joe Neal
Councillor Roy
Councillor Wotten

Absent: None

Staff
Present: G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services
D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services
J. Demanuele, Director of Business Services, Works Department
J. Hunt, Director of Legal Services, Corporate Services – Legal Services
R. Jagannathan, Director of Transportation and Field Services
J. Presta, Director of Environmental Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works
S. Glover, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Tennesco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor McLean,
(75) That the minutes of the regular Works Committee meeting held on
Wednesday, September 9, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Presentations

There were no presentations.

7. Waste

7.1 Correspondence

A) 2020-INFO-79: Update on Single-Use Plastics Policies in the Regional Municipality of Durham

Detailed discussion ensued regarding the single-use plastics policies within the Region of Durham and whether there are any active initiatives taking place; and concerns regarding the lack of leadership from the Provincial and Federal governments with respect to banning single-use plastics, and that the Region of Durham should take the lead.

In response to the concerns raised, S. Siopis advised that staff are actively involved in pressing forward on extended producer responsibility (EPR), and discussions have occurred with Corporate Services – Legal about what authority Durham Region has over banning single-use plastics.

Further discussion ensued regarding potential consequences of inaction and whether the Region should operate business as usual; how waste has been managed during the pandemic; whether tax dollars should be used to address the expected challenge from the plastic's industry regarding banning single-use plastics; the stockpiling of bottled water by the public and increasing social media messaging around the safety and quality of Durham's tap water; and how to serve

Durham's residents in the safest way and implementing a ban on single-use plastics at the right time.

In response to a question regarding whether there has been an impact from COVID on the waste composition and whether it could be seen at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC), G. Anello advised that there has been an impact on the garbage composition and that it could be seen at the DYEC. He advised that the heat value increased due to the increase in film plastic found in the garbage. As a result, less garbage was burned to achieve the steam quality necessary to optimize the generation of electricity.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(76) That Information Report #2020-INFO-79: Update on Single-Use Plastics Policies in the Regional Municipality of Durham be received for information.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

Councillor Barton
Councillor Crawford
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor McLean
Councillor Smith
Councillor Mitchell, Chair

No

Councillor John Neal

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

- B) Email correspondence from Linda Gasser, dated October 5, 2020, expressing concerns regarding Report #2020-INFO-79: Update on Single-Use Plastics Policies in the Regional Municipality of Durham; and requesting that the comment period for the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP) be extended until October 31, 2020; that the LTWMP website include links to Durham's climate strategies; that the LTWMP Guiding Principles be developed through public consultation arising from the 2019 principles and that the term "waste as a resource" be clearly defined; that Information Report #2020-INFO-79 and related reports be included on the LTWMP website; and that the Works Committee direct staff to provide a thoroughly researched report to come back to the Works Committee with additional information about municipal and other government actions/strategies across Canada around the reduction or elimination of Single Use Plastics, including pitfalls and lessons learned to date, and that the Report be posted to the LTWMP website
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In response to a question, S. Siopis advised that once staff have reviewed the correspondence in its entirety, they will provide a response back to Ms. Gasser.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Barton,

- (77) That the email correspondence from Linda Gasser, dated October 5, 2020, expressing concerns regarding Report #2020-INFO-79: Update on Single-Use Plastics Policies in the Regional Municipality of Durham and on the Long-Term Waste Management Plan guiding principles and policies, be received for information.

CARRIED

- C) Email correspondence from Wendy Bracken, dated October 6, 2020, expressing concerns regarding the work and consultation being done on the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP), and the lack of evidence that the four guiding principles that are to be followed during the development of the LTWMP have been endorsed by Regional Council. She requests that the Works Committee direct Works staff to respond to the EFW-WMAC members regarding proof of endorsement of the guiding principles. She also expresses concerns regarding the report on single-use plastics. She noted that at the last EFW-WMAC meeting a motion was passed to schedule a special meeting to form and submit comments on the LTWMP. She requests that the Works Committee direct Works staff to set up a Special EFW-WMAC meeting before October 27, 2020
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Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Barton,

- (78) That the email correspondence from Wendy Bracken, dated October 6, 2020, expressing concerns regarding the work and consultation being done on the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP) and its guiding principles and policies, and regarding Report #2020-INFO-79: Update on Single-Use Plastics Policies in the Regional Municipality of Durham, be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

There were no Waste Reports to consider.

8. **Works**

8.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from the City of Oshawa, dated October 2, 2020, requesting that the Region of Durham investigate the traffic congestion concerns on Wilson Road between King Street East and Bond Street East
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Moved by Councillor John Neal, Seconded by Councillor Marimpietri,
(79) That correspondence from the City of Oshawa, dated October 2, 2020, requesting that the Region of Durham investigate the traffic congestion concerns on Wilson Road between King Street East and Bond Street East, be referred to staff for a response.

CARRIED

8.2 Reports

- A) Servicing and Responsibility Agreement with the City of Pickering for the Extension of a Sanitary Sewer and a Watermain through Provincial Lands to Service the Proposed Kubota Development, in the City of Pickering (2020-W-46)

Report #2020-W-46 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(80) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham be authorized to enter into a Servicing and Responsibility Agreement with the City of Pickering for the extension of a sanitary sewer and a watermain through Provincially owned lands, in the City of Pickering at an estimated cost of \$1,750,000, to be fully funded by the City of Pickering;
- B) That the City of Pickering be responsible for any and all costs, other than normal operational and maintenance costs of the sanitary sewer and watermain, until such time as the City of Pickering can acquire ownership or a Regional easement over the lands within which these Regional services will be located; and
- C) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documents or agreements.

CARRIED

- B) Approval to Award Additional Capital Financing for Regional Municipality of Durham Contract T-1019-2020 for the Renovation and Expansion of the Regional Environmental Laboratory at the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, in the City of Pickering (2020-W-47)

Report #2020-W-47 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(81) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the low compliant bid of BDA Inc. in the amount of \$9,995,284* be awarded for Regional Municipality of Durham Contract T-1019-2020; and

- B) That the total project budget for Regional Municipality of Durham Contract T-1019- 2020 be increased by \$2,817,480, for a revised project budget of \$12,117,480, financing as noted in the following table:

Source of Funding	Residential Development Charges	Commercial Development Charges	Industrial Development Charges	User Revenue	Contribution from York Region	Total Financing
Water Supply Capital Budget Project Y1602	2,041,350	62,775	-	220,875	2,325,000	4,650,000
Sanitary Sewerage Capital Budget Project Y1602	1,724,725	128,250	296,050	175,975	2,325,000	4,650,000
Total Previously Approved Financing	3,766,075	191,025	296,050	396,850	4,650,000	9,300,000
Additional Financing from Reallocation 2020 Water Supply Capital Budget Item 171	618,437	19,018	-	66,915	704,370	1,408,740
Additional Financing from Reallocation 2020 Sanitary Sewerage Capital Budget Item 72	519,825	32,401	-	152,144	704,370	1,408,740
Total Revised Financing	4,904,337	242,444	296,050	615,909	6,058,740	12,117,480

(*) before applicable taxes

CARRIED

- C) Approval to Negotiate and Award a Sole Source Service Agreement with Aquatic Informatics (WaterTrax) for the Provision of Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Data Management Services (2020-W-48)

Report #2020-W-48 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(82) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That a sole source service agreement be negotiated and awarded to WaterTrax Inc. to provide water supply and sanitary sewerage data management services for a term of three years, commencing on January 31, 2021 at a cost of \$110,812.32* per year for a total estimated contract value of \$332,436.96*;
- B) That financing for the water supply and sanitary sewerage data management services provided by WaterTrax Inc. be provided from the annual Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Systems Business Plans & Budgets; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary documents related to the sole source service agreement.
(*) before applicable taxes

CARRIED

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

9.1 Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

A) Resolution regarding Extension of Comment Period for the Long-Term Waste Management Plan

S. Siopis advised that the comment period for the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP) ended on September 30, 2020. She also advised that over 2,000 responses had been received during the comment period. She further advised that staff will continue to monitor the website for any further comments sent in, and that there would be many more opportunities for the public to provide input.

In response to a question regarding an Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) special meeting being scheduled in the coming months, G. Anello advised that staff are working with Legislative Services to arrange those meetings on the topics of the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP), and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). He advised that all comments received on the LTWMP will be accepted as part of the Record of Consultation.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor McLean,
(83) That the public comment period for the Long-Term Waste Management Plan be extended from September 30, 2020 until October 31, 2020.

CARRIED

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 Sorting at the Waste Transfer Stations

In response to a question regarding how waste loads are sorted when vehicles arrive at the Waste Transfer Stations, G. Anello advised that there is a fee charged for a mixed load brought in by residents, and that the residents are expected to sort their items into the appropriate bins. He also advised that staff are monitoring the bins and doing additional sorting when necessary.

11.2 Disposal of Florescent Lightbulbs in the Regional Municipality of Durham

Councillor Smith raised a question regarding where members of the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) sector can dispose of fluorescent lightbulbs that are categorized as hazardous waste. He advised of a situation where a local volunteer committee member from the medical centre tried to dispose of florescent bulbs at the Brock Waste Transfer Station but was turned away because the facility was not permitted to accept hazardous waste from the ICI sector. He was advised to try RONA or LOWES which also would not accept that waste.

S. Siopis advised that businesses normally have a private waste contract that serves their business and would collect and dispose of the hazardous waste products. She advised that staff would investigate this further and offer some suggestions. G. Anello also advised that the Region does not monitor the waste management within the ICI sectors, and suggested that Councillor Smith email him directly concerning the specific issue of the fluorescent lightbulbs. He advised that when staff have an answer, they will share it with Chair Mitchell and members of the Works Committee.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Works Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor John Neal,
(84) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mitchell, Chair

S. Glover, Committee Clerk