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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### WORKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

A regular meeting of the Works Committee was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered 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 participated electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Ashe  
Councillor Collier  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Drew  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Lee  
Councillor Joe Neal  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Wotten

Absent: None

Staff

Present: G. Anello, Director of Waste Management  
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development  
J. Demanuele, Director of Business Services, Works Department  
J. Hunt, Regional Solicitor/Director of Legal Services, Corporate Services –  
Legal Services  
R. Jagannathan, Director of Transportation and Field Services  
J. Paquette, Manager (Works), Corporate Communications

N. Pincombe, Director, Business Planning & Budgets  
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  
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance  
C. Tennesco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
R. Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Marimpietri made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to the following items:

- i) Item 7.2 B) Anaerobic Digestion and the Environmental Assessment Act (2021-WR-3); and
- ii) Item 8.2 B) 2021 Works Department Business Plans and Budgets (2021-W-6), specifically as it relates to roads projects and service of Employment Lands within the Northwood Business Park.

He indicated that he has family members whom own property and reside within an area potentially being considered for an Anaerobic Digestion facility.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Smith,  
(11) That the minutes of the regular Works Committee meeting held on  
Wednesday, January 6, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

## **4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

## **5. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

## **6. Presentations**

- 6.1 G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services, and R. Jagannathan, Director of Transportation Services, re: 2021 Works Department Business Plans and Budgets (2021-W-6) [Item 8.2B)]

G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services, and R. Jagannathan, Director of Transportation Services provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2021 Works Department Business Plans and Budgets. N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, provided an overview of the Strategic Priorities for the 2021 Budget.

Highlights from the presentation included:

#### Budget Overview – Roads and Infrastructure

- 2020 Accomplishments
  - Service Improvements
  - Vision Zero (Works Measures)
  - Customer Service
- 2021 Proposed Expenditures and Financing
- 2021 Proposed Capital Program
- 2021 Priorities and Highlights
  - Operating
  - Staffing
- Proposed 2021 Growth-Related Projects
- Proposed 2021 Road Rehabilitation Projects
- Anticipated Major Road Capital Works this year
- Proposed 2021 Structures Rehabilitation/Replacement Projects
- Proposed 2021 Traffic Programs
- 2021 Priorities and Highlights
  - Vision Zero (Works Measures)
- 2021 Risks and Uncertainties
- 2021 Initiatives to Modernize & Find Service Efficiencies
- Future Budget Pressures
- Road Projects in 10-year Forecast
  - Road Widening
  - New alignment, corridor modifications and curve reconfigurations
  - Intersection Modifications
  - Road Rehabilitation
  - Preparatory activities for projects for construction beyond the forecast timeframe

R. Jagannathan responded to questions from the Committee regarding the potential for the Region to become a control centre for the Vision Zero project; the road construction at the intersection of Bayly Street and Church Street near the Durham Live site and what amount of development would trigger a widening on Bayly Street; expanding the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) project; the minimum speed on Regional roads; signalization at major intersections and whether there will be protected left hand turn lanes during construction; whether consultants are needed if more staff are being hired; and, whether all road works projects are coordinated with water and sewer projects.

#### Budget Overview - Waste

- 2020 Accomplishments
  - Service Improvements
  - Customer Service

- 2021 Proposed Expenditures and Financing
- 2021 Priorities and Highlights
  - Operating
  - Staffing
  - Capital
- 2021 Risks and Uncertainties
- 2021 Initiatives to Modernize & Find Service Efficiencies
- Future Budget Pressures

G. Anello responded to questions from the Committee regarding what the Region's option would be if the Ministry of the Environment denied the capacity increase from 140,000 tonnes to 160,000 tonnes at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC); the purpose and impact of the bio cover pilot at the Oshawa Landfill; the status of the recycling lid project for residential blue boxes; the transfer of waste from the Brock Waste Management Facility to the DYEC and how traffic will be impacted as a result of the transfer; ensuring that the Municipality of Clarington staff are kept informed of any updates/progress regarding the expansion of the Energy from Waste (EFW) facility; and whether an expansion of the EFW would lead to efficiencies and better overall emissions.

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Barton,

(12) That the agenda be altered in order to consider Report #2021-W-6: 2021 Works Department Business Plans and Budgets next.

CARRIED

## 8.2 Reports

### A) 2021 Works Department Business Plans and Budgets (2021-W-6)

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Report #2021-W-6 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

At this time, Councillor Marimpietri made a further declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Item 8.2 A): 2021 Works Department Business Plans and Budget, specifically as it relates to the service of employment lands within the Northwood Business Park. He indicated that he has family members whom own property and reside within an area potentially being considered for an Anaerobic Digestion facility. Councillor Marimpietri did not take part in the discussion or vote on items related to his declaration.

Staff responded to questions regarding what happens to the fly and bottom ash created at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC); and how many trucks would be entering/exiting the Brock Waste Management Facility to transfer waste to the DYEC.

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Barton,  
(13) That the Works Committee recommends to the Finance and Administration Committee for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2021 Property Tax Supported Business Plans and Budgets for the Works Department's General Tax and Solid Waste Management operations be approved.

CARRIED

**7. Waste**

7.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from June Gallagher, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington dated January 19, 2021, re: Terms of Reference for the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC)
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Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor McLean,  
(14) That correspondence from June Gallagher, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington dated January 19, 2021, re: Terms of Reference for the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) be referred to staff for a response.

CARRIED

- B) Correspondence from Linda Gasser, Whitby Resident, dated February 2, 2021, re: Agenda Item 7.2 A), Durham staff proposed appointees to EFW-WMAC (2021-WR-2)
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Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,  
(15) That correspondence from Linda Gasser, Whitby Resident, dated February 2, 2021, re: Agenda Item 7.2 A), Durham staff proposed appointees to EFW-WMAC (2021-WR-2) be referred to consideration of Item 7.2 A) Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee (Host Community Agreement Committee) Membership Appointments (2021-WR-2).

CARRIED

- C) Correspondence Linda Gasser, Whitby Resident, dated February 2, 2021, re: Report 2021 WR-3 – Anaerobic Digestion and the Environmental Assessment Act

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor McLean,  
(16) That correspondence from Linda Gasser, Whitby Resident, dated February 2, 2021, re: Report 2021-WR-3 – Anaerobic Digestion and the Environmental Assessment Act be referred to consideration of Item 7.2 B) Anaerobic Digestion and the Environmental Assessment Act (2021-WR-3).

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

A) Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee (Host Community Agreement Committee) Membership Appointments (2021-WR-2)

Report #2021-WR-2 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Smith,  
(17) That we recommend to Council:

A) That the following five applicants selected by members of the Works Committee be appointed for membership on the Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee for a two-year term (2021-2022):

- George Rocoski (City of Oshawa)
- Venkata Daram (Town of Ajax)
- William Baszyk (Township of Brock)
- Rochelle Fleming (City of Pickering)
- Sarah Shields (Township of Scugog)

B) That a copy of Report #2021-WR-2 of the Commissioner of Works be forwarded to the Municipality of Clarington for information.

CARRIED

B) Anaerobic Digestion and the Environmental Assessment Act (2021-WR-3)

Report #2021-WR-3 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

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

That the amending motion made at the December 16, 2020 Regional Council meeting, to amend Section 6.0.1 of the Environmental Assessment Act to include anaerobic digestion facilities in the list of facilities that require local municipal support not be approved.

CARRIED

**8. Works**

8.1 Correspondence

A) Confidential Memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works dated February 3, 2021 re: Tertiary Treatment at Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), in the City of Pickering

Detailed discussion ensued regarding whether the memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works dated February 3, 2021 should be kept confidential or released in an open memorandum; and whether any information referenced the Non-Disclosure Agreement that Regional staff have signed.

Staff advised that this matter arose from a closed session discussion and that the prudent course of action was to retain it as a confidential matter, but that staff could bring forward a supplementary memorandum containing information that could be released in a public report.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor McLean,

(19) That the confidential memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works dated February 1, 2021 re: Tertiary Treatment at Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), in the City of Pickering be referred to the February 24, 2021 Regional Council meeting and that staff be directed to prepare a supplementary memorandum to be brought to the February 24, 2021 Regional Council meeting so that the cost components can be separated into an open session memorandum.

CARRIED

B) Correspondence from Linda Gasser, Whitby Resident, dated February 2, 2021, re: Municipal Benchmarking Canada Report (2019 data) Waste Management

In response to a question, S. Siopis advised that all correspondence submitted will be reviewed by staff, and where specific questions have been raised, staff will respond.

Moved by Councillor Barton, Seconded by Councillor John Neal,

(20) That correspondence from Linda Gasser, Whitby Resident, dated February 2, 2021, re: Municipal Benchmarking Canada Report (2019 data) Waste Management be referred to staff for a response.

CARRIED

## 8.2 Reports

A) Extension of the Standardization of Programmable Logic Controllers, Related Process Control Equipment and Control System Software and the Renewal of Agreements with GE Intelligent Platforms Canada, Gray Matter Systems Canada and Gescan and the implementation of an Agreement with Emerson Automation Solutions to Support the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Systems Controlling Regional Water Supply and Wastewater Facilities (2021-W-5)

Report #2021-W-5 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor Crawford, Seconded by Councillor Barton,  
(21) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the standardization of Programmable Logic Controllers, Related Process Control Equipment and Control System Software to be used in the integration and upgrade of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems controlling Regional Water Supply and Wastewater facilities be extended for five (5) years from May of 2021 to April of 2026;
- B) That sole source agreements be negotiated with GE Intelligent Platforms Canada, Emerson Automation Solutions, Gray Matter Systems Canada and Gescan for software, support, training and hardware for five (5) years from May of 2021 to April of 2026; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the required agreements.

CARRIED

B) 2021 Works Department Business Plans and Budgets (2021-W-6)

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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. See pages 4 and 5 of these minutes.

C) Project Update and Sole Source of Additional Engineering Services for Upgrades at the Bowmanville WSP, in the Municipality of Clarington (2021-W-8)

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Report #2021-W-8 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor McLean,  
(22) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That a sole source contract amendment with R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. be authorized for costs associated with additional engineering services for the Bowmanville Water Supply Plant Upgrades project in the amount of \$892,368\*, over and above the approved upset limit of \$288,598\* resulting in a revised upset limit not to exceed \$1,180,966\*; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the amendment to the existing engineering services agreement.  
(\* ) including disbursements and before applicable taxes

CARRIED

D) The Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program (ORMGP), formerly known as York-Peel- Durham-Toronto (YPDT) and Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition (CAMC) Groundwater Management Program, Status Update and Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (2021-W-9)

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Report #2021-W-9 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

In response to a question from Councillor John Neal regarding whether there would be a discussion between the different levels of conservation authorities and staff regarding excess soil sites, staff clarified that Report #2021-W-9 of the Commissioner of Works was related to being able to access groundwater information in the Region of Durham with respect to wells. Staff advised that testing is the responsibility of the private well owner. Councillor John Neal advised that he would reach out to J. Presta directly for further information.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Smith,  
(23) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham renew the Memorandum of Understanding for the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program, as outlined in Attachment #1 of Report #2021-W-9 of the Commissioner of Works; and
- B) That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding to further support this initiative.

CARRIED

- E) Alignment of the Planned Connection Between the Proposed Highway 401 Crossing at Hopkins Street and Champlain Court, in the Town of Whitby (2021-W-10)
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Report #2021-W-10 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,  
(24) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham confirms that the planned alignment for the connection between the proposed Highway 401 Crossing at Hopkins Street and Champlain Court, included in the Highway 401 Crossing at Hopkins Street Environmental Assessment dated October 2013, will be deferred at this time and property acquisition will not be advanced until an Environmental Assessment addendum is completed; and
- B) That a copy of Report 2021-W-10 of the Commissioner of Works (exclusive of Confidential Attachment #2 to Report #2021-W-10), be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, Town of Whitby and the landowners of 1100, 1130 and 1150 Champlain Court, in the Town of Whitby, for information.

CARRIED

**9. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**10. Confidential Matters**

10.1 Reports

- A) Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Works –Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land for Regional Corporation Purposes as it relates to an Update on the Proposed Manning-Adelaide Connection Project, in the Town of Whitby/City of Oshawa (2021-W-7)

Confidential Report #2021-W-7 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Barton,  
(25) That we recommend to Council:

That Confidential Report #2021-W-7 of the Commissioner of Works be received for information.

CARRIED

**11. Other Business**

- A) Recycling Lids Project for Residential Blue Boxes

In response to a question from the Committee regarding when a report would be brought to Council regarding the recycling lids project for residential blue boxes, staff advised that they anticipate a report later this year once advertising and procurement matters have been finalized.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Works Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 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 McLean,  
(26) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Mitchell, Chair

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S. Glover, Committee Clerk