



**WINDSOR  
UTILITIES  
COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008**

**M03**

A meeting of the Windsor Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 in the Board Room at 787 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

The meeting commenced at 8:36 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

George Sandala (Acting Chair), Ken Lewenza (via teleconference), Bill Marra, Eddie Francis, Karen Behune Plunkett, Rocco Lucente, Jim Drummond, Acting General Manager Max Zalev, WUC COO John Wladarski, Director of Finance Victoria Zuber, Director of Engineering Norbert Poggio, WUC Controller Mark Friel, Vice President Customer & Employee Relations Mike McKinnon, EWU Controller Alison Keys, City of Windsor Helga Reidel and Tony Ardovini, Wendy Howlett, Recording Secretary, Gino Conte of CBC Radio News (arrived 9:17 a.m.)

As the Chair was attending via teleconference, George Sandala assumed the role of Acting Chair.

Noting quorum, the Acting Chair called the meeting to order. Addendum to the agenda was noted as 2 (C) *Trucking Services within the City of Windsor*. A request to go in-camera to discuss a labour relations issue was accepted by the Acting Chair.

**DECLARATION OR CONFIRMATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST(S)**

Nil.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**MOY – SHEPHERD – BEECH WATERMAIN CONSTRUCTION**

Moved by R. Lucente

Seconded by J. Drummond

That the Commission approve the bid received by M.R. Dunn Contractors Ltd. for the Moy – Shepherd – Beech Watermain Reconstruction at the total cost, including GST, of \$568,596.00

-CARRIED

**CATHODIC PROTECTION CONTRACT TENDER #2971 – VILLAGES OF RIVERSIDE**

Moved by R. Lucente

Seconded by K. Behune Plunkett

That the Commission approve the bid of CP Systems for the 2008 Cathodic Protection Program Contract, and, further, that the scope and value of the contract be extended to that of the full budgeted amount of \$500,000 to cover the Villages of Riverside.

- CARRIED

**TRUCKING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF WINDSOR**

Moved by E. Francis

Seconded by J. Drummond

That the Commission approve that the 2500 hours regular rate – 20 hours overtime rate for trucking services within the City of Windsor be awarded to the lowest bidder, Quinlan Landscape, at the regular rate of \$58.00 per hour/\$70.00 per hour overtime, with the proviso that in the event, for whatever reason, Quinlan is not available to perform the service on a temporary basis, that other suppliers be engaged with the proviso that rates do not exceed those of Quinlan's.

– CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nil.

**COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**Tour of Water Plant**

K. Lewenza was directed to John Stuart, Director of Water Production, to arrange a tour of the water treatment plant for a group that is interested in promoting tap water versus bottled water.

**Rising Fuel Costs**

K. Behune Plunkett questioned the impact of rising fuel costs on the operating budget. J. Wladarski responded that, while an indepth study has not been conducted, contract prices with trucking firms are considered fair and are locked in. Additionally, fuel costs for the fleet are kept under control by way of curtailing unnecessary trips.

**Water Pressure**

J. Drummond requested further information regarding the alleged water pressure problem at the recent fire on Hannah. J. Wladarski noted aging infrastructure may have been the problem, in that the Fire Department used a hydrant connected to an old six inch main.

**IN-CAMERA MEETING**

Motion to move in-camera at 8:48 a.m.

Moved by K. Behune Plunkett

Seconded by J. Drummond

Motion to resume regular meeting at 9:18 a.m.

**IN-CAMERA REPORT**

Moved by E. Francis

Seconded by R. Lucente

That the Commission receive the in-camera Labour Relations report as verbally presented by M. McKinnon and that Management be directed to provide a follow-up report on this issue. - CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was Moved by K. Behune Plunkett, Seconded by B. Marra

That the meeting terminate at 9:20 a.m. - CARRIED

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Recording Secretary

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Chair