



**WINDSOR
UTILITIES
COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

A meeting of the Windsor Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 in the Board Room at 787 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

The meeting commenced at 9:19 a.m.

PRESENT:

Ken Lewenza, Chair, George Sandala, Loretta Stoyka (9:23 a.m.), Karen Behune Plunkett, Bill Marra, Rocco Lucente, General Manager John Wladarski, Chief Financial Officer Victoria Zuber, Manager Corporate Communications Sylvia De Vries, Director Water Production Garry Rossi, Director of Engineering Norbert Poggio, Director of Operations David Melnyk, City of Windsor Tony Ardovini and Helga Reidel, Windsor Star Monica Wolfson (9:38 a.m.), CBC Radio Gino Conte (9:23 a.m.), CKLW Patty Handysides, Residents Les Chaif, Alice DiCaro, Al Nelman and Alex Foley, Recording Secretary Wendy Howlett.

Regrets: John Stuart, Jim Drummond, Mayor Francis, Ron Jones

There being a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order.

On behalf of the Commission, the Chair expressed deepest condolences to General Manager John Wladarski, whose father recently passed away.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by G. Sandala

Seconded by K. Plunkett

That the agenda be approved as presented.

DECLARATION OR CONFIRMATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST(S)

Nil.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Moved by R. Lucente

Seconded by G. Sandala

That the Commission approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the meeting to convene in closed session, held May 21, 2009.

- CARRIED

CONTRACT APPROVALS

TRUCKING SERVICES CONTRACT

Moved by R. Lucente

Seconded by K. Plunkett

That the Commission approve the trucking services contract to Quinlan for one year at a value of \$130,160.00 plus GST.

- CARRIED

WOODLAND AVENUE WATERMAIN RECONSTRUCTION

Moved by R. Lucente

Seconded by K. Plunkett

That the Commission approve the Woodland Avenue watermain reconstruction tender to SLR Contracting at a value of \$371,350.00 plus GST.

- CARRIED

WUC ELECTRICAL SAFETY UPGRADES

Moved by L. Stoyka

Seconded by R. Lucente

That the Commission approve the replacement of all electrical facility distribution components at the A.J. Brian Pumping Station and the J.F. Cook Reservoir and Booster Station.

- CARRIED

OTHER

BILLING INSERTS

Moved by K. Plunkett

Seconded by G. Sandala

That the Commission receive as information the report pertaining to billing inserts on WUC By-Laws 88 and 90.

- CARRIED

PRESENTATION – ALEX FOLEY

Mr. Alex Foley, resident of the City of Windsor, addressed his PowerPoint presentation entitled "Water & Sewage Rates – What You Should Know". Commentary was restricted to water-related topics, as the City of Windsor is responsible for sewage and wastewater.

At 9:09 a.m., the Recording Secretary advised that Mr. Foley had surpassed the 15-minute time allotment for his presentation.

Moved by L. Stoyka

Seconded by K. Plunkett

That Mr. Foley's presentation be allowed to continue for an additional five minutes.

- CARRIED

Mr. Foley concluded his presentation by thanking the Commission for the opportunity to bring forth his concerns.

DELEGATIONS

Mssrs. Chaif and Nelman, residents of the City of Windsor, provided comment with respect to the presentation given by Mr. Alex Foley. Both gentlemen thanked the Commission for the opportunity to speak.

COMMISSION RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION

Vice-Chair George Sandala, Chair of the WUC Audit and Finance Committee, provided a response to Mr. Foley's presentation. He noted concern with respect to the various inaccurate figures used throughout the presentation. He further noted that the budget process is a very complex issue, and welcomed the attendance of the group to future public WUC Audit and Finance Committee meetings.

In response to Mr. Nelman's comment regarding the Managed Services Agreement and an overlap of services, Mr. Sandala clarified that there is no overlap of services, but rather a sharing of services. WUC realizes savings of approximately \$6 million per year through 109 shared services with *ENWIN*.

Misinterpretation and miscommunication have resulted in the need for a retraction of the presentation. The Commission is willing to assist this group with any future dissemination of public information.

Moved by R. Lucente

Seconded by K. Plunkett

That the Commission provide Mr. Alex Foley and others with correct budget figures and an explanation as to how those figures are derived, as well as an explanation of the budget process; and further, that if the presentation still proves to be inaccurate, that a public retraction be made of the presentation "Water and Sewage Rates – What You Should Know".

Mssrs. Foley, Chaif and Nelman were commended for bringing forth their concerns and were thanked for their presentation.

[Secretary's Note]: Commissioner Sandala's written report responding to Mr. Foley's presentation is attached hereto as Appendix "A".

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS' QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Nil.

TERMINATION OF MEETING

There being no further business, it was Moved by R. Lucente, Seconded by G. Sandala
10:37 a.m. - CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE

Contract Approvals - Thursday, July 30, 2009.

Recording Secretary

Chair