



GENERAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 24, 2001
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

MINUTES OF MEETING # G.C. 2001-05

Members Present: Mayor C. Forster

Councillors:

R. Alakas	D. Fortier
D. Beaudoin	J. Irvine
M. Belcastro	J. Mastroianni
M. Dzugan	S. O'Dell (7:05 p.m.)
T. Eybel	

Members of the Staff and Others Present:

Chief Administrative Officer V. Kersch
City Clerk C.A. Stirtzinger
City Solicitor G. Banks
Director of Development Services T. Fitzpatrick
Fire Chief P. Olah
City Engineer G. Marcello (7:05 p.m.)
Community Services Director I. Smith (8:10 p.m.)
Deputy City Treasurer B. Silvestri
Clerk Steno III Barbara Gallacio
Recording Secretary N. Hollingshead

Others Present: Mr. John Conlin

Conlin Associates Limited, 14 Armour Drive, Welland, Ontario L3C 2N9
Re: Application for Draft Plan Subdivision Approval and Rezoning Amendment -
Ashton Homes - Towpath Village Extension
(File 26T-14-01001 and File 2001-02)

Mr. Pat J. Kolacs, President, Kick It Soccer, 195 Denistoun #181, Welland
Re: Plymouth Park

1. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil.
2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2001**

Moved by Councillor Alakas that the Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of March 27, 2001 be and the same are hereby approved and adopted as circulated.

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3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

A) Community Services

**01-02 - City of Welland Business Licensing By-Law
(DSD - 2001-30)**

Mayor Forster explained that this By-law expired in January of this year. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that while applications are continuing to be made, no charges are being incurred and the licenses have no validity. Mr. Banks suggested that the By-law be re-instated with a new expiry date being set for the end of 2001. Any amendments could then be made at that time.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR IRVINE:

That the City of Welland Business Licensing By-Law be re-instated until the end of the year 2001, at which time the matter would be re-visited, and that this recommendation be presented at tonight's Special Council Meeting.

CARRIED

4. (A) Mayor Forster recessed the General Committee Meeting to call a Special Council Meeting at 7:08 p.m. re: Application for Draft Plan Approval and Rezoning Amendment - Ashton Homes, Towpath Village Extension, File 26T-1401001 and File 2001-02); and to consider City of Welland Licensing By-law.
- (B) The Special Council Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to convene the General Committee Meeting. The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting are recorded separately and filed with the Clerk.
- (C) Mayor Forster reconvened the General Committee Meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

5. DELEGATION:

**Mr. Pat J. Kolacz, President, Kick It Soccer
Re: Fees incurred at Plymouth Park (01-31)**

Mr. Kolacz expressed concern regarding a bill Kick It Soccer received from the City which includes no breakdown of costs. He advised he had come before Council last year, at which time he had been under the impression that the City would charge \$10.00 per game, rather than \$10.00 per hour. Mr. Kolacz informed the Committee of the membership size of his club (now comprised only of youth) and added that a certain percentage of the members do require some financial assistance. He asked that requests from Kick It Soccer be given equal consideration with the Welland Soccer Club. Mr. Kolacz was asked to provide the

City with financial statements. Mr. Smith advised that he would be meeting with Mr. Kolacz to discuss this matter further.

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6. STAFF REPORTS:

(A) COMMUNITY SERVICES - Councillor Mastroianni, Chair

Community Services Department

**01-90 - Tender - Weed Cutting
(CSD FAC 2001-02)**

MOVED BY MAYOR FORSTER:

That Council waive the requirement for the "minimum of three (3) bids" for weed cutting along road sides, on privately owned lots, and lands adjacent to the Rowing Club, south of Forks Road, due to the fact that only two (2) tenders were received. Furthermore, that Council authorize the opening of the tenders for the supply of the subject services.

CARRIED

(B) CORPORATE SERVICES - Councillor Fortier, Chair

Clerk's Department

**01-89 - Council Chamber Sound System
CLK 2001-12)**

Mr. Stirtzinger suggested putting this matter on hold due to the upcoming renovations to the Council Chamber and the fact that Council may be moving to an alternate location. Councillors Eybel and Dzugan stressed they had received many complaints from residents who are frustrated with the poor quality of the sound system at the televised Council meetings. Councillor Eybel was of the opinion that this matter be resolved and as the system recommended is portable, suggested that Council purchase this as soon as possible. Mr. Stirtzinger questioned the practicality of this with the upcoming change in meeting locations. He informed the Committee that Cogeco had been contacted regarding the problem but they have been unable to rectify this. He asked that Councillors endeavour to speak directly into their microphones and keep them in the correct position, so as to minimize background noise. Mayor Forster agreed and suggested that Council watch the tape following the meeting, to see if there is any improvement in sound quality. Mr. Smith advised that he would prepare a report for May 8, 2001.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR IRVINE:

That the matter of 01-89 Council Chamber Sound System (CLK 2001-12) be tabled.

CARRIED

Councillor Eybel asked to be recorded as opposed.

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(C) OPERATIONAL SERVICES - Councillor Beaudoin, Chair

Engineering Division

01-62 - Tender - Supply of Asphaltic Materials
(ENG 2001-04)

Chair Beaudoin advised of the recent conference he had attended where he had gathered material on new product(s) with greater longevity. Upon his return he had passed this information on to Staff concerned. He expressed disappointment that these companies had not been contacted by the City. Mr. Marcello stated that the usual process had been followed with regard to advertising for tenders but the other companies could be contacted next time. Councillor Fortier stressed that Staff should take the lead with respect to new products and respective companies should be contacted. Councillor O'Dell stated that the tendering process was not the appropriate time to be discussing this issue.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASTROIANNI:

That Council accept the tenders of Welland Paving for the supply of hot mix asphalt materials, The GH Company for premium cold mix and if required, Hard Rock Paving for the supply of coarse blend cold mix, as these were the lowest unit prices of the six (6) tenders submitted.

CARRIED

01-64 - Tender - Supply of Stone
(ENG 2001-05)

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MASTROIANNI:

That Council accept the tenders of Hard Rock Paving, Port Colborne Quarries, Blue Circle Aggregates and Vineland Quarries for the supply of stone at the tendered prices of \$894.00, \$68,343.65, \$852.00 and \$3,037.40 respectively, using the lowest tendered price for each stone category in the corresponding trucking areas.

CARRIED

01-66 - Tender - Supply of Top Soil
(ENG 2001-06)

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DZUGAN:

That Council accept the quotation submitted by Compost Niagara for compost material at the quoted price of \$6,700.00 and accept quotation for top soil from Abe's Top Soil, at the quoted price of \$9,424.00 as these are the lowest prices submitted by the three (3) companies that have submitted bids.

CARRIED

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**01-67 - Tender - Supply and Application of Road Surface Treatment Materials
(ENG 2001-15)**

Mr. Marcello explained the revision in price on this report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EYBEL:

That Council accept the tenders of Norjohn Limited Emulsion Division for the supply and application of Road Surface Treatment Materials for the total price of \$55,410.00, as this was the only quotation submitted.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS:

1ST Leo Robbins Memorial Golf Classic

Mr. Smith encouraged Councillors to take part in this event and advised that funds raised would be applied to maintenance of the murals.

Parking - St. George Park

Councillor O'Dell advised that residents have complained that visitors to the park are not parking in the parking lot but along the roadway. As this is a safety issue he asked that the City consider making this a no parking zone. Mr. Marcello will look into this situation and report back to Council.

(DIRECTION)

General Budget Meeting

Councillor Fortier announced that the next General Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2001 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Governance Committee

Councillor O'Dell asked Mr. Kerschl when this information would be provided. Mr. Kerschl advised that the preliminary list is complete and this will be used to approach neighbouring municipalities. He added that a report would be ready for the next meeting.

Railway Lands

Mr. Fitzpatrick advised he wishes to speak with Mr. Ettinger prior to the next Council Meeting to ascertain whether he is willing to work with the City on this matter. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated he also would like to speak with Councillor O'Dell to receive his input. Trillium can then be asked to clean up the railway lands with assistance from the City. This would hopefully take place within the next two weeks.

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Councillor O'Dell stated he has been contacted by Dain City residents regarding rust on the bridge(s), posing a possible safety hazard to rowers and those passing through. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he would contact Trillium Railways concerning this but the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority is ultimately responsible. Mr. Banks supported Mr. Fitzpatrick's comments and advised that the City does not possess ownership of the lands.

(ACTION)

8. OUTSTANDING ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

2000-130 - Petition from Summerlea Subd. and areas surrounding Alexander Kuska School to install a pathway from Quaker road to the School.

Councillor Alakas asked Mr. Marcello to provide the status on this matter. Mr. Marcello advised that City labour would be used for this project. Councillor Beaudoin asked why a cost breakdown had not yet been received and stressed the urgency of this matter due to the number of children in the area. Mr. Marcello stated that approximately \$6,000.00 had been allocated towards this. Councillor Alakas asked that the work be carried out before the end of the school year.

(ACTION)

9. The General Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.