

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CL 17-2004

COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, October 21, 2004

6:30 p.m.

2201 St. David's Road

Thorold, Ontario

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Committee of the Whole

Closed Session Reports as contained
In Standing Committee Reports
For Council Agenda CL 17-2004

Agencies, Boards and Commissions

Letter dated October 1, 2004

Re: Appointment of Board Members

Confidential Joint Reports

Report HR 40-2004/CSD 140-2004

Bi-Weekly Pay

Report PWA 181-2004/PHD 71-2004

Public Health Accommodation

573 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines

7:00 p.m.

3. Invocation
4. Singing of 'O Canada'
5. Adoption of Agenda
 - 5.1 Addition of Items
 - 5.2 Changes in Order of Items
 - 5.3 Conflicts of Interest

6. Presentations

Regional Chairman Peter Partington
**Re: 2004 Niagara Regional Chairman's Charity Golf Tournament
Cheque Presentations**
Niagara Community Foundation
West Lincoln Memorial Hospital
Women's Place of South Niagara – Nova House
YMCA – Youth Programs
Salvation Army - Booth Centre
Niagara Symphony Association

John Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources
Regional Chairman Peter Partington
Regional Councillor Debbie Zimmerman
Re: Debbie Zimmerman Award for Customer Service Excellence

Flory Massi, President
Rita Maier, Second Vice-President
Tender Wishes Foundation
**Re: Tender Wishes Foundation and How The
Children of the Niagara Region are Served**

7. Chair's Reports, Announcements, Remarks

8. Adoption of Minutes

Report CL 16-2004
Thursday, October 7, 2004

9. Correspondence, Petitions (CA 90-2004)

a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff
C6343 to C6345

b) For Consideration
None

10. Resolutions from Other Municipalities

11. Delegations (related to Committee Reports)

Patricia Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services
**Re: Investing In Our Future: The Early Learning and
Child Care Plan 2004-2007**

12. Agencies, Boards and Commissions

13. Committee Reports (CA 91-2004)

14. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Report CAO 22-2004
Niagara Regional Housing
Affordable Rental Housing Initiative and
Other Housing Programs, October 21, 2004
(The report is behind the CAO tab)
15. Motions (CA 92-2004)

Niagara's Cultural Assets
Development of Committee
16. Notices of Motion
17. Other Business
18. By-laws (CA 93-2004)
19. Adjournment

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy

9 a) Correspondence to be Received and/or Referred to Staff:

C6343 Harinder S. Takhar, Minister of Transportation, addressed to Peter Partington, Regional Chairman, (September 29, 2004) with respect to the Ministry's work to expedite the Environmental Assessment submission, and commitment to work collaboratively with both US and Canadian customs to minimize border delays at the Niagara Frontier.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

C6344 Sylvia Sutherland, Mayor, City of Peterborough, addressed to Peter Partington, Regional Chairman, expressing deep appreciation for the Region's generous contribution of \$5,000 to their disaster relief fund.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

C6345 John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, (October 7, 2004) respecting positive changes in key areas such as housing and municipal affairs.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

9 b) Correspondence for Consideration:

None

13. Committee Reports

JOINT REPORTS

Report CSD 142-2004/PWA 179-2004
Priority Sanitary Sewer Trunk Cleaning

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

Report 3-2005 (Budget), Thursday, October 7, 2004

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report CFS 21-2004, Wednesday, October 13, 2004

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report CSC 15-2004, Monday, October 18, 2004
(Minutes will be attached to the addendum)

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Report 9-2004, Tuesday, October 12, 2004

PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report PSC 16-2004, Wednesday, October 13, 2004

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report PHSC 16-2004, Monday, October 18, 2004
(Minutes will be attached to the addendum)

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Report PW 20-2004, Tuesday, October 12, 2004

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE AND
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Report PHSC 16-2004/PW 21-2004, Tuesday, October 12, 2004

15. Motions

Councillor Casselman gave notice at the Council meeting of October 7, 2004 that she would present the following motion for consideration of Council at the Regional Council Meeting of October 21, 2004:

Whereas in Ontario 291,000 people work in the cultural sector, generating \$19.1 billion in annual direct and indirect economic activity; and

Whereas the Niagara Region is rich in culture and heritage assets, artists and artisans; and

Whereas arts and cultural life are principal determinants of quality of life and important considerations for attracting business and highly mobile and knowledgeable workers; and

Whereas cultural activities attract tourists, create ancillary facilities that generate income, jobs and tax revenue; and

Whereas cultural tourism has been identified as the major travel motivator in the next 20 years; and

Whereas the Region of Niagara needs to establish a cultural strategy in order to compete for provincial and federal funding;

Therefore be it resolved that a Committee of Council be formed, including members of the arts and heritage community (i.e., professional cultural workers, artists and volunteers, etc.) and supported by Regional staff, to identify and assess Niagara's cultural assets and determine options for leveraging those assets to establish a strong, vibrant, regional cultural identity that can be promoted provincially, nationally and internationally.

18. By-Laws

Bill 126

A by-law to authorize debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$400,000 for project ZSW0303, Sewer Cleaning Program from the 2004 Wastewater Capital Budget.

Bill 127

A by-law regarding the powers of Niagara Regional Housing.

Bill 128

A by-law to provide for the adoption of amendment 184 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to permit a number of mini soccer fields outside the Urban Area Boundary in the City of St. Catharines.

Bill 129

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 21st day of October 2004.