

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CL 19-2004

COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, November 18, 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 19-2004

7:00 p.m.

3. Invocation
4. Singing of 'O Canada'

Capital Budget Public Meeting

5. Adoption of Agenda
 - 5.1 Addition of Items
 - 5.2 Changes in Order of Items
 - 5.3 Conflicts of Interest
6. Presentations

Councillor Ron Leavens
Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee
Re: Bicycle Friendly Awards Presentation

George Darte
2004 Campaign Chair
United Way St. Catharines & District
Re: Campaign Goals and Recent Happenings

Dan Patterson, President
Alan Goddard, Chair
Board of Governors Niagara College
Re: Niagara College Update: Progress and Plans

7. Chair's Reports, Announcements, Remarks
8. Adoption of Minutes

Report CW 7-2004
Thursday, November 4, 2004

Report CL 18-2004
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9. Correspondence, Petitions (CA 102-2004)
 - a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff

 - b) For Consideration
None
10. Resolutions from Other Municipalities
11. Delegations (related to Committee Reports)
12. Agencies, Boards and Commissions
13. Committee Reports (CA 103-2004)
14. Chief Administrative Officer's Report
15. Motions (CA 104 -2004)

General Motors of Canada Limited
"Project Beacon"
16. Notices of Motion
17. Other Business
18. By-laws (CA 105-2004)
19. Adjournment

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy

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

C6357 Peter Partington, Regional Chairman (November 12, 2004) respecting Resolutions from other Municipalities.

Resolution from the Corporation of the Township of Wellesley (October 19, 2004) requesting that the Provincial Government turn a percentage of the fuel tax, gas tax, and license and registration taxes collected over the lower tier government and that rural Ontario and Canada demand their fair share of the gas tax revenue as promised by Mr. Paul Martin, Mr. John Godfrey and others.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

C6358 Andrea Kriluck, President, Niagara Community Foundation (November 3, 2004) expressing gratitude and excitement in receiving a cheque for \$58,000. to the benefit of many people across Niagara.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

C6359 Copy of a letter to Gord Harry, Chair, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, from Regional Councillor Debbie Zimmerman (November 5, 2004) expressing regret as she tenders her resignation as a member of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

C6360 City of Welland Resolution (November 2, 2004) respecting a general anti-idling by-law including a policy adopted to restrict unnecessary idling of vehicles and equipment and challenge other public institutions, individuals and groups to voluntarily observe as well anti-idling behaviours and policies.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

C6361 Copy of a letter to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario (October 4, 2004) from Norm Mino, Chairperson, Board of Health, and Dr. Pat Logan, Acting Medical Officer of Health, Timiskaming, Ontario respecting government support and collaboration for the *Call to Action: Creating a Healthy School Nutrition Environment*.

Recommended Action:
--Receive and refer to Public Health Services Committee.

13. Committee Reports

JOINT REPORTS

CSD 153-2004/ PWA 196-2004	Waste Management Financing Options 2005 Cost Apportionment
CAO 23-2004	Shared Service Agreements – The Regional Municipality of Niagara And Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation
Memorandum	2005 Budget Review Process (November 5, 2004)
CAO 24-2004	Final Report on Niagara's Partnership with Environment Canada To Assess Niagara's Overall Approach to Sustainability using The Melbourne Principles

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

Report 5-2005 Budget, November 4, 2004

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report CFS 23-2004, Wednesday, November 10, 2004

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report CSC 16-2004, Monday, November 8, 2004

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Report HR 10-2004, Tuesday, November 9, 2004

PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report PSC 18-2004, Wednesday, November 10, 2004

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report PHSC 19-2004, Monday, November 8, 2004

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Report PW 23-2004, Tuesday, November 9, 2004

15. Motions

That whereas General Motors of Canada Limited (GMCL) has proposed a bold new initiative, Project Beacon, to accelerate Canadian-based automotive innovation and competitiveness in conjunction with Canadian education institutions and automotive suppliers (including auto parts, steel, aluminum, research and development.

Whereas Niagara is important to St. Catharines and the Niagara Region's economic prosperity and,

Whereas GMCL will increase their competitive advantage in the automobile/transportation markets by modifying their manufacturing technology and processes to enhance flexibility and,

Whereas this increase in competition will have a positive impact on employment in the City of St. Catharines and the Region of Niagara; and,

Whereas Project Beacon will enhance and increase the design and engineering capacity of GMCL and through the new proposed Automotive Innovation Network, GMCL will direct more than 130 million dollars in new support towards the training of the next generation of Canadian automotive engineers and designers; and,

Whereas accelerating the commercialization of automotive/transportation related research and development in Canada – a key element of much broader return on investment would be achieved by government support of Project Beacon; and

Whereas GMCL is in discussions with the Ontario and Federal governments concerning their participation in Project Beacon's investments and initiatives for Canada and Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that Regional Council encourage the Ontario and Federal Governments to partner and financially support General Motors of Canada Limited's Project Beacon;

And further copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Prime Minister Paul Martin.

18. By-Laws

Bill 134

A by-law to close a portion of Nidel's Crescent in the City of Welland.

Bill 135

A by-law to provide for the regulation of traffic on Regional Highways in the City of Welland.

Bill 136

A by-law to provide for the regulation of traffic on Regional Highways in the Township of West Lincoln.

Bill 137

A by-law to provide for the regulation of traffic on Regional Highways in the City of Welland.

Bill 138

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 18th day of November, 2004.