

# THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

### REPORT CL 6-2005

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The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in Closed Session in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, April 7, 2005 commencing at 6:35 p.m.

#### ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chairman Partington; Councillors Almas; Angelone; Bailey, Baty; Bentley; Bodner; Brock; Burroughs; Casselman; Collins; Eke; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Harry; Heit, Hildreth; Hodgson; Katzman; Leavens; Marshall; Martin; Mastroianni; Redekop; Salci; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms; Zimmerman.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Cambray, Commissioner of Planning; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Bacchus, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Hutchings; Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities; Nicol, Commissioner of Human Resources; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

#### Staff

(Part-Time): Messrs. Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair.

#### CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

174. Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That this Council do now move into Closed Committee of the Whole for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to legal, personnel and property matters.

Carried.

175. Oral Report – Commissioner of Community Services Position

Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the Recruitment of the Commissioner of Community Services position.

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in the oral report regarding the Recruitment of the Commissioner of Community Services position.

Carried.

176. Update on the OPG Hydro Generation Project

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Report CAO 10-2005, respecting an Update on the OPG Hydro Generation Project be received, and

That staff renegotiate the Community Impact Agreement with OPG to ensure adequate financial compensation resulting from the proposed infrastructure works and that all social and environmental concerns are identified and addressed; and

That staff take into consideration the concerns expressed by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Carried.

**CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT**

177. Moved by Councillor Smeaton  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That this Council do now rise with report.

Carried.

Following Committee of the Whole, Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:16 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Brock, followed by the singing of O' Canada.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

178. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That the Council Agenda CL 6-2005 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

179.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Almas declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to minute item 143 as contained in Public Works and Utilities Committee Report PW 6-2005, respecting Report PWA 56-2005, Agreement Merritton Mills Redevelopment Corp. Disposal of Soil Material from the former Domtar Property, as one company is a client of his legal firm, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Bentley declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to minute item 27 as contained in HR Report 4-2005 respecting Report HR 11-2005, Police Services Board Remuneration, as he is a member of the Police Services Board, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters relating to wireless communication, as he is employed by a wireless communication company and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

Councillor Marshall declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters relating to the Niagara Health System as he is employed by the Niagara Health System and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

Councillor Smeaton declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters relating to Seniors Homes as he is employed by a Seniors Home and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

Councillor Zimmerman declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Communication C6461 regarding Private Members Bill 7, The VQA Wines Store Act, 2003, as she is employed by the Grape Growers Association and she therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Zimmerman declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the matter of Mr. Thomas Kugler, a resident and Grape Grower in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, who has been affected by the farm parcel size adopted by the Greenbelt Legislation, which was dealt with at the Planning Services Committee meeting on March 9, 2005, as they are both members of the same association, and she therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on this matter.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### 180. Fourth Annual Tobacco-Free Poster Contest Awards

Sarah Rose, Health Promoter and Sandy Polly, Public Health, together with Regional Chair Partington and Councillor Timms presented the awards for the Fourth Annual Tobacco-Free Poster Contest. The contest is a collaborative effort by the Chronic Disease Prevention Division, Tobacco Use Prevention Team and Population Health's Youth Connection Elementary School Team. 6,449 elementary students from 104 schools across the Region took up the challenge to create a poster illustrating their thoughts as to why they choose to be smoke free. Submissions were narrowed to ten finalists in each age category, which were then judged by twelve area officials. The panel of judges included representatives from school boards, community agencies and Councillors Timms and Baty. Awards were presented to the top three winners in each age category for both English and French submissions. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners received a \$100 gift certificate and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners received a \$50 gift certificate. 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners received, compliments of the YMCA of Niagara, a one month junior membership. In addition, several random prize draws will take place with an opportunity for all entrants to win a prize geared to encourage physical activity.

### 181. Corporate Employee Recognition Team (CERT) "Recognition of Excellence" Award Winners

Carrie Brunet, Chair, CERT, together with Regional Chair Partington and Mike Trojan, C.A.O. presented the "Recognition of Excellence" awards to the following employees:

Tom Bernard, Planning – won for outstanding Team Participation.

Janet Moate, Planning – won for her commitment to Customer Services.

GIS Services Team consisting of Carole Bjorkman, Bruce Irwin, Tom Jamieson, Jennifer Leadley, Nicole Mercier, Farouk Rohoman, Jodi Stephenson, Jamie Tait and Lydia Torbicki – won the Innovation Award for their dedication to the Niagara Atlas and Navigator programs

Tracy Webb, Linhaven – won for Customer Services.

Denise Chuchman and Tammy D'Amico, Public Health Department - won a Regional Star.

Phil Curtis, Public Works – won a Regional Star.

These employees were nominated by their peers for their outstanding contributions to life and work at the Region.

182. Great Lakes Water

Renni Piscitelli, Chapter Treasurer, Council of Canadians, Niagara Chapter on the Great Lakes Water Charter attended Council to express their concerns regarding the draft agreements, one between the eight governors of Great Lakes States and the other, the Good Faith agreement which included Ontario and Quebec. They are concerned that the draft agreements would not protect Great Lakes waters and would in fact compromise the Boundary Waters Treaty and the role of the International Joint Commission in controlling access to Great Lakes water. Currently eight states and two provinces have returned to the negotiating table and a new version of the agreement is expected to come out in May 2005. Committee supported their resolution as presented.

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

WHEREAS water is an essential resource which needs to be protected in the strongest way possible, and

WHEREAS water can best be protected in its natural watersheds, and

WHEREAS the Great Lakes Water Charter Annex proposed in 2004 was not approved because it did not provide adequate protection against potential diversions of Great Lakes water, and

WHEREAS the Region of Niagara is an integral part of the Great Lakes watershed, and

WHEREAS any treaty dealing with water must recognize Canada's sovereign authority to manage its water and therefore an agreement on Great Lakes water must involve the Canadian Federal Government.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Government of Canada be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara supports the following principles in any treaty governing Great Lakes water:

- The principle of no diversions outside the Great lakes water basin.
- The principle that access to Great Lakes water is equally shared by Canada and the United States as outlined in the boundary Waters Treaty.
- The principle that the International Joint Commission continue to play the primary role in overseeing water use of boundary waters.

- The principle that strategies to conserve water must be integral to any new treaties governing Great Lakes water.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- Any new draft agreement governing Great Lakes water should include at least one public meeting within the Niagara Region.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CL 101.)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

183. **Property Taxation and Assessment Information Session**

Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that a “Property Taxation and Assessment Information Session” is being held on April 13, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. This is an outcome of Council’s Business Session in an effort to gain information and have dialogue on complex taxation issues. There will first be an “Assessment and Taxation” presentation from the Municipal Properties Assessment Corporation (MPAC), followed by a presentation from Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services, regarding the Region’s role and taxing authority and to examine how the Region assesses and recovers costs. The C.A.O. advised that an information package has been distributed to Councillors for this session and if they would like any other issues addressed, to please contact staff.

184. **Post on Website**

Councillor Collins requested that Report CSD 49-2005, 2005 Tax Policy and Tax Rates and the memorandum from Mr. Bacchus regarding Tax Ratio Alternatives be posted on the Region’s website on Monday, April 11, 2005.

185. **CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS**

The Regional Chair commented that it is with sadness that we mark the passing of Pope John Paul II this past weekend. He was a great man, indeed a man of peace and an example to us all regardless of our faith and belief. He will be missed.

The Regional Chair apprised Council of a number of events happening:

- April 8<sup>th</sup> – The releasing of the report “Niagara Nurtures..A Snapshot of Niagara’s Children”

- April 8<sup>th</sup> - The Regional Chair advised he would be meeting once again with the Niagara-GTA Corridor Heads of Council group at the Roselawn Centre in Port Colborne
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – Community Services will be holding a Youth Advisory Council Symposium at Sheraton Four Points
- April 13<sup>th</sup> - A Council Business Plan Information Session on Tax and Assessment Issues starting at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Sheela Basrur, the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health will be the keynote speaker at the Community Forum on Obesity Prevention taking place from noon – 1:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn Parkway Hotel on Ontario Street in St. Catharines
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27 – the Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation, in conjunction with the Region, will be presenting “Niagara Week” in Toronto. This is an opportunity to showcase Niagara to Queen’s Park and the Toronto business community
- April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – Niagara will host the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing’s Central Ontario Municipal Conference. The dinner on the 28<sup>th</sup> will be attended by Minister Gerretsen and the key note speech on the 29<sup>th</sup> will be provided by the Honourable John Godfrey, Federal Minister of State for Infrastructure and Communities – In order to accommodate Council attendance at this function – The Regional Council meeting will begin closed session on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. with the open session at 2:00 p.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Region is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Smarter Niagara summit in Fort Erie.

The Regional Chair thanked Cedarway Floral of Beamsville for the beautiful display of Gerbera daisies.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

186. Report 5-2005

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report 5-2005, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, March 17, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

187. Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff

C6453 Card of thanks from Sam DiMeo, an employee of the Public Health Department, and family for the kind donation to the Welland Hospital Foundation in memory of his brother Tom DiMeo.

Received.

C6454 Card of thanks from Susan Greenman, an employee of the Community Services Department, and family for the kind donation to the Lakeridge Health Foundation in memory of her father Donald Lamb.

Received.

C6455 The Chamber of Commerce, City of Niagara Falls (January 26, 2005) resolution requesting the Province of Ontario to establish an entity to review commercial and industrial property tax assessment with a view to returning a recommendation for a more equitable assessment method within 180 days of their first meeting.

Received and referred to the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform.

C6456 Christine T. Kowalyk, Assistant Chief, Community Programs, Emergency Management Ontario, Ministry of Public Safety and Security (February 15, 2005) extending congratulations to Council and staff regarding the establishment of an Essential Emergency Management Program.

Received.

C6457 Costa Koutroulakis, Fort Erie (March 18, 2005) respecting Shared Border Management at the Peace Bridge and the impact it will have on the Town of Fort Erie.

Received and referred to the Transportation Steering Committee.

C6458 Town of Fort Erie resolution (March 23, 2005) requesting the Federal government to provide sufficient border staffing to ensure the elimination of delay and congestion at border crossings.

Received and referred to the Transportation Steering Committee.

- C6459 Copy of a letter to the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (March 22, 2005) respecting Farm Size and the impact of the Greenbelt Plan on Mr. Kugler, a grape grower in Niagara-on-the-Lake.
- Received and referred to the Commissioner of Planning and Development.
- C6460 The Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario (March 9, 2005) resolution strongly urging the Province of Ontario to amend their legislation commencing for the 2006 taxation year, to specify that once a property reaches CVA taxation, it remains at CVA taxes, regardless of the result of future reassessments.
- Received and referred to the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform.
- C6462 Peter Partington, Regional Chairman (February 7, 2005) respecting Resolutions from other Municipalities.
- The Corporation of the Town of Hanover resolution (March 1, 2005) requesting a representative from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be allowed to take part in salary deliberations between the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police, and that the financial burden of policing to municipalities be looked at as part of the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) review by the Province of Ontario.
- Received.
- C6463 Carolyn Forster, Welland, Ontario (March 16, 2003) expressing concerns about the need for sidewalks on Rice, Quaker and Woodlawn Roads as well as First Avenue in Welland.
- Received and referred to the Public Works and Utilities Committee.
- C6464 Beverly Stevenson, Information Officer, Rabies Research and Development Unit, Ministry of Natural Resources (March 1, 2005) respecting the Rabies Control Program in the Province of Ontario.
- Received and referred to the Public Health Department.

C6465 Card of thanks from Donna Smith, an employee of the Community Services Department, and family for the kind donation to the Bethel United Church in memory of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Smith.

Received.

C6466 Port Colborne / Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce (March 30, 2005) respecting an industrial rebirth of the Niagara Region due to the announcement of the new Port Colborne Energy Park and the effect this may have as a result of the uncompetitive industrial tax rates.

Received and referred to the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform.

C6467 Andrew Walker, President, Welland / Pelham Chamber of Commerce (March 17, 2005) expressing concerns over uncompetitive industrial tax rates in Niagara.

Received and referred to the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform.

C6468 Carolyn A. Bones, President, Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce (March 23, 2005) expressing concern over uncompetitive industrial tax rates in Niagara.

Received and referred to the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform.

C6469 Copy of a letter to the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing from Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie (March 29, 2005) regarding a response to request for approval to proposed question on ballot to opt out of Regional Government.

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Communication C6469 be received.

Carried.

- C6471 Carolyn A., Bones, President, Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce (April 1, 2005) strongly urging to find ways to reduce the industrial tax rates in Niagara and to confirm their interest in participating in the re-establishment of an advisory committee.
- Received and referred to the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform Committee.
- C6472 Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance (March 31, 2005) respecting details of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) that will replace the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF).
- Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs
- That C6472 be received and referred to staff for a report to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee and reply to Minister.
- Carried.
- C6473 Peter Kudreikis, President, St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce (March 30, 2005) respecting concerns over the uncompetitive industrial tax rates in Niagara.
- Received.
- C6474 Card of thanks from Mary Andrews, an employee of the Public Health Department, and family for the kind donation to the Alzheimer Society Niagara Region in memory of her father Theo Andrews.
- Received.
- C6475 Card of thanks from Cheryl Parkinson, an employee of the Regional Clerk's Office, and family for the kind donation to the Welland Hospital Foundation, I.C.U. in memory of her father Claude Joseph (Parkie) Parkinson.
- Received.
- C6476 Miriam G. Chrisite, Manager, Government Relations, General Motors of Canada Limited (April 4, 2005) expressing gratitude for the opportunity to appear before the Property Assessment and Taxation Reform Committee on the issue of Property Taxes.
- Received and referred to the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform.

Moved by Councillor Katzman  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Communications C6453 to C6460 and C6462 to C6469 and C6471 to C6476, be received and dealt with as noted in the Council Agenda and Addendum.

Carried.

188. b) For Consideration

C6461 Town of Grimsby resolution (March 21, 2005) respecting the establishment of VQA stores to showcase VQA wines and endorses Private Members Bill 7 "The VQA Wine Stores Act, 2003".

Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Bodner declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Communication C6461 as he is in the application process of attaining a license to showcase wines and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

"That Communication C6461, Town of Grimsby resolution respecting the establishment of VQA stores to showcase VQA wines be supported; and

That Regional Council urge the Government of Ontario to review this option along with other opportunities to improve the sale of 100% Ontario grown wine products at the LCBO."

Carried.

189. C6470 City of Niagara Falls resolution (March 8, 2005) requesting the Niagara Region be promoted as a possible location of the proposed Toyota Auto Assembly Plant.

Moved by Councillor Salci  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Communication C6470, from the City of Niagara Falls seeking support for its resolution to promote the Niagara Region as a possible location of the proposed Toyoto Auto Assembly Plant be received and supported.

Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES**

190. Ontario Farmers and the Ontario Grain & Oilseed Group

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

WHEREAS Grain and Oilseed Producers make up about 50% of all Ontario farm families who are critical to the health of rural communities everywhere; and

WHEREAS Grain & Oilseed Producers are a key supporting sector for other areas of agriculture that all rely on grain and oilseed for feed and other factors of production; and

WHEREAS grains and oilseeds grown in Ontario are critical inputs for our food processing industries, and the availability of these locally-grown commodities is a key anchor and attraction for food processing investment and employment in Ontario; and

WHEREAS a healthy grains and oilseeds sector is critical to the development of the alternative fuels industry – a key element in Ontario’s evolutionary environmental strategy; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario ended the Market Revenue Insurance (MRI) Program after the 2003/04 crop year – a program designed to support incomes in the grain and oilseed sector and a new federal-provincial program (CAIS) was put in place to address agricultural income stabilization but this program does not meet the needs of the grain and oilseed sector; and

WHEREAS grain and oilseed prices are experiencing a drastic collapse with prices at 25 year lows, while energy and other input costs continue to soar. Ontario producers face prices far below the cost of production for the 2005/06 Crop, thereby without public support programs such as the MRI the viability of Grain and Oilseed Producers is seriously in question and the negative impacts throughout the rural and urban economy will be staggering; and

WHEREAS the Grain & Oilseed Price Collapse is a temporary phenomenon – but without provincial action, the harm to Ontario could be permanent; and

WHEREAS Ontario Farmers and members of the agricultural sector are rallying together to demonstrate the seriousness and devastation being experienced by this sector without the much needed government support; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Grain & Oilseed Group is negotiating with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food for Income support for the 50% of Ontario farm families who are struggling with the drastic price collapse;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara gratefully support the efforts of Ontario Farmers and the Ontario Grain & Oilseed Group in their petition to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Government of Ontario for:

A one-time injection of \$300 million dollars to get the industry through the disastrously low-prices of 2005-2006 (this is significantly less money than the discontinued MRI program would have generated or Ontario farmers).

Co-operation between the Grains & Oilseeds Group and the Minister of Agriculture and Food to find a longer term support mechanism that will be affordable to the Province in the worst years and that in most years will involve little or no pay-outs as our industry competes effectively; and

FURTHER That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture and Food, local MPPs and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association for endorsement and support.

Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **JOINT REPORTS**

191. Public Access Defibrillator (PAD)  
at Regional Headquarters

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded By Councillor Casselman

That Report HR 10-2005, March 29, 2005/PHD 16-2005, April 4, 2005, respecting the Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) at Regional Headquarters, be received; and

That a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) be installed at Regional Headquarters, representing a cost of approximately \$5,000.00.

Carried.

### **PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE**

192. Report 6-2005

Moved by Councillor Smeaton  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report 6-2005 being the minutes of the Planning Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, March 30, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report DPD 47-2005/COM 32-2005/CSD 41-2005, respecting People Needing Housing: A Collaborative Housing Strategy for the Niagara Community, be lifted and dealt with separately by this Council at this time.

Carried.

193. People Needing Housing: A Collaborative Housing Strategy for the Niagara Community

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report DPD 47-2005/COM 32-2005/CSD41-2005, respecting People Needing Housing: A Collaborative Housing Strategy for the Niagara Community be approved **as amended**:

**That an interdepartmental team of senior Regional staff and Niagara Regional Housing staff be established to steer implementation of the Strategy and obtain area municipal and community input for relevant recommendations.**

**That the actions proposed in the attached Appendix "A" People Needing Housing: A Collaborative Housing Strategy for the Niagara Community be undertaken with the understanding that specific actions that have a financial impact beyond that provided in existing approved budgets be the subject of subsequent consideration by Council.**

Upon a recorded vote being requested, Regional Council voted as follows:

Voting for the Motion

Councillor Almas  
Councillor Bailey  
Councillor Baty  
Councillor Bodner  
Councillor Casselman  
Councillor Collins  
Councillor Eke  
Councillor Gabriel

Councillor Heit  
Councillor Hildreth  
Councillor Leavens  
Councillor Marshall  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor Redekop  
Councillor Timms  
Councillor Trombetta  
Councillor Zimmerman (17)

Voting against the Motion

Councillor Bentley  
Councillor Brock  
Councillor Burroughs  
Councillor Goulbourne  
Councillor Harry

Councillor Hodgson  
Councillor Katzman  
Councillor Mastroianni  
Councillor Smeaton  
Councillor Salci

(10)

The Regional Chair declared the motion, as amended, carried.

194. Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That the actions outlined in Report DPD 47-2005/COM 32-2005/CSD41-2005, respecting People Needing Housing: A Collaborative Housing Strategy for the Niagara Community be referred to the next Council Business Planning Session.

Carried.

**CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

195. Report 6-2005

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report 6-2005 being the minutes of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, March 30, 2005, be approved and adopted with the exception of minute item 73 which is to be amended as approved in Report PSC 6-2005.

Carried.

196. Overview of New "Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Report CSD 53-2005, Thursday, April 7, 2005, respecting the Overview of new "Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund" (OMPF) be received for information and referred to staff for report to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee; and

That this report be circulated to the area municipalities.

Carried.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

197. Report 7-2005

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report 7-2005 being the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting of Monday, April 4, 2005, be approved and adopted with the exception of Minute Item 66 which is amended as approved in Report PSC 6-2005.

Carried.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

198. Report 4-2005

Councillor Smeaton declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to minute 27 respecting Report HR 11-2005, Police Services Board Remuneration as he is a Police Services Board member and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Martin declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to minute 7 respecting Report HR 11-2005, Police Services Board Remuneration as he is a Police Services Board member and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report 4-2005 being the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of Tuesday, March 29, 2004, except for minute item 33 Contract Negotiations, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

199. Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report HR 14-2005, March 17, 2005 regarding Ratification of Collective Agreement – CUPE Local 1287, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

(Councillor Timms wished to be recorded as opposed to the foregoing motion.)

**PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

200. Report 6-2005

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHSC 6-2005 being the minutes of the Public Health Services Committee meeting of Monday, April 4, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

201. Report 6-2005

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report 6-2005 being the minutes of the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting of Tuesday, March 29, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**ACCOMMODATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE**

202. Moved by Councillor Leavens  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Report 2-2005, being the minutes of the Accommodation Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, March 31, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**COUNCIL ORGANIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

203. Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Memorandum to Regional Chairman Partington from Councillor Baty, Chair, Council Organization Review Committee respecting Referral of Governance Issues be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

**BY-LAWS**

204. Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

**Bill 30**

A by-law to establish Blocks 58, 59, 62, 63, 65 and 66, Plan 59M-330, in the Town of Fort Erie as part of Regional Road No. 116 (Gorham Road).

**Bill 31**

A by-law to provide for the adoption of Amendment 192 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to permit an expansion to the Fenwick Urban Area in the Town of Pelham.

**Bill 32**

A by-law to authorize long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$15,617,000 for Individual Projects in the 2005 Waste Water Capital Program.

**Bill 33**

A by-law to authorize long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$9,225,000 for Individual Projects in the 2005 Water Capital Program.

**Bill 34**

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2005.

**Bill 35**

A by-law to establish part of Lot 4, Plan 82, parts of Lot 12 and 14, Plan 62, part of Lot 21, Plan 160, and part of Township Lot 105, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 98 (Montrose Road).

**Bill 36**

A by-law to establish part of Lot 1, Concession 13, in the City of Welland as part of Regional Road No. 36 (South Pelham Road).

**Bill 37**

A by-law to establish part of Blocks B and C, Plan 717, and part of Township Lot 168 in the Town of Pelham as part of Regional Road No. 20 (Former Highway 20).

**Bill 38**

A by-law to authorize long-term financing (1-5 years) in the amount of \$425,000 for Project ZGR0502, Ambulance and Related Equipment, and (1-10 years) in the amount of \$430,000 for Project ZGR0101, Land Ambulance Building-Ridgeway.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was directed to:

- (i) Refer the presentation on Great Lakes Water to the Niagara Quality Water Strategy Implementation Committee for review and comment. (Refer to minute 182.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Peter Partington  
Regional Chairman

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk/  
Associate Director of Corporate Strategy