

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 18-2005

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in Closed Session in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, December 15, 2005 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Cambray, Commissioner, Planning and Development; Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Diakow, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

(Part-Time): Messrs. Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair; Kyne, Regional Solicitor; Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services; Bernard, Manager Court Services.

Others: Councillor Braybrook (Appointed Acting Lord Mayor for Councillor Burroughs, Niagara-on-the-Lake).

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

596. Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

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.

597. Ratification of Collective Agreement
Ontario Nurses' Association and its Local 9 – Public Health
CONFIDENTIAL HR 46-2005

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Confidential Report HR 46-2005, Ratification of Collective Agreement – Ontario Nurses' Association and its Local 9 – Public Health, be received.

That Confidential Report HR 46-2005 regarding the successful negotiations of a thirty-six (36) month collective agreement between the Ontario Nurses' Association and its Local 9 – Public Health and the Regional Municipality of Niagara, for the period of April 1, 2005 – March 31, 2008, be approved as per the Memorandum of Settlement, and as reported by the Commissioner of Human Resources.

That the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the collective agreement on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Carried.

598. POA Special Audit Assignment and Management Letter
CONFIDENTIAL CSD 171-2005

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the presentation by Mr. Bernard, respecting Confidential Report CSD 171-2005, December 7, 2005, respecting the POA Special Audit Assignment and Management Letter, be received.

Carried.

599. Process to Request Alternative Service Provider
CONFIDENTIAL CSD 167-2005

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report CSD 167-2005, Process to Request Alternative Service Provider, be received; and

That staff prepare a report which includes financial information and the results of contact with the alternate service provider to determine their interest; and

That a further report be submitted to the next CFS meeting on January 11, 2006.

Carried.

600. Financial Reports

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Public Works, be requested to re-confirm the accuracy of financial reports and to ensure accuracy in any future reports.

Carried.

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT

601. Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That this Council do now rise with report.

Carried.

Following Committee of the Whole, Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:40 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Marshall, followed by the singing of O Canada.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

602. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That the Council Agenda CL 18-2005 be adopted.

Carried.

603. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Redekop declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Minute Item #286 in the Planning Services Committee minutes, respecting Report DPD 156-2005, Background Information Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 9-2005, Expansion of Zooz Theme Park in the Town of Fort Erie, as they are a client of his law firm, therefore he took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

Councillor Zimmerman declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect Minute Item #285 in the Planning Services Committee minutes, respecting Report DPD 155-2005, Final Recommendation Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187, A Healthy Landscape – Healthy Communities, Proposed Environmental Policies and Report DPD 158-2005, Addendum to Final Recommendation Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187, A Healthy Landscape – Healthy Communities, Proposed Environmental Policies, as she is employed by the Grape Growers of Ontario, and therefore she took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

604.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Regional Chair Partington regretfully announced that the St. Vincent de Paul choir from Niagara Falls that was scheduled to sing this evening and COGECO Cable were unable to attend due to the inclement weather.

Regional Chair Partington extended congratulation to all those who won awards at the first annual Action Niagara Smart Growth awards ceremony held December 14, 2005, including the Town of Fort Erie for their Crystal Beach neighbourhood plan.

Regional Chair Partington thanked Mr. Brickell and his colleagues at Niagara Economic Development Corporation as well as Councillors Gabriel and Zimmerman for their efforts.

Regional Chair Partington thanked Martin Farms Limited for the white poinsettia and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food at the University of Guelph, Vineland Research Station for the wide array of poinsettias on display

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

605. Report 6-2005

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report 6-2005, being the minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Thursday, November 24, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

606. Report 17-2005

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report 17-2005, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, November 24, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

607. Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

C6713 Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Children and Youth Services (November 30, 2005) respecting a one-time unconditional grant in the amount of \$6,610,000 to be provided to Niagara CMSM.

Received.

C6714 Andrew L. Burt, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (November 29, 2005) regarding an update on the actions of the Conservation Authority with respect to the Welland River water level fluctuations.

Received.

C6716 Card of thanks from Joanne Riddell, an employee of the Community Services Department, and family for the kind donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in memory of her mother, Sylvia Winter.

Received.

C6718 Town of Pelham resolution (December 6, 2005) supporting the resolution enacted by the City of Thorold opposing any move to divert Toronto and area garbage to landfill sites located near Thorold or anywhere in the Niagara Region.

Received.

C6719 Card of thanks from Lori Watson, an employee of the Community Services Department, and family for the kind donation to the St. Catharines General Hospital Oncology Unit in memory of her father, Reg Hills.

Received.

C6720 City of Welland resolution (December 9, 2005) respecting participation in the Thank You Card to Canada's Veterans project to purchase a cotton panel for signatures by the citizens of Welland for compiling with other Canadian municipalities to be presented to Veterans at the last Veterans Liberators Reunion in May, 2006 in Holland.

Received.

C6723 A report from the Niagara Economic Development Corporation, entitled "The Niagara-GTA Corridor: An imperative for Regional and Provincial Economic Growth" dated December 2005.

Received and referred to the January 19, 2006 Regional Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Communications C6713, C7414, C6716, C6718 to C6720 and C6723, be received and dealt with as noted in the Council Agenda and Addendum.

Carried.

608. Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Communications Item C6715 from Larry Di Ianni, Mayor, City of Hamilton (November 22, 2005) regarding their resolution respecting Ontario's \$3 Billion Provincial Municipal Fiscal Gap, be received and supported.

Carried.

609. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Communications Item C6719 from Gary Burroughs, Lord Mayor, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (December 6, 2005) respecting his leave of absence as Regional Councillor effective December 12, 2005, be received and supported; and

That Councillor Tom Braybrook be appointed Councillor Burroughs' replacement for the month of December 2005, as a Non-Voting Member pursuant to Section 13 of the Procedural By-law; and

That Councillor Art Viola be appointed Councillor Burroughs' replacement for the month of January 2006, as a Non-Voting Member pursuant to Section 13 of the Procedural By-law.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

610. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Communications Item C6721 respecting Mr. Hugh E. W. Thompson, Upper Canada Consultants Engineers/Planners request to speak on Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187, be approved.

Carried.

611. Moved by Councillor Hodgson
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Communications Item C6722 respecting Ms. Austin Kirkby, Chair of the Irrigation Committee of Niagara-on-the-Lake request to speak on Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187, be approved.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS

612. Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187

Mr. Thompson, Upper Canada Consultants Engineers/Planners appeared before Council on behalf of his clients' Lester Shoalts Limited.

Mr. Thompson thanked staff for addressing his client's concerns in the Addendum report DPD 158-2005 on page 3, however, the mapping includes the Environmental Conservation Area in Phase 2, which has been reported by our Environmental Consultant to be of poor quality, due to high level of disturbance and invasive species. Mr. Thompson's clients would like the designation removed from their lands, in order for them to proceed with the subdivision as soon as possible.

613. Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187

Ms. Austin Kirkby, Chair of the Irrigation Committee of Niagara-on-the-Lake advised Regional Council of the Committee's concerns respecting the ability of our agricultural irrigation system to be expanded in the future.

Ms. Kirkby advised Regional Council that sections of the Airport Municipal Drain, Lavigne Municipal Drain, Townline Municipal Drain, Thompson Municipal Drain, Four Mile Creek Municipal Drain and the Harrison Municipal Drain, were included as part of the Greenbelt Plan 2005, following no consultation.

These municipal drains, except for the Thompson Drain, are all part of Niagara-on-the-Lake's present agricultural irrigation system.

Regional Council was asked to support that the report endorse the ability to utilize these municipal drains for irrigation purposes now and in the future and that if the Greenbelt Plan maps cannot be changed, then letter should be sent by Regional Council to the upper levels of government to state that these drains, identified on the Greenbelt Map, have been used for farm drainage and irrigation purposes for years, substantial financial resources have been invested by farmers and that the use should be allowed to continue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

614. Report 18-2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Report 18-2005 being the minutes of the Planning Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, December 7, 2005, be approved and adopted.

615. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Minute Item #285 in the Planning Services Committee minutes, respecting Report DPD 155-2005, Final Recommendation Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187, A Healthy Landscape – Healthy Communities, Proposed Environmental Policies, be lifted and dealt with by Council at this time.

Carried.

616. Final Recommendations Report
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187
A Health Landscape – Healthy Communities
Proposed New Environmental Policies for Niagara
DPD 155-2005

Regional Council discussed the concerns noted by the delegations, it was therefore,

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report DPD 155-2005, December 7, 2005, respecting the Final Recommendation Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187, A Healthy Landscape – Healthy Communities, Proposed Environmental Policies, be received ***as amended***.

That Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187 attached as Appendix 1 to this report be approved, subject to minor alterations that have been noted in the December 7, 2005 minutes of Planning Services Committee and brought to the attention of Regional Council on December 15, 2005.

That the Regional Clerk ensure that the required Amendment document and by-law are prepared for Council adoption.

That notice of Council's decision be circulated in accordance with Planning Act requirements.

That a copy of this report be forwarded to all local municipalities, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment.

That a letter be forwarded to the Province that addresses the concerns of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake respecting municipal drains/irrigation ditches constructed for agricultural use.

That staff consult with Niagara-on-the-Lake to confirm the mapping of municipal drains in the town as discussed at Planning Services Committee.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion as amended on Report 18-2005, being the minutes of the Planning Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, December 7, 2005, was carried.

617. Addendum to Final Recommendations Report
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187
A Health Landscape – Healthy Communities
Proposed New Environmental Policies for Niagara
DPD 158-2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Report DPD 158-2005, December 15, 2005, respecting an Addendum to Final Recommendations Report, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187, A Health Landscape – Healthy Communities, Proposed New Environmental Policies for Niagara, be received ***as amended***.

That this report be approved and the modifications to Regional Policy Plan Amendment 187 contained in it be approved as part of that Amendment.

That the Region commit to undertake appropriate amendments to its environmental policies and mapping when a local municipality has new official plan policies approved.

That Regional planning staff meet with planning staff from the Cities of Welland and Port Colborne to seek a resolution of the remaining mapping issues, ***with the areas within Welland and Port Colborne shown on the amendment map being deferred***.

Carried.

JOINT REPORTS

618. Parking Lot
Public Health Department
30 Hannover Drive, St. Catharines
PHD 80-2005/PWA 225-2005/CSD 174-2005

Regional Council discussed the reasons for the paving of part of the parking lot, the Health & Safety concerns if the parking lot was to remain in its current state, it was therefore,

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 80-2005/PWA 225-2005/CSD 174-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting the Parking Lot, Public Health Department, 30 Hannover Drive in the City of St. Catharines, be received and the recommendations therein be approved.

Defeated.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Public Works staff be requested to maintain the parking lot at the Public Health Department, 30 Hannover Drive in the City of St. Catharines, in the proper manner.

Carried.

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

619. Report 18-2005

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report 18-2005 being the minutes of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, December 7, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

620. Report 18-2005

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report 18-2005 being the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting of Monday, December 5, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

621. Report 14-2005

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report 14-2005 being the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2005, be approved and adopted.

622. Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Minute Item #98 in the Human Resources Committee minutes, respecting Budget Scenarios, be lifted and dealt with by Council at this time.

Carried.

623. Budget Scenarios

Regional Council was advised that the recommendations of the Human Resources Committee respecting budget items, should be referred to the Budget Review Committee for consideration, it was therefore,

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That this Committee refer their recommendation for the 3% scenario for the Human Resources Department, as presented by Commissioner Nicol to the Budget Review Committee.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion as amended on Report 14-2005, being the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2005, was carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

624. Report 18-2005

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHSC 18-2005 being the minutes of the Public Health Services Committee meeting of Monday, December 5, 2005, be approved and adopted; with Minute Item 215, Parking Lot, 30 Hannover Drive in the City of St. Catharines, being amended to reflect Regional Council's decision as noted in these minutes.

625. Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Minute Item #205 in the Public Health Services Committee minutes, respecting Report PHD 71-2005, Food Safety Disclosure, be lifted and dealt with by Council at this time.

Carried.

626. Food Safety Disclosure
PHD 71-2005

Members of Regional Council noted their concern with the implementation of a program without public consultation, it was therefore,

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report PHD 71-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting the Food Safety Disclosure, be received **as amended** for information; and

That the Health Protection and Promotion Division of the Niagara Region Public Health Department (RNPHD) develop **in principle** a food safety performance disclosure system **subject to consultation**, that posts summarized food safety information on the Regional Website; and posts all convictions for non-compliance with food safety legislation on the Regional website.

That the results of the consultation process be brought back the Committee for final detail and approval.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion as amended on Report 18-2005, being the minutes of the Public Health Services Committee meeting of Monday, December 5, 2005, was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

627. Report 18-2005

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report 18-2005 being the minutes of the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2005, be approved and adopted as amended.

628. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Minute Item #545 in the Public Works and Utilities Committee minutes, respecting Report PWA 218-2005, Water and Wastewater Services, Organizational Sustainability Review, be lifted and dealt with by Council at this time.

Carried.

629. Water and Wastewater Services
Organizational Sustainability Review
PWA 218-2005

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the last recommendation listed under Report PWA 218-2005, be removed from the minutes.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion as amended on Report 18-2005, being the minutes of the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2005, was carried.

630. Contract RN 05-50
Sale of Surplus Property
Former Niagara Freeway Lands
City of Niagara Falls
PWA 221-2005

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report PWA 221-2005, December 6, 2005, respecting Contract RN 05-50 Sale of Surplus Property, Former Niagara Freeway Lands in the City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That tenders received for the purchase of the Region's surplus property (Part 1 on Plan 59R-5520) advertised for sale in Contract RN 05-50, be rejected;

That staff continue to manage and market the property in accordance with Regional Policy.

Carried.

631. Tender Award Contract RN 05-52
Removal and Replacement of Beckett's Bridge (Structure No. 024205)
Regional Road 24 (Vineland Townline Road)
0.1 km north of Regional Road 27 (River Road)
Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet
PWA 226-2005

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PWA 226-2005, Thursday, December 15, 2005, respecting Tender Award Contract RN 05-52, Removal and Replacement of Beckett's Bridge (Structure No. 024205) Regional Road 24 (Vineland Townline Road) 0.1 km north of Regional Road 27 (River Road) in the Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet, be received.

That Contract RN 05-52, Removal and Replacement of Beckett's Bridge (Structure No. 024205), Regional Road 24 (Vineland Townline Road) 0.1 km north of Regional Road 27 (River Road), in the Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet, be awarded to the low tenderer Rankin Construction Inc. (Rankin), at the bid price of \$2,276,046.50; and

That a contingency amount of \$200,000.00 be provided for this contract; and

That engineering agreements with the firm of Ellis Engineering Inc. (EEI) be extended to include contract administration and inspection services, with the engineering fees being, estimated at \$90,000.00 and Landtek Limited be extended to include contract geotechnical and quality control services, estimated at \$27,500.00 with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursements basis; and

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-laws, including the by-law authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara are presented to Regional Council on December 15, 2005; and

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Project ID No. RC0541, (Removal and Replacement of Beckett's Bridge (Structure No. 024205).

Carried.

ACCOMMODATION STEERING COMMITTEE

632. Report 8-2005

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Report 8-2005, being the minutes of the Accommodation Steering Committee of Monday, December 5, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

633. Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That the decisions made in the Committee of the Whole meeting of Thursday, December 15, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (CORC)

634. Report 9-2005

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report 9-2005, being the minutes of the Council Organization Review Committee (CORC) of Tuesday, November 29, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

635. Sub-Committees and Delegation Surveys

Members of Regional Council were reminded of the two surveys that are to be completed as soon as possible.

636 Procedural By-Law

Councillor Baty advised Regional Council that the amendments as listed in the minutes of the November 29, 2005 Council Organization Review Committee have been completed and that a further amendment to delete section 12.14 and amend the heading of section 12.13 to strike "in the first year" has also been completed in the by-law for approval.

637 Committee Membership

Councillor Baty advised Regional Council of Council Goulbourne's request to be removed from the Public Health Services and Social Services Committee, it was therefore,

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Councillor Goulbourne request to be removed from the Public Health and Social Services Committee, be approved.

Carried.

638 New Committee Structure

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Committee comprised of Public Health Services Committee and Community Services Committee, be named the Public Health Services and Social Services Committee, with their meetings being held on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Carried.

639. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That the Committee comprised of the Planning Services Committee and Public Works and Utilities Committee, be named the Planning and Public Works Committee, with their meetings being held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

640. Corporate Wide Organizational Review of Operations of the
Regional Municipality of Niagara

Councillor Hodgson brought forward a Notice of Motion, respecting the Corporate Wide Organizational Review of Operations of the Regional Municipality of Niagara for approval at the January 19, 2006 Regional Council meeting near the beginning of the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

641. Niagara GTA Corridor

Councillor Zimmerman requested that the news clippings respecting the resolutions of the City of St. Catharines refuting the City of Burlington's position on the Niagara GTA Corridor, be distributed to Regional Council.

Regional Council was advised that the City of Welland supported the City of St. Catharine with a similar motion and Council also supported St. Catharines' motion.

Councillor Zimmerman requested that a 'Made in Niagara' motion be crafted for the next Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Regional Council support the St. Catharines' motion respecting the Niagara GTA Corridor.

Carried.

642. Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan – News Release

Councillor Goulbourne advised Regional Council of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group's announcement on December 8, 2005, with the release of the draft report respecting the consultant's conclusion on the preferred disposal system, following a thorough analysis the consultants recommend System 2B, the Thermal Treatment of Municipal Solid Waste and Recovery of Energy followed by Recovery of Materials from the Ash/Char, as the preferred disposal system for Niagara and Hamilton.

The Joint Working Group has advertised and will be holding meetings to receive delegations from interested parties on the draft report and its results on the following dates and times:

- (i) January 11, 2006, 9 am to 11 am – Stoney Creek Council Chambers
- (ii) January 16, 2006, 7 pm to 9 pm – Hamilton City Hall
- (iii) January 17, 2006, 7 pm to 9 pm – Niagara Regional Headquarters

643. International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors

Councillor Rigby advised Regional Council of the release of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's strategy for restoring and protecting the Great Lakes which is being hailed as a major step towards securing the future of the resource of the Great Lakes Commission, one of the first organizations to call for such a plan.

The Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's strategy, was released December 12, 2005 in Chicago and represents the culmination of a year of work by more than 1,500 Great Lakes experts and stakeholders to come up with a comprehensive assessment of the Great Lake's major needs and make recommendations for addressing them. The effort was initiated by an executive order from President Bush that recognized the lakes as a national treasure.

The strategy outlines a detailed set of proposals for addressing eight major challenges facing the Great Lakes, as identified by the Council of Great Lakes Governors. A broad range of public agencies and private stakeholders participated in the Regional Collaboration process and in drafting the eight-part strategy.

BY-LAWS

644. Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 114

A by-law to establish Block 27, Plan 59M-339, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 102 (Stanley Avenue).

Bill 115

A by-law to establish part of Stanley Avenue, Plan 1 and part of Range 18, Plan 1 as part of Regional Road No. 102 (Stanley Avenue).

Bill 116

A by-law to provide for the Regulation of Traffic on Regional Highways in the City of Niagara Falls.

Bill 117

A by-law to provide for the Regulation of Traffic on Regional Highways in the City of Port Colborne.

Bill 118

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

Bill 119

A by-law to provide for the adoption of Amendment 187 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning area to provide for revised Environmental Policies.

Bill 121

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 24th of November, 2005.

Carried.

645. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the following bill be now read and do pass:

Bill 120

A By-law to govern the calling, place and proceedings of the meetings of Council and its Committees and to repeal By-law 71740-93 as amended by By-Laws 8971-98, 146-1919, 9004-98, 7936-95, 7898-95, 112-2002.

Carried.

646. Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 122

A by-law to establish part of Lot 96, Plan 32, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 20 (Lundy's Lane).

Bill 123

A by-law to appoint an Acting Deputy Clerk for the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 124

A by-law to appoint an Acting Regional Chair.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- review the sections of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, respecting replacements for Mayors of a municipality and their rights. (Refers to Minute Item 610)
- notify the province, whenever they become aware of an issue of importance to the Region on Provincial/Regional planning issues. (Refers to Minute Item 617)
- distribute Report CSD 163-2005/JBM 2-2005 to the Police Services Board for their information. (Refers to Minute Item 620)
- that a letter be forwarded to the Attorney General noting Regional Council's concerns respecting Report CSD 163-2005/JBM 2-2005. (Refers to Minute Item 620)

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Peter Partington
Regional Chairman

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk