

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

**PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

**REPORT CL 13-2006**

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The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, September 28, 2006 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Cambray, Commissioner, Planning and Development; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Brcic, Acting Commissioner of Public Works; Bergsma, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk.

Staff

(Part-Time): Messrs. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; McQueen, Director, Administration; Farley, Director of Planning Services; Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair.

**CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

358. Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

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.

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

359. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That this Council do now rise without report.

Carried.

Following Committee of the Whole, Council met in regular session, commencing at 8:05 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Casselman, followed by the singing of 'O Canada'.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

360. Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters that deal with 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.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

361. Moved by Councillor Katzman  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the Council Agenda CL 13-2006 be approved and adopted as presented.

Carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

362. United Way Corporate Campaign Launch

Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; advised Regional Council of the launch of the Niagara Region United Way Corporate Campaign which was kicked off with the Fall Feast Lunch on September 26, 2006. The Niagara Region United Way Corporate Campaign exceeded its goal last year and is hoping to do the same this year.

363. Niagara to GTA Corridor - Update

Mr. John Slobodzian, Ministry of Transportation provided Regional Council with an update on the Niagara to GTA Corridor. Mr. Slobodzian noted the Ministry of Transportation is conducting a study to support the transportation objectives set out in the Growth Plan which identifies the Niagara to GTA Corridor as an important transportation / economic link between the GTA and other urban growth centres within the Greater Golden Horseshoe and addresses the municipal development and planning pressures. The current approach addresses all transportation issues in the corridor; examines all modal options for expanding the transportation capacity within the corridor; commits to determining need for specific improvements and the role those improvements would play in adding capacity to the corridor and emphasizes on the public and stakeholders being engaged early and often in a full discussion of the problems, issues, opportunities and alternatives. The project's purpose is to expand the capacity of the transportation system within the corridor. The Ministry has initiated the Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) process to identify the long-term provincial transportation needs and improvements in the Niagara to GTA Corridor. Phase 1 of the study - Transportation System Planning: determines the area transportation system needs (problems and opportunities); evaluates and selects transportation system modal alternatives that include a Transportation Development Strategy. Mr. Slobodzian discussed the consultation framework as well as the consultation tools that will assist in ensuring the process is flexible and responsive.

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**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Regional Chair Partington reminded and encouraged Regional Councillors to take part in the TREKZONE Challenge, taking place tomorrow, September 28th at 10:15 a.m. at the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization Site. The challenge is a very exciting initiative within our "Community Strategy for a Healthy, Active Niagara". This launch provides us with our first opportunity to demonstrate leadership and commitment to the implementation of the various initiatives within the TREKZONE strategy report.

The launch activities include the official unveiling of our first TREKZONE trail signs and a short TREK around the Naturalization site (1.9 km loop, approximately 25 minutes).

Regional Chair Partington announced that the Regional Chair's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament which was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Legends on the Niagara, raised over \$83,000 for some well deserving local charities. The cheque presentation to representatives of those charities will be made at the next Regional Council meeting.

Regional Chair Partington thanked the Golf Tournament Committee for a job well done, and Mr. Tim Denis our MC that evening, his panache really added to the success of the day.

Regional Chair Partington advised Regional Council of the small delegation, he will be leading to Ottawa next Monday and Tuesday (October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) to meet with Federal Cabinet Ministers and members of the shadow cabinet to discuss a variety of issues of concern to our Region including the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and border issues, sustainable Federal funding for infrastructure, potential partnerships related to our obesity prevention strategy, and smart growth.

Regional Chair Partington informed Regional Council of Niagara Economic Development Corporation RFP process which was carried out to identify an experienced consulting firm to carry out the Economic Impact Analysis of the Niagara to GTA Corridor and as a result of that process the RFP Selection Panel unanimously chose the firm of Wilbur Smith.

Regional Chair Partington extended his appreciation to Mr. Bill Costello, CEO, Walker Industries and Councillor Tim Rigby for their time and commitment during the RFP process.

Regional Chair Partington thanked VanLeeuwen Flower Farms of St. Catharines for the flowers on display in Council Chambers.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

365. Report 12-2006

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report 12-2006, being the minutes of the Regional Council meeting of Thursday, September 7, 2006, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

366. Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Communications C6807 to C6809, be received:

C6807 A thank you letter from Kaitlin Bynkoski, thanking Regional Council for honouring her as a recipient of the Regional Chair's Bursary for Brock University.

C6808 Card of thanks from Sharon Bucsis, an employee of the Clerk's Department, and family, for the kind donation to Alzheimer's Society in memory of her sister-in-law Anci Snell.

C6809 Card of thanks from Joe Gouthro, an employee of the Public Works Department, and family, for the kind donation to Alzheimer's Society in memory of his mother Ella Marie Gouthro.

Carried.

### **AGENCIES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

367. Niagara's Transportation Equipment and Automotive Related Industries Strategy 2006-2007

Mr. Gedge, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Economic Development Corporation provided Regional Council with an update respecting Niagara's Transportation Equipment and Automotive Related Industries Strategy 2006-2007, which is applicable to all manufacturing industry within Niagara.

Manufacturing within Niagara's automotive industry is the most significant sector contributing to the regional economy that represents 46% of the manufacturing jobs in Niagara, with over two hundred companies that are mainly Tier 2 and Tier 3 suppliers.

Mr. Gedge apprised Regional Council of the challenges and the opportunities for Niagara's automotive sector.

Niagara's Automotive Strategy for 2005-2006 focused on assisting existing automotive suppliers to explore new market and product opportunities and on promoting Niagara as a location for investment for Tier 2 and Tier 3 auto parts manufacturers from Asia and North America.

Niagara's Economic Development Offices and Niagara Economic Development Corporate initiated Team Niagara that would jointly market Niagara; initiated two trade and investment missions to Japan, South Korea and China; exhibited at SAE Show 2006, Detroit and APMA Conference 2006, Hamilton to promote Niagara and local automotive companies; developed marketing specific to Niagara's automotive sector in English, Japanese, Korea and Chinese Mandarin; built relationships with Federal and Provincial government automotive contacts in North American, Japan, Korea and China as well as automotive trade and industry associations and companies.

Niagara's Automotive Strategy for 2005-2006 resulted in Niagara being positioned as an integral part of Ontario's automotive industry; in Niagara being given the opportunity to submit proposals for potential investment; in Niagara making presentations to companies in Japan, Korea and China as well as in Toronto; in Niagara developing good relationships with key players in the automotive industry and in Niagara having a better understanding of the opportunities.

Niagara's Automotive Strategy for 2006-2007 will focus on business retention and expansion and investment marketing.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **JOINT REPORTS**

368. Tender Award for Contract RN 06-27  
Reconstruction and Widening of  
Regional Road 50 (Niagara Street)  
Phase 1 – Thorold Road to Woodlawn Road  
City of Welland  
Project ZRC0321  
**PWA 174-2006/ CSD 126-2006**

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PWA 174-2006/CSD 126-2006, respecting the Tender Award for Contract RN 06-27, Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 50 (Niagara Street), Phase 1 – Thorold Road and Woodlawn Road in the City of Welland, Project ZRC0321, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

### **PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

369. Report 14-2006

Moved by Councillor Smeaton  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report 14-2006, being the minutes of the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, be approved and adopted.

370. Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Minute Item # 469 of Report 14-2006, September 20, 2006, Planning and Public Works Committee minutes, Report DPD 97-2006 respecting the Presentation Protocol for Committee Meeting, Official Plan Amendment No. 31, Port Dalhousie Mixed Use Development in the City of St. Catharines, be lifted and dealt with by this Council at this time.

Carried.

371. Proposed Presentation Protocol  
**Memorandum**

Moved by Councillor Smeaton  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the memorandum dated September 28, 2006, respecting the Proposed Presentation Protocol for the Committee of the Whole being held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Regional Council Chamber with regard to Official Plan Amendment No. 31, Port Dalhousie Mixed Use Development, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved by **amending** it slightly to read (any material speakers **wish to be reproduced for members of Council** should not exceed 5 double-sided pages)

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the Proposed Presentation Protocol for the Committee of the Whole being held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 be **amended** to **4:30** p.m.

Lost.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion on the memorandum dated September 28, 2006, respecting the Proposed Presentation Protocol for the Committee of the Whole being held on Thursday, October 12, 2006, was carried.

372. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Minute Item # 480 of Report 14-2006, September 20, 2006, Planning and Public Works Committee minutes, Confidential Report PWA 173-2006 (CSD 125-2006), September 20, 2006, respecting A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality or Local Board, be lifted and dealt with by this Council at this time.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion on Confidential Report PWA 173-2006 (CSD 125-2006), September 20, 2006, respecting A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality or Local Board, was carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion on Report 14-2006, being the minutes of the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of Wednesday, September 20, 2006 as **amended**, by the receipt and the approval of the recommendations contained in the memorandum dated September 28, 2006, respecting the Proposed Presentation Protocol for the Committee of the Whole being held on Thursday, October 12, 2006, was carried.

**CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

373. Report 13-2006

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That Report 13-2006, being the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, September 20, 2006, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

374. Report 13-2006

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report 13-2006, being the minutes of the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**ACCOMMODATION STEERING COMMITTEE**

375. Report 11-2006

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report 11-2006, being the minutes of the Accommodation Steering Committee meeting of Friday, September 1, 2006, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

376. Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That the decisions made by the Committee of the Whole meeting of Thursday, September 28, 2006, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

377. Handling Specialty Manufacturing Limited– Grimsby

Councillor Bentley thanked Mr. Gedge and his staff for assisting Handling Specialty Manufacturing Limited in the Town of Grimsby in being successful in being awarded a contract from Lockheed Aircraft Company.

378. Wainfleet EA Terms of Reference Approved!

Councillor Harry announced that the Minister of the Environment has approved the Wainfleet Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

Councillor Harry on behalf of the residents of the Township of Wainfleet thanked in particular Mr. Chado Brcic, Director, Water and Wastewater and his staff for their assistance during this phase of the project.

379. Unregistered Haulers of Waste

Councillor Burroughs asked whether staff was aware of the practices of unregistered haulers of waste from holding tanks, who are taking the waste outside of the Region at reduced costs to the homeowner.

Mr. Brcic advised Councillor Burroughs that he would ask the Ministry of the Environment whether they were aware of these occurrences and if so, where the waste was being sent.

380. City of Guelph Compost Site

Councillor Burroughs asked staff to examine what happened in the City of Guelph to close their composting site.

381. Passports Required in January 2008

Councillor Burroughs advised Regional Council that the delay for the use of passports at the borders has been rescinded and that Canadians will be required to produce passports at the borders in January 2008.

Councillor Burroughs asked that the Regional Chair forward a letter and discuss this issue during his visit to Ottawa on Monday and Tuesday.

382. Review of Compost Sites Throughout Ontario

Councillor Hodgson advised Regional Council that the Town of Lincoln is preparing a report on compost sites throughout Ontario, which will be an extensive review of their experiences and their impacts.

Councillor Hodgson noted that the report should be available in approximately one month and that it will be shared with Regional staff.

383. Convey Niagara's Disappointment

Councillor Hodgson asked that the Regional Chair convey Niagara's disappointment with their discontinuation of funding for programs such as museums at his meetings next week in Ottawa and to impress upon them the importance of these programs to the residents of Niagara.

384. Swing Back Into the '60's -- with Lyndesfarne! -- October 13

Lyndesfarne Theatre Productions presents a gala evening to benefit the work of Women's Place. Featuring Live Celebrity Auction, Gourmet Hors D'Oeuvres, Live Music, Dancing, Gift Bags, Libations, Prize for Best Dressed Guy & Gal. Friday, October 13 from 8:00 PM at Market Square, King Street, St. Catharines.

**BY-LAWS**

385. Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 85

A By-Law to Establish Part of Lot 3, Plan 77, in the City of St. Catharines as Part of Regional Road No. 48 (Niagara Street).

Bill 86

A By-Law to Establish Blocks 36, 37 and 38, Plan 59M-351, in the City of Welland as Part of Regional Road No. 27 (Riverside Drive).

Bill 87

A By-Law To Appoint An Associate Medical Officer Of Health (Clinical) For The Regional Corporation

Bill 88

A By-Law To Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-10 Years) in the Amount of \$380,000 for Project ZRC0321, Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 50 (Niagara Street), Phase 1 – Thorold Road to Woodlawn Road in the City of Welland

Bill 89

A By-Law To Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Actions of the Regional Council at its Meeting Held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, 2006.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Peter Partington  
Regional Chairman

Janet Pilon  
Deputy Clerk

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk