

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 16-2006

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, November 23, 2006 commencing at 6:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Staff

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

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

441. Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

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

442. Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That this Council do now rise without report.

Carried.

Following Committee of the Whole, Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:00 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Harry, followed by the singing of 'O Canada'.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

443. 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

444. Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the Council Agenda CL 16-2006 be approved and adopted as presented.

Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

445. CUPE 1287 Presentation to Niagara Region Paramedics

Mr. Steve Leavitt, President of CUPE 1287 presented Mr. Larry Butters, President of Local 1019; Mr. Lyle Renaud, Paramedic and Ms. Melissa LaCroix, Paramedic of the Niagara Paramedic Association with boxes and bags full of stuffed animals to be used by the Paramedics when they are responding to calls where children are involved.

Regional Council applauded CUPE 1287's membership for their generosity.

446. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Regional Chair thanked Great Lakes Floral of St. Catharines for the beautiful poinsettias on display in Council Chambers.

The Regional Chair referred to the communiqué from AMO that announced that Mike Trojan, CAO of Niagara Region was appointed to the Coordinating Table to assist AMO with its work in regards to the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

447. Report 15-2006

Moved by Councillor Almas
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report 15-2006, being the minutes of the Regional Council meeting of Thursday, November 9, 2006, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

448. Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Communications C6830 to C6835, be received with the exception of C6835, which is received and referred to the Community Services Department:

- C6830 A copy of the letter sent to the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care from the Regional Chair (November 13, 2006) requesting an extension to the period of broad public consultation, specifically for the period of the review of Bill 140 (Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2006) by the Standing Committee to at least February or March 2007.
- C6831 Card of thanks from Bonnie Robinson, an employee of the Community Services Department, for the kind donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of her father William Pruder.
- C6832 Memorandum from Anne Hepplewhite, Manager, Corporate Records and Archives Services (November 16, 2006) respecting supplemental information to Report COM 67-2006. (Refer to Report COM 67-2006 - listed under Committee Reports)
- C6833 Card of thanks from Sue Anderson and family, the wife of John Anderson, an employee of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation, for the kind donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of her husband.
- C6834 A copy of the letter sent to the Honourable David Ramsay, Ministry of Natural Resources & Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs from Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie (October 27, 2006) respecting the Decrease in Conservation Officers in Niagara Region.

C6835 A request for Regional Council to urgently adopt a by-law to prohibit the selling of toy guns, (toy weapons) immediately from all stores through a petition signed by residents of Niagara Region (the signed petition can be viewed in the Clerk's Department).

Carried.

449. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Correspondence Item C6829, a copy of the letter sent to the Honourable James M. Flaherty, Minister of Finance from Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie (November 7, 2006) respecting the Objection to Elimination of the Visitor GST Rebate Program, be received and supported.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

450. *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*
- Initial Proposed Customer Service Standard
COM 67-2006

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 67-2006, November 23, 2006, respecting the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 - Initial Proposed Customer Service Standard*, be received.

That the Region of Niagara Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Corporate Management Team each be directed to review this document and, if found to be advisable, provide comment to the Accessibility Coordinator for compilation into one submission to the Minister. The Region's comments must be submitted to the Minister of Community and Social Services prior to the public review period deadline of December 20, 2006.

Carried.

451. 2006 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children
Terms and Conditions Document
PHD 90-2006

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 90-2006, November 23, 2006, respecting the 2006 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Terms and Conditions Document, be received.

That the 2006 Terms and Conditions document for Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program be approved and signed by the appropriate Niagara Region representatives.

Carried.

452. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Trojan provided Regional Council with an update on the 2007 Budget, noting that the senior management team has been meeting regularly to discuss the 2007 budget and has taken into consideration the issues of sustainability and ability to pay.

Through the early direction from Regional Council, the Corporate Management Team is confident that Niagara Region will be able to meet target or come very close to achieving the target.

OTHER BUSINESS

453. Good-Bye

Regional Chair Partington noted the accomplishments of outgoing Regional Councillors Almas; Angelone; Bailey; Bodner; Brock; Eke; Harry; Hildreth; Leavens; Mastroianni; Redekop and Rigby and in turn they were given the opportunity to say a few words.

The outgoing Regional Councillors thanked their families; their colleagues; the Corporate Management Team and all Regional staff for their professionalism and dedication to the residents of Niagara.

Mr. Trojan on behalf of the Corporate Management Team and the employees of the Niagara Region thanked Regional Council for their dedication to Niagara Region and its residents.

BY-LAWS

454. Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 113

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 23rd of November, 2006.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Peter Partington
Regional Chairman

Janet Pilon
Deputy Clerk

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk