

# THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

### REPORT CL 18-2006

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The Inaugural Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara for the term of December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2010, was held in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, December 14, 2006 commencing at 4:00 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Augustyn, Badawey, Baty; Bentley; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; Collins; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Heit; Henderson; Hodgson; Katzman; Lepp; Marshall; Martin; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Salci; Saracino; Timms; 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. Hepplewhite, Manager Corporate Records Archive Services; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk.

#### Staff

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

Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk, called the 15<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara to order. Ms. Gilroy highlighted the evening's commemorative program which celebrates Niagara Region's heritage through the Regional Coat of Arms, Police Crest, Regional Logo, Chain of Office and most recently, the Niagara Region Tartan.

Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the members of the Corporate Management Team. Mr. Trojan advised that the purpose of the meeting was to formalize the results of the municipal election of November 13, 2006, and the decisions made at the Caucus meetings of Regional Council-Elect on November 30, 2006 and December 7, 2006.

Ms. Gilroy asked all present to rise and join the Niagara Regional Police Male Chorus led by Dr. Tom Inglis, a retired Director of Music with the Board of Education, in the singing of "O Canada".

Ms. Gilroy advised that the Niagara Regional Police Male Chorus blends the outstanding voices of volunteer police officers, active and retired, and gentlemen from the community. Their extraordinary talents are renowned not only across Niagara Region, but across Ontario by musicians and the public alike. The chorus has performed on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, at Queen's Park and Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto, and at the Opening Ceremony for the World Rowing Championships at the Henley in St. Catharines.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS  
NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE  
MALE CHORUS AND PIPER, ALAN SPENCER**

456. Moved by Councillor Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That this Council express thanks and appreciation to the Niagara Regional Police Male Choir and the Piper, Alan Spencer, for the delightful choral music at this Inaugural meeting; and

That the Chorus be requested to perform one more selection as an encore.

Carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

457. Ms. Gilroy advised that she had received the required Certificates of Election from the Clerks of each of the area municipalities respecting their representatives to Regional Council.

Ms. Gilroy then asked each Regional Councillor to stand and introduce themselves, noting the municipality they represent.

Ms. Gilroy noted that Councillor Smeaton and Councillor Trombetta were unable to attend this evening and that she had sworn Councillor Smeaton in, on Monday, December 11, 2006 and would be swearing Councillor Trombetta in on Friday, December 15, 2006.

Mr. Trojan introduced the officials and staff seated at the Dias.

**DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE AND OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE**

458. In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, the Honourable Mr. Justice Barry H. Matheson administered the Oaths of Office and Oaths of Allegiance to the members of Regional Council.

Ms. Gilroy advised there was a quorum of members present and it was now in order to proceed with the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That this Council hereby confirms, notice of this meeting having been given to all Members and all conditions and requirements having been satisfied by the Members present, the Council is now deemed to be properly organized in session as the Regional Council with the provisions of The Statutes of the Province of Ontario.

Carried.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

459. Ms. Gilroy advised that the Municipal Act provides that, at the first meeting of the Regional Council after a regular election at which a quorum is present, the Regional Council shall organize as a Council and elect a head of Council to hold the office of Chair for the term of the Council and until a successor is appointed or elected in accordance with the said Act.

Ms. Gilroy further advised that each nomination for the office of the Regional Chair shall be in writing regularly moved and seconded and shall have the written consent of the nominee attached. Ms. Gilroy called for nominations for the position of Regional Chair.

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Peter Partington be nominated for the office of the Chair of the Regional Municipality of Niagara for the 2006 to 2010 term and until his successor is appointed or elected in accordance with the Municipal Act.

Carried.

Ms. Gilroy then called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Regional Chair. There being no other nominations, it was:

Moved by Councillor Salci  
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That nominations for the Office of Regional Chair be closed.

Carried.

**REGIONAL CHAIR'S  
DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION**

460. The Honourable Mr. Justice Barry H. Matheson, administered to Mr. Partington the Declaration of Qualification, and declared Mr. Partington to be the Regional Chair.

**INVOCATION**

461. Mr. Partington, Regional Chair took his seat and called on the Reverend R.J. Graham Kennedy, Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, for the Invocation.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS  
REVEREND R.J. GRAHAM KENNEDY**

462. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Council expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Reverend R.J. Graham Kennedy, Knox Presbyterian Church, for his invocation at this Inaugural meeting.

Carried.

**DECLARATION OF VACANT SEAT**

463. Moved by Councillor D'Angela  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That pursuant to the legislative provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001, Regional Council declares one seat from the City of St. Catharines as vacant, as a result of the re-election of Regional Councillor Peter Partington to the Regional Chair's position.

Carried.

**FILLING OF VACANCY ON REGIONAL COUNCIL**

464. Regional Chair Partington advised that City of St. Catharines, in anticipation of the selection of Chair, had recommended the appointment of Tim Rigby to fill the vacant seat on Regional Council for the 2006 – 2010 term.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Correspondence Item C6836, a letter from the City of St. Catharines dated December 12, 2006, advising the Regional Municipality of Niagara of City Council's recommendation to appoint Tim Rigby, as Regional Councillor to fill the vacancy created when Peter Partington was proclaimed the Regional Chair, be received; and

That Tim Rigby be appointed as Regional Councillor to fill the said vacancy.

Carried.

**COUNCILLOR TIM RIGBY**  
**DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

465. With the concurrence of Council, the Honourable Mr. Barry H. Matheson administered the oath and declaration to Councillor Rigby

**CHAIR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

466. Regional Chair Partington expressed appreciation to the Honourable Justice Barry H. Matheson and Reverend Graham R.J. Kennedy and to his nominators Councillors Judy Casselman and Damian Goulbourne, following which he presented his Inaugural Address.

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That this Council expresses its appreciation to Chair Partington and commends and thanks him for his Inaugural Address.

That a copy of the Address be included in the minutes of this meeting.

Carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

467. By-law Re: Standing Committees

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the by-law be enacted to establish three standing committees to examine the affairs of the Regional Corporation and to make recommendations respecting matters under their purview to the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That By-law 106-2003 be repealed.

Carried.

468. Corporate Services Committee

Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That pursuant to the provision of the by-law establishing standing committees,  
the members of the Corporate Services Committee are:

Councillors:           Regional Chair Partington  
                          Dave Augustyn  
                          Vance Badawey  
                          Bob Bentley  
                          Gary Burroughs  
                          Mark Bylsma  
                          Judy Casselman  
                          Michael Collins  
                          Henry D'Angela  
                          Barbara Greenwood  
                          Brian Heit  
                          Doug Martin  
                          Norm Puttick  
                          Bob Saracino  
                          Debbie Zimmerman

Carried.

469. Public Health and Social Services Committee

Moved by Councillor D'Angela  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That pursuant to the provision of the by-law establishing standing committees,  
the members of the Public Health and Social Services Committee are:

Councillors:           Regional Chair Partington  
                          Brian Baty  
                          Judy Casselman  
                          Michael Collins  
                          Shirley Cordiner  
                          Cindy Forster  
                          Barbara Greenwood  
                          Barbara Henderson  
                          Ronna Katzman  
                          George Marshall  
                          Tim Rigby  
                          D. Bruce Timms

Carried.

470. Planning and Public Works Committee

Moved by Councillor Henderson  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That pursuant to the provision of the by-law establishing standing committees,  
the members of the Planning and Public Works Committee for the term are:

Councillors:           Regional Chair Partington  
                          Dave Augustyn  
                          Vance Badawey  
                          Brian Baty  
                          Bob Bentley  
                          Gary Burroughs  
                          Mark Bylsma  
                          Judy Casselman  
                          Henry D'Angela  
                          Rob Gabriel  
                          Damian Goulbourne  
                          Barbara Henderson  
                          Bill Hodgson  
                          Dave Lepp  
                          George Marshall  
                          Doug Martin  
                          Brian McMullan  
                          Norm Puttick  
                          Tim Rigby  
                          R. Ted Salci  
                          William Smeaton  
                          D. Bruce Timms  
                          Katie Trombetta  
                          Debbie Zimmerman

Carried.

471. Accommodation Steering Committee

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the members of the Accommodations Steering Committee be approved as follows:

Councillors:           Regional Chair Partington  
                              Gary Burroughs  
                              Michael Collins  
                              Ronna Katzman  
                              Dave Lepp  
                              D. Bruce Timms

Carried.

**APPOINTMENTS TO AGENCIES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

472. Moved by Councillor Cordiner  
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That the appointments to Agencies, Boards and Commissions, as set out in the attachment to this motion be approved;

That the appointments, except as otherwise noted, be for the term of this Council; and

That where appropriate, names of nominees noted therein be forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for her consideration; and

That the Niagara Economic Development Corporation be requested to consider the appointment of one additional representative from Regional Council on their Board of Directors.

Carried.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**  
**MR. JUSTICE BARRY H. MATHESON**

473. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That this Council expresses its thanks and appreciation to The Honourable Mr. Justice Barry H. Matheson, for his kind assistance at this Inaugural meeting.

Carried.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**  
**NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE HONOUR GUARD**

474. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Council expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Niagara Regional Police Honour Guard, for their participation at this Inaugural meeting.

Carried.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**  
**NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE MOUNTED UNIT**

475. Moved by Councillor Bylsma  
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Council expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Niagara Regional Police Mounted Unit, for their participation at this Inaugural meeting.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Peter Partington  
Regional Chairman

Janet Pilon  
Deputy Clerk

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk