

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

**PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

**REPORT CL 5-2007**

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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, April 12, 2007 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Augustyn; Badaway; Baty; Bentley; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; Collins; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Henderson; Hodgson; Katzman; Lepp; Marshall; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Salci; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms; Trombetta; Zimmerman.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Cambray, Commissioner, Planning and Development; Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Lockyer, Treasurer, Director Financial Management & Planning; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk; Ms. Staines, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

(Part-Time): Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services

**CALL TO ORDER**

123. Regional Chair Partington called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

124. Moved by Councillor Rigby  
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.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

125. Councillor Forster declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to matters respecting Labour Relations, as she is employed by the Ontario Nurses Association, and she therefore vacated Council Chambers and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Casselman declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Minute Item 123 of the April 4, 2007 Corporate Service Committee minutes respecting Report HR 16-2007, A Matter of Labour Relations: Employee Group Insurance Benefit Renewal, as a family member is employed in the Wellness component of this matter and she therefore vacated Council Chambers and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on this matter.

Councillor Collins declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters that deal with the Niagara Polices Services Board, as a family member is an employee of the Police Services, and he therefore vacated Council Chambers and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Timms declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Minute Item 92 of the April 3, 2007 Public Health and Social Services Committee minutes respecting Report PHD 25-2007 (PWA 66-2007), A Matter of the Security of the Property of the Municipality, as it is related to a family business, and he therefore vacated Council Chambers and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Zimmerman declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters relating to property tax matters, as she is Chair of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and she therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

126. Report – Personnel Issue – M. Trojan

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the confidential oral report by Mr. Trojan on a personnel issue be received and that Mr. Trojan be authorized to proceed as recommended.

Carried.

127. Report – Property Issue – Niagara Falls - M. Trojan

Moved by Councillor Salci  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the confidential oral report by Mr. Trojan on a property issue be received for information.

Carried.

128. Oral Report – Property Matter – Port Colborne - M. Kyne

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the confidential oral report by Mr. Kyne on a property issue be received and that the proposed proposal be accepted.

Carried.

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

129. Moved by Councillor Smeaton  
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That this Committee do now rise with report at this time to reconvene in Closed Session following the presentations.

Carried.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

130. Sixth Annual Tobacco-Free Living Poster Contest

In January 2007 the Niagara Region Public Health Department sponsored the Sixth Annual Tobacco-Free Living Poster Contest. The program is a collaborative effort between the Chronic Disease Prevention Program and Population Health's Youth Connection Elementary School Program. 6069 elementary students from 69 elementary schools across the Region created posters illustrating their thoughts as to what a Smoke-Free Canada would be. The posters were judged by representatives from school boards and community agencies such as the YMCA and the Canadian Cancer Society. Awards were presented by Regional Chair Partington and Councillor Timms, together with

Maria Brigantino, Health Promoter, Tobacco Control Program to the following winners:

Primary Division:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place-MARIAH STEAD-St. Patrick, Port Colborne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place-KYLE DAVIS-Canadian Martyrs, St. Catharines
- 1<sup>st</sup> place-MIKAYLA WALSH-Holy Name, Welland

French Primary Division:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- JULIA DOUCET- École Sacré-Coeur, Welland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- CHANEL HENRI-École Sacré-Coeur, Welland
- 1<sup>st</sup> place- ALANNA LAPALME- École Sacré-Coeur, Welland

Junior Division :

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- LUCIETTA MARCHESE- Notre Dame, Niagara Falls
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- KRISTIN BRIDEL- Our Lady of Fatima, St. Catharines
- 1<sup>st</sup> place- HELEN ZOU- Oakridge, St. Catharines

French Junior Division:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- ZACHARY SZABO- École Sacré-Coeur, Welland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- LAUREN BOWMAN- École Sacré-Coeur, Welland
- 1<sup>st</sup> place- BRITTANY ST-AMAND- École Champlain, Welland

Intermediate Division

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- ASHLEY LEBLANC- St. Anthony, St. Catharines – TIED WITH
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- SARAH HARPER- St. Gabriel Lalemant, Niagara Falls
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- LISA MANCINI- St. Ann, St. Catharines
- 1<sup>st</sup> place- MARLEE GALLINA- St. Gabriel Lalemant, Niagara Falls

French Intermediate Division

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- KELSEY WRIGHT- École Saint-François-d'Assise, Welland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- ROBYN MATYAS ROBERTSON- St. Antoine, Niagara Falls
- 1<sup>st</sup> place- IVAN J. PLAMONDON- École Saint-François-d'Assise, Welland

Posters will be on display in schools, health professionals' offices, libraries and the Public Health Department entranceway from May 28 to June 8 in promotion of World No Tobacco Day May 31.

131. United Way – Cheque Presentation

Ms. Ellen Wodchis, Co-Chair of the Niagara Region Employees United Way Action Group, introduced John Nicol, Carol Ravenda, and Shirley Perron, representing the Action Group and the many canvassers and volunteers who devoted their efforts to this year's campaign. Several area United Way representatives were also present: Tracy Geoffroy from St. Catharines and District, Carol Stewart-Kirby, Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, and Karen Walsh and Bill Auchterlonie, South Niagara. This year's campaign goal of \$115,000 was \$15,000 higher than last year's, and even with this significant

challenge the goal was surpassed for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of the employees of the Niagara Region, this year to date a total of just under \$131,000 was raised.

Mike Trojan will be the campaign Chair for next year, and the Action Group hopes to “do him proud” for the next campaign.

Ms. Wodchis invited Constable Matt King of the Niagara Regional Police Services to assist in presenting cheques to the United Way representatives. The Niagara Region cheque was in the amount of \$130,895.69, and the NRP cheque for \$43,887.

132. Boys and Girls Club of Niagara – Plaque Presentation

Councillor Barbara Greenwood presented a plaque to Regional Chair Partington from the Boys & Girls Club of Niagara. The Regional Municipality of Niagara was recognized with an “Outstanding Contributor Award – 2006 – Builder”. The Regional Chair accepted the award on behalf of the Region.

**CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Continued)**

133. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

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

Carried.

134. Atlas Landfill Site

Moved by Councillor Puttick  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the Confidential Memorandum from Mr. Neville, March 21, 2007, respecting Atlas Landfill Site, be received for information.

Carried.

135. A Matter of Property of the Municipality  
Town of Grimsby  
**PWA 63-2007 (CSD 60-2007) – CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Confidential Report PWA 63-2007 (CSD 60-2007), April 4, 2007, be lifted and dealt with by this Council at this time.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motions on Confidential Report PWA 63-2007/CSD 60-2007, respecting A Matter of Property of the Municipality in the Town of Grimsby, in Report 5-2007, being the minutes of the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 4, 2007, and Report 5-2007, being the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 4, 2007, were defeated.

Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That Confidential Report PWA 63-2007 (CSD 60-2007), April 4, 2007, respecting A Matter of the Property of the Municipality, Town of Grimsby, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

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

136. Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

137. Councillor Collins declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters that deal with the Niagara Polices Services Board, as a family member is an employee of the Police Services, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Timms declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to matters related to Regional Development Charges as his family owns a business that may be subject to development charges, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

138. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That the Council Agenda CL 5-2007 be approved and adopted as presented.

Carried.

### **REGIONAL CHAIR'S REMARKS**

139. Regional Chair Partington was pleased to announce that he attended the joint provincial and federal funding announcement by Niagara West Glanbrook MP Dean Allison and Minister of Agriculture Leona Dombrowsky for what will now be known as the Vineland Research and Innovations Centre. Minister Jim Bradley was also present at the event.

Niagara Region highlighted the importance of Vineland during Niagara Week at Queen's park last year, and subsequently met with Federal Ministers to reinforce the message. These new investments will greatly benefit the agricultural community and move Niagara a step forward in terms of building on the "knowledge economy" that will enable us to effectively compete globally in the future. Regional Chair Partington emphasized that we need more leading edge research in Niagara that both compliments our education institutions as well as focuses on successful commercialization in the marketplace. On behalf of the Region, Regional Chair Partington thanked the Federal and Provincial governments for their commitment to the future of agriculture in Niagara, and commended Donald Ziraldo for his vision and leadership.

Regional Chair Partington thanked VanLeeuwen Flower Farms of St. Catharines for the lovely flowers decorating the Council Chambers.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

140. Report 3-2007

Moved by Councillor Lepp  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report 3-2007, being the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Thursday, March 22, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

141. Report 4-2007

Moved by Councillor Puttick  
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That Report 4-2007, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, March 22, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

142. Moved by Councillor Bylsma  
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That Communications C6880 to C6886 be received and dealt with as noted in the Council Agenda and Addendum:

C6880 A memorandum from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk (April 4, 2007) to Peter Partington, Regional Chair and Members of Council respecting the Memorial Award for the late T. Roy Adams.

C6881 A letter from Brian McMullan, Mayor, City of St. Catharines (March 29, 2007) to Members of Regional Council respecting the creation of a vibrant St. Catharines downtown core.

C6882 A letter from Minister Donna Cansfield, Ministry of Transportation respecting a Millennium Partnership Initiation Unconditional Grant in the amount of \$5,840,243.

C6883 A copy of the Order in Council, reappointing Councillor Mike Collins as a member of the Niagara Escarpment Commission for a period of four years (March 2007 to March 2011).

C6884 Card of thanks from Libby Scappaticci, an employee of the Community Services Department, for the kind donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario in memory of her father Alfonso Damiano.

C6885 A letter from Virginia Anger, Director/Curator, Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum (March 12, 2007) to Councillor Timms respecting his continued efforts to have the Welland Canal zone designated as a national heritage site.

C6886 A resolution from the Township of Wainfleet requesting that the Region explore and search for a more affordable solution to Wainfleet's contaminated groundwater problem.

Carried.

**AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

143. Niagara Economic Development Corporation

As per Council's request, the Niagara Economic Development Corporation has amended its bylaws to accommodate one additional Regional Councillor on its Board. Councillors McMullan and Goulbourne are currently serving on the Board.

Regional Chair Partington called for nominations for appointment to the Niagara Economic Development Corporation Board.

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Councillor Salci be appointed to the Board of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation.

Carried.

Regional Chair Partington called a second and third time for nominations for the appointment to the Niagara Economic Development Corporation.

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That the nominations be closed.

Carried.

There being no further nominations, and with the agreement of Councillor Salci, Regional Chair Partington declared him to be appointed to the Board of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation.

144. Affordable Housing Program:  
Brownfield Initiative  
**NRH 4-2007**

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report NRH 4-2007 respecting the Affordable Housing Program: Brownfield Initiative, be received; and

That Regional Council recommend to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing the approval of Oakdale Landing inc., under the new Affordable Housing Program: Brownfields Initiative.

Carried.

**JOINT REPORTS**

145. Tender Award for Contract No. 2007-T-108 (RN 07-08)  
Bridge Removal, Road and sidewalk Construction on  
Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at the QEW Interchange  
In the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Project ZRC0741  

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**PWA 84-2007 / CSD 74-2007**

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report PWA 894-2007/CSD 74-2007, April 12, 2007, respecting the Tender Award for Contract No. 2007-T-108 (RN 07-08) Bridge Removal, Road and Sidewalk construction on Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at the QEW Interchange in the Town of Niagara-o-the-Lake, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved ***as amended***;

That Gas Tax funding in the amount of \$537,100.00 be transferred from project ZRC0701 Roads Rehabilitation Program, to project ZRC0741 Structure Removal on Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) over Old York Road;

That approval be given to increase the gross budget for Project ZRC0741, Structure Removal Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) over Old York Road in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in the amount of \$1,610,000.00 to reflect the revised cost sharing with the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake ***(\$394,910) and the Ministry of Transportation (\$677,990)***;

That approval be given to permit a variance to the Capital Management Policy that will allow for the payment of Niagara-on-the-Lake's share to occur over a five year period;

That subject to approval and confirmation of cost sharing with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario and Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Contract No. 2007-T-108 (RN 07-08), Bridge Removal, Road and Sidewalk Construction on Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at the QEW Interchange in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be awarded to the low tenderer, Rankin Construction Inc., at its bid price of \$1,187,495.00.;

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$120,000 be provided for this contract;

That a bonus of \$7,000 per day, to a maximum of \$49,000 be paid to the Contractor upon successful completion of the bridge demolition and road re-opening component of the Contract on or before May 18, 2007;

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to extend the engineering agreement with the firm of Delcan Corporation for design services, contract administration, and inspection of this project, Bridge Removal, Road and Sidewalk Construction on Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at the QEW Interchange in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake with the total engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursement basis, estimated at \$145,000.00;

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 April 12, 2007; and

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Project ZRC0741/RC0648, Bridge Removal, Road and Sidewalk Construction on Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) at the QEW Interchange in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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

146. Report 5-2007

Moved by Councillor Smeaton  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report 5-2007, being the minutes of the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 4, 2007, be approved and adopted as **amended**, to reflect the action taken by Regional Council during the deliberations in Closed Session respecting Report PWA 63-2007 / CSD 60-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting A Matter of the Property of the Municipality in the Town of Grimsby.

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report DPD 49-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 41, Good Earth Cooking School – Accommodation and Banquet Facilities, Lincoln Avenue south of Greenlane, Town of Lincoln, be lifted and dealt with by this Council at this time.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion as noted in Report 5-2007, being the minutes of the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of April 4, 2007, (respecting DPD 49-2007, Official Plan Amendment No. 41, Good Earth Cooking School – Accommodation and Banquet Facilities, Lincoln Avenue south of Greenlane, Town of Lincoln), be approved.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion on Report 5-2007, being the minutes of the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 4, 2007, as amended, was carried.

### **CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

147. Report 5-2007

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report 5-2007, being the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 4, 2007, be approved and adopted as ***amended***, to reflect the action taken by Regional Council during the deliberations in Closed Session respecting Report PWA 63-2007 / CSD 60-2007, April 4, 2007, respecting A Matter of the Property of the Municipality in the Town of Grimsby.

Carried.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

148. Report 5-2007

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report 5-2007, being the minutes of the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, April 3, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

### **ACCOMMODATION STEERING COMMITTEE**

149. Report 3-2007

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report 3-2007, being the minutes of the Accommodation Steering Committee meeting of Friday, February 16, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND  
TAXATION REFORM**

150. Report 1-2007

Councillor Casselman asked that her name be added to the list of Committee members.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report 1-2007, being the minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform meeting of Wednesday, April 11, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**MOTIONS**

151. Welland Canals National Heritage Corridor

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That the operative clauses be voted on separately.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Katzmann

WHEREAS Regional Council, at it's meeting of July 22, 2004, supported the recommendation of the Planning Services Committee;

That Report DPD 89-2004, July 14, 2004, respecting the World Canals Conference 2004, The Welland Canals, be received and circulated for information to local municipalities, the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee and the local MP's and MPP's for discussion on designating the Welland Canals as a National Heritage Area;

WHEREAS Regional Council supported the recommendations of Planning Services Committee to approve the recommendations of Report DPD 107-2006, October 11, 2006 "Project Update and Future Directions: Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee, which included the following recommendations:

That the Heritage focus of the Downtown and Heritage Working Group be assigned to the Culture Committee; and

That the 2007 Work Plan of the Planning and Development Department include a priority objective related to providing staffing support to the Culture Committee; and

WHEREAS Memorandum M.02 HI.pr of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 “Results of Historic Places in Niagara Summit and Recommended Next Steps”, signed by Phil Ritchie, Chair of the Downtown and Heritage Working Group, included among other recommendations, “However, the Region has a unique role to play in providing Niagara-wide co-ordination and facilitation of cultural heritage initiatives within Niagara.”; and also indicates that the Summit identified “pursuit of the designation of the Welland Canals Corridor.....” as an activity for the Volunteer base with support of a staff co-ordinator, and a Medium-term Deliverable,.. “Invest in and Support Big Wins - Seek federal designation for the Welland Canals Corridor”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Regional Council support in principle that Council take a Leadership Role in collaboration with the Corridor Communities, in establishing a Welland Canals National Heritage Corridor.

Carried.

That this matter be referred to staff for a report on how to proceed, to be brought to the Council Business Planning Strategy Sessions.

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### 152. Corwin Cambray Retirement

Councillor Smeaton announced with regret the retirement of Corwin Cambray as Commissioner of Planning and Development. Councillor Smeaton pointed to Mr. Cambray’s many years of service and commended his unquestioned integrity, and his articulate, consistent and honest communication with Councillors and the public. Mr. Cambray’s understanding of current planning, how it evolved and how it affects the Niagara Region has positioned Niagara well for the future. Councillor Smeaton thanked Mr. Cambray for his personal guidance and assistance over the years and wished him well in the future.

Mr. Cambray replied that he has enjoyed serving the community and working with Councillors and appreciated the opportunity to give the best planning advice he was able to give. He noted that staff has done excellent work and this has been recognized in the Provincial Policy Plan and Places to Grow documents including the Grow South strategy. The recent investment in Vineland is the culmination of many years of work and is very good news for Niagara. Mr. Cambray thanked Mr. Trojan and fellow Commissioners, and Regional

employees for their friendship. Mr. Cambray noted that Niagara is a very special place, and it is important that we have good planning to stay a special place for now and into the future.

153. Provincial Infrastructure Investment

Councillor Henderson advised that the Township of Wainfleet received \$520,000 in Rural Infrastructure Investment for rebuilding of the O'Reilly's Bridge.

154. Watershed Plan

Councillor Greenwood advised that the Watershed Plan for Niagara South will be the subject of an Open House to be held April 26 from 7 – 9 at the Chippawa Lions Club. For more details on the Open House, please contact the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

155. Press Release - "What to do with Fido's doo?"

Councillor Zimmerman noted that a press release in the City of Toronto encouraged residents there to put animal waste in the green bins. Councillor Zimmerman pointed out that this is not allowed in the Niagara Region and requested that it be clarified to all residents that the practice of placing animal waste with food waste was not allowed.

156. Standing Committee Meetings

Councillors requested a review be carried out by staff in consultation with Councillors on the current schedule and content of Standing Committee meetings.

157. 2007 Provincial Trails Summit

Trails Summit to be held May 15 – 17 in Niagara Falls. Topics at the Summit include land use, risk management, and insurance issues. The Ministry of Health Promotion will be there. Councillor Timms encouraged all Councillors interested in trails and parks to register to attend the Summit.

**BY-LAWS**

158. Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 33

A By-Law to Establish Part of Lots 1 And 2, Plan 150, in the City of St. Catharines as Part of Regional Road No. 42 (Ontario Street)

Bill 34

A By-Law to Establish Part of Township Lots 173 And 175 in the City of Niagara Falls as Part of Regional Road No. 102 (Stanley Avenue)

Bill 35

A By-Law to Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-10 Years) in the Amount of \$1,495,000 for Various Projects in the 2007 Waste Management Capital Program

Bill 36

A By-Law to Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-10 Years) in the Amount of \$4,735,000 for Various Projects in the 2007 Roads Capital Program

Bill 37

A By-Law to Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-5 Years) in the Amount of \$455,000 for Project ZGR0702, Ambulance and Related Equipment

Bill 38

A By-Law to Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-10 Years) in the Amount of \$1,001,000 for Project ZGD0702, Disabilities Act Renovations and Project ZGD0703, Building Improvement Program for Regional Facilities

Bill 39

By-Law to Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-10 Years) in the Amount of \$1,060,840 for Various Projects in the 2007 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Capital Budget

Bill 40

A By-Law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Actions of the Regional Council at its Meeting Held on the 12th of April, 2007

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the following bills be now read and do pass.

Bill 41

A By-law to Provide for the Adoption of Amendment 2-2007 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to Provide for Connections to a Local Watermain for Land Uses Along the East Side of Rice Rd., Town of Pelham

Bill 42

A By-law to Set Tax Ratios and Tax Rate Reductions for Prescribed Property Subclasses for Regional Purposes and Area Municipal Purposes for the Year 2007.

Bill 43

A By-law to Set and Levy the Rates of Taxation for Regional General and Special Purposes for the Year 2007.

Bill 44

A By-law to Close and Convey Part of the Excess Untravelled Portion of Regional Road No. 420 in the City of Niagara Falls.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was directed to:

- Provide information respecting when amendments to motions are permitted. (Refers to Minute Item 135)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Peter Partington  
Regional Chair

Betty Staines  
Legislative Assistant

Janet Pilon  
Deputy Clerk