

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CL 5-2008

COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, February 28, 2008

**6:00** p.m.

2201 St. David's Road

Thorold, Ontario

1. Call to Order
2. Closed Session

Closed Session Reports as contained  
In Standing Committee Reports  
For Council Agenda CL 5-2008

A Matter of Labour Relations

Corporate Organizational Design Review – Appendix 'B'

**CAO 1-2008**

*(please refer to the copy of the report that was distributed with the February 21, 2008  
Committee of the Whole agenda)*

3. Invocation 7:00 p.m.
4. Singing of 'O Canada'

**2008/2009 WHOLESAL VOLUMETRIC WATER AND  
WASTEWATER RATES AND REQUISITIONS PUBLIC MEETING**

5. Adoption of Agenda
  - 5.1 Addition of Items
  - 5.2 Changes in Order of Items
  - 5.3 Conflicts of Interest

6. Presentations

**INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL - NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE  
WATERFRONT PROPERTY**

*Kari Cullen, Consultant, Project Niagara*

7. Chair's Reports, Announcements, Remarks

8. Adoption of Minutes

Council Report CL 3-2008  
Thursday, February 7, 2008

9. Correspondence, Petitions (CA 18-2008)

a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff

b) For Consideration

10. Resolutions from Other Municipalities

11. Delegations (related to Committee Reports)

12. Agencies, Boards and Commissions

13. Committee Reports (CA 20-2008)

14. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

15. Motions (CA 21-2008)

Proposed Amendment to the Procedural By-law to Allow Weighted Recorded  
Votes at Regional Council Based Upon the Census Populations of Niagara's  
Communities

**Councillor Baty**

16. Notices of Motion

17. Other Business

18. By-laws (CA 22-2008)

19. Confirming By-law – Bill 18

20. Adjournment

Janet Pilon  
Acting Regional Clerk

9. Correspondence

a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff

C7001 A letter from Minister Madeleine Meilleur, Ministry of Community and Social Services (January 31, 2008) respecting the recent federal court decision regarding the U.S. – Canada Safe Third Country Agreement and the need for a broader strategy that must involve a significant financial contribution from the federal government.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7002 A letter from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board (February 12, 2008) respecting the NRPS Facilities Long-Term Accommodation Plan.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7003 A letter from Deb Morton, Executive Director, Niagara Police Services Board (February 12, 2008) respecting the NRPS Facilities Long-Term Accommodation Plan – Collaborative Discussions.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7004 Card of thanks from Mary Szabo, an employee of the Planning Department, for the kind donation to the Welland County General Hospital Foundation in memory of her father-in-law William Albert Szabo.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7005 Card of thanks from Tom Bernard, an employee of the Planning Department, for the kind donation to the Woodlands of Sunset in memory of his mother-in-law Bertha Schooley.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7006 A package of information from Mr. William McLean: a letter dated November 15, 2007 with schedules identifying the composition of municipal and regional Councils within Ontario and a letter dated January 16, 2008 in response to Councillor McMullan's efforts to alter Regional Council.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive and refer to the Council Organization Review Committee.

C7008 A notice from Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto, respecting Niagara Region's participation in Earth Hour on March 29<sup>th</sup>, where residents are encouraged to turn off their lights from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., to raise awareness and support for action on climate change.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7009 Card of thanks from Bill Lockhart, an employee of the Public Works Department, for the kind donation to the Hospital for Sick Children in memory of his mother Marjory Lockhart.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

b) For Consideration

C7007 A letter from Ms. Susan Daniels, Deputy City Clerk, City of Thorold (February 8, 2008) respecting the resolution adopted by Thorold City Council requesting the Federal Ministers of Finance and Canadian Heritage establish financial tax incentives for the rehabilitation of heritage buildings which would encourage private sector investment in the rehabilitation of historic landmarks.

13. Committee Reports

**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Report 5-2008, Thursday, February 7, 2008

**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Report PPW 3-2008, Wednesday, February 20, 2008

**CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Report CSC 3-2008, Wednesday, February 20, 2008

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Report PHSS 2-2008, Tuesday, February 19, 2008

**COUNCIL ORGANIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Report 2-2008, February 12, 2008

15. Motions

**Councillor Baty gave notice at the Council meeting on February 7, 2008 that he would bring forward the following motion for consideration of Council, at its meeting of February 28, 2008:**

WHEREAS precedents exist that allow democratically elected representatives to determine the will of the majority by means other than a simple vote of the elected representatives; and

WHEREAS in the Niagara Region, certain votes of elected Regional Councillors are subject to further review and acted upon by a triple majority vote; and

WHEREAS in the Niagara Region, representation is not based solely on population; and

WHEREAS several studies and reports over time have led to modest changes in the representation of municipalities on Niagara Regional Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council direct the Council Organization Review Committee:

- to review examples of weighted, recorded voting procedures and
- to propose a method by which weighted, recorded votes can be determined reflecting the most current census data for our local municipalities and
- to make recommendations to Niagara Regional Council regarding possible inclusion of a weighted recorded voting procedure as an amendment, by addition, to the current Procedural By-Law.

18. By-Laws

Bill 12

A By-Law to Adopt the 2008 Capital Budget for the Regional Municipality of Niagara

Bill 13

A By-Law to Authorize Participation by the Niagara Region in the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program

Bill 14

A By-Law to Fix the Rates to be Charged for Water Supplied to Lower-Tier Municipalities During the Period March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009

Bill 15

A By-Law to Set the Requisitions to be Charged for Wastewater Received from Lower-Tier Municipalities for the Period March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009

Bill 16

A By-Law to Provide for the Regulation of Traffic on Regional Highways

Bill 17

A By-Law to Provide for the Regulation of Traffic on Regional Highways in the City of St. Catharines