

# THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

### REPORT CL 4-2009

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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, March 5, 2009 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

These are the individuals who were in attendance during the Open Session of the Regional Council meeting:

#### ATTENDANCE

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

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

Staff  
(Other): Messrs. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Lockyer, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management; Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management; Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality & Improvement; Ms. Murphy, Associate Director, Current & Capital Budgets; Ms. Stranges, Capital Analyst; Ms. Crowley, Current Budget Analyst; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director, Water & Wastewater.

#### CALL TO ORDER

68. Regional Chair Partington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

69. Moved by Councillor D'Angela  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the Council Agenda CL 4-2009 be approved and adopted ***as amended by moving the Closed Session following the Presentation***

Carried.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

70. 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.

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.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

71. 2008 Debbie Zimmerman Early Years Niagara Literacy Award

Ms. Judy Reid, Manager, Early Years Niagara, Business Education Council and Mr. Brian Hutchings, Co-Chair of Early Years Niagara Planning Council, noted that the Debbie Zimmerman Early Years Niagara Literary Award has established a unique award for children's literature aimed at the 0-6 age group.

Mr. Hutchings noted that award truly supports Regional Council's endorsement of the Niagara Children's Charter and is named for Debbie Zimmerman to recognize her six years as Niagara's Regional Chair (1998-2003) and honours her contribution to building momentum in Niagara Region for the Early Years and the positive impact this achievement has had on improving the lives of thousands of children and reducing the stress and isolation many parents experience.

Mr. Hutchings also noted that the award continues Councillor Zimmerman's legacy by highlighting the importance of the youngest citizens in Niagara; encouraging early reading; helping parents choose the right books for children from infancy to age six and celebrating children's authors.

Ms. Hutchings advised Regional Council that over 1,200 votes were cast this year, for the award winning book and that since the award's inception over 2,200 Children's books have been placed in the community, 800 of those books have been the annual award winning book.

Ms. Reid announced that the 2008 award winning children's book is:

**I Don't like Gloria!**  
**written by Kaye Umansky and illustrated by Margaret Chamberlain**

Ms. Reid advised Regional Council that in moving forward, the Literary Planning Committee in collaboration with Councillor Zimmerman discussed the future direction of the award, which has had overwhelming success in Niagara and has increased the focus on the importance of literacy and the early years. The discussion centred on continuing the award in a resilient fashion.

Ms. Reid noted that Councillor Zimmerman will always be a Champion for children and families in Niagara, but that she felt it was time to reflect on Council's ongoing commitment to Niagara's children, the early years and specifically child literacy, therefore, the award for 2009 and beyond will be named the Regional Chair Early Years Niagara Literary Award.

This award not only draws attention to the value of reading with children in their early years but recognizes the invaluable role that libraries, Ontario Early Years Centres, and child care centres play in supporting Niagara's families and encouraging early literacy in our community.

Regional Chair Partington and Councillor Zimmerman were delighted when presented with copies of the book, which the Committee, in partnership with the Touch a Truck fundraiser and the Annual Regional Chair Golf Tournament, this award has been sustained and most importantly increased the availability of quality children's literature at public sites throughout Niagara. The award also recognizes the invaluable role that libraries, Ontario Early Years Centres and Child Care Centres play in supporting Niagara's families and encouraging literacy in the community.

These are the individuals who were in attendance during the Closed Session of the Regional Council meeting:

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Staff  
(Other): Messrs. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Lockyer, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management; Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management; Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality & Improvement.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

72. Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That this Council do now move into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information and dealing with a Matter of Solicitor-Client Advice Matters of Solicitor-Client Privilege, Security of the Property of the Municipality, Litigation, Proposed Dispositions of Land and Closed Meetings under the Police Services Act on the Police Long-Term Accommodations Plan – Update.

Carried.

73. A Matter of Solicitor-Client Advice

There were no issues raised.

74. Matters of Solicitor-Client Privilege, Security of the Property of the Municipality, Litigation, Proposed Dispositions of Land and Closed Meetings under the Police Services Act  
Police Long-Term Accommodations Plan – Update

Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services, provided Regional Council with an update on the Police Long Term Accommodations Plan.

**CLOSED SESSION, RISE AND REPORT**

76. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That this Committee do now rise without report.

Carried.

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

77. Moved by Councillor Salci  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the Council Agenda CL 4-2009 be amended further, in order to hear the delegation and deal with the Corporate Services Committee minutes at this time.

Carried.

**DELEGATIONS**

78. Buy Canadian Resolution  
**CSD 42-2009**

Mr. Wayne Gates, President, CAW Local 199 and Mr. Mike Michaud, CAW National Rep., advised Regional Council that the recommendations contained in Report CSD 42-2009, in no way reflects the intent of the original resolution the CAW brought forward, therefore, Mr. Gates strongly urged Regional Council to rethink their position and support the CAW's Buy Canadian Policy.

**CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

79. Report 3-2009

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report 3-2009, being the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, February 25, 2009, be approved and adopted.

80. Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report CSD 42-2009, February 25, 2009, Buy Canadian Resolution, be lifted and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

81. Buy Canadian Resolution  
**CSD 42-2009**

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report CSD 42-2009, February 25, 2009, Buy Canadian Resolution, be received; and

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara, acting in good faith and in accordance with the Region's Purchasing By-law, will make every effort to ensure that products and services are obtained within Canada where possible.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken there were an equal number of votes in favour of and against the motion. The Regional Chair voted in favour of the motion to break the tie. The Regional Chair declared the original motion, carried.

Regional Council recessed at 8:06 p.m. to reconvene the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting.

Regional Council reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

**REGIONAL CHAIR'S REMARKS**

82. The Regional Chair commented on Southern Ontario's bid for the 2015 Pan American Games. The proposed 2015 games are scheduled to run from July 10 – 26, 2015, followed by the Parapan Games from August 7-14, 2015. Last month, Toronto bid organizers announced venue choices spreading across the Golden Horseshoe. If Southern Ontario is chosen, Niagara stands to be a big winner, offering venue sites in St Catharines and Welland for the rowing, flatwater canoeing and kayaking events. Niagara Falls has also been identified by the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games Bid Committee, as a possible site for a welcome centre for the duration of event.

If Southern Ontario is awarded the bid, Niagara could also receive investment for sports and recreation infrastructure. It could mean more than \$5 million for Niagara's economy, to be used specifically for facility upgrades. Furthermore, winning the bid would also allow local businesses the opportunity to gain much needed economic spin-off, as a result of hosting this world renowned sporting event.

Niagara Region is very excited about this opportunity, and we are looking forward to hearing the decision from the American Sports Organization, scheduled to be released in November of this year.

The Regional Chair advised Regional Council that the Provincial Budget is being delivered by Ontario's Finance Minister Dwight Duncan, on March 26, 2009.

The Regional Chair will be making a State of the Region Address, hosted by the St. Catharines / Thorold Chamber of Commerce on April 2, 2009. Thank you to the Chamber for inviting me to speak.

Niagara Region was saddened to learn of the passing of Gilbert "Gib" Parent, at the age of 73. Mr. Parent was born in Mattawa, Ontario, and moved to Welland at the age of five. Gib was first elected to parliament in 1974, representing the St. Catharines riding; re-elected in the 1979, 1980, 1988, 1993 and 1997 elections, before letting his name stand for Speaker of the House in the following election. Gib held the position of Speaker for over two terms until his retirement in 2001. On behalf of Niagara Regional Council, the Regional Chair extended their heartfelt sympathies to Gib's family, his many friends and colleagues.

Niagara Region was also saddened to learn of the passing of Warrant Officer Dennis Raymond Brown, a reservist from the Lincoln and Welland regiment, based in St. Catharines, who also worked as Special Constable with the Niagara Regional Police Service. Mr. Brown was one of three soldiers killed and two injured, on Tuesday March 3, 2009, after a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle Northwest of Kandahar City.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and four children, family and friends at this difficult time.

In closing, the Regional Chair thanked Peter Bulk Greenhouses of Welland for the cut flowers that adorned Council Chamber. These flowers will be donated to The Woodlands of Sunset in Welland. On behalf of Council, the Regional Chair thanked Peter Bulk Greenhouses for their gift.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

83. Report CL 2-2009

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Report CL 2-2009, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, February 12, 2009, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

84. Report CW 2-2009

Moved by Councillor Gabriel  
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report CW 2-2009, being the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Thursday, February 19, 2009, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

85. Report CL 3-2009

Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Report CL 3-2009, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, February 19, 2009, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

86. Moved by Councillor Katzman  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Communications C7216 to C7223; C7225; C7227 and C7228, be dealt with as noted in the Council Agenda and Addendum, which reads as follows:

C7216      A letter from Kenneth Todd, Director of Corporate Support Services (February 17, 2009) respecting the Niagara Regional Police Accommodation Strategy.

*Received.*

C7217      Card of thanks from Susan Rutledge an employee of the Community Services Department, for the kind donation to Linhaven in memory of her father Edwin George Voegel.

*Received.*

C7218      A letter from Christine Mintoff, Acting Deputy Clerk (February 19, 2009) advising Ms. Mary Mollica of the City of Welland's resolution respecting her request to consider the downsizing of Members of City and Regional Council for the 2010 Elections.

*Received.*

- C7219 A letter from Dan Hefkey, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief (January 29, 2009) congratulating Niagara Region for completing all of the mandatory emergency management activities required under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for 2008.
- Received.*
- C7220 A letter from Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie (February 9, 2009) to the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance and the Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting the Town of Fort Erie Council's resolution in support of the Town of Lincoln's position on the 2009 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations.
- Received.*
- C7221 A letter from Stephen Brereton, Consul General for Canada and John Nay, Consul General for the United States (February 13, 2009) expressing their appreciation for Niagara Region's commitment of \$15,000 in support of the June 2009 Centennial activities in Niagara.
- Received.*
- C7222 A letter from Frenchman's Creek Estates Inc. (Received February 25, 2009) respecting Niagara 2031, Regional Niagara's Growth Management Strategy.
- Received.*
- C7223 Card of thanks from Suzanne Welsh an employee of the Community Services Department, for the kind donation to Covenant House (Toronto) in memory of her brother Bryan Welsh.
- Received.*
- C7225 A letter from Harry Pelissero, General Manager, Egg Farmers of Ontario (February 10, 2009) requesting that the Regional Municipality of Niagara join its local municipalities by supporting Egg Farmers of Ontario's motion.
- Received and referred to the Purchasing Department.*

C7227 A letter from Mr. Gates and Mr. Michaud, CAW Local 199 (February 27, 2009) requesting permission to speak as a delegation respecting Report CSD 42-2009, February 25, 2009, Buy Canadian Resolution.

*Received.*

C7228 An e-mail from Domenic Caruso, a resident of the City of Niagara Falls (February 27, 2009) respecting Denying Niagara Falls Businesses to Open.

*Received.*

Carried.

87. Communication C7224

Moved by Councillor Saracino  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Communication C7224, a memorandum from Janet Pilon, Deputy Regional Clerk (March 5, 2009) respecting the 2009 Meeting Schedule Conflict with March Break, be received;

That the Corporate Services Committee meeting be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., in Council Chambers, to accommodate the anticipated attendance for the presentation by KPMG – PSAB;

That the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4; and

That the Integrated Community Planning and Public Works Committee meeting be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Carried.

88. Communication C7226

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That Communication C7226, a memorandum from Councillor Greenwood (March 5, 2009) respecting Report CSD 121-2008, Application for Exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Value Village, 6278 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, be received.

Carried.

89. Waiving the Rules of Procedure

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Council suspend the Rules of Procedure, in order to reconsider a matter previously reconsidered at the February 12, 2009 Council meeting.

Carried.

90. Reconsideration – Waiving Notice Requirement

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Regional Council waive **all requirements**, under Section 19.16 of Procedural By-law 96-2007 to reconsider a matter defeated at the November 27, 2008 Regional Council meeting, respecting Report CSD 121-2008, Application for Exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Value Village, 6278 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls.

Carried.

91. Reconsideration of Report CSD 121-2008, Application for Exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Value Village, 6278 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That notwithstanding its November 27, 2008 resolution with respect to Report CSD 121-2008, Application for Exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Value Village, 6278 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Niagara Region reconsider its decisions at the March 26, 2009 Regional Council meeting following presentations by the applicant and other interested parties.

Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the foregoing motion be amended by adding:

That a Public Meeting be held at the Regional Council meeting of March 26, 2009 respecting the Application for Exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Value Village, 6278 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls.

Carried.

The original motion, as amended, now reads as follows:

That notwithstanding its November 27, 2008 resolution with respect to Report CSD 121-2008, Application for Exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Value Village, 6278 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Niagara Region reconsider its decisions at the March 26, 2009 Regional Council meeting following presentations by the applicant and other interested parties.

***That a Public Meeting be held at the Regional Council meeting of March 26, 2009 respecting the Application for Exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Value Village, 6278 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls.***

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the motion, as amended, carried.

### **AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

#### 92. Police Long Term Accommodation – Update

The Regional Chair advised Regional Council that since last they met, the Region and the Police Services have made positive progress in a number of areas. There is growing convergence of views and agreement between the parties in relation to: the Region having a role in partnership discussions; development of a site selection matrix and analysis of sites against matrix; joint retention of project management for implementation; need for project plans including developing plans for long term viable use of any vacated facilities; need for a joint communication strategy and some progress on discussions related to value for money and due diligence.

The Regional Chair noted that although progress has been achieved, there are still some fundamental differences on clarity of role and responsibility.

Both the Niagara Region and the Niagara Regional Police Service are preparing for the April 23, 2009 OCCOPS pre-hearing, however, both parties wish to continue the dialogue and consider a facilitated process to assist in resolving any outstanding issues.

#### 93. Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008 **NRH 2-2009**

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report NRH 2-2009, March 5, 2009, respecting the Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report, October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)**

**INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

94. Report 3-2009

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Report 3-2009, being the minutes of the Integrated Community Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of Wednesday, February 25, 2009, be approved and adopted.

95. Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 09-2009 respecting Extension of Contract 2002-T-46 with Modern Corporation/Sheldrick Sanitation Ltd. to February 28, 2011 was lifted and ***referred to the March 26, 2009 Regional Council meeting.***

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken the Regional Chair declared the original motion ***as amended***, carried.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

96. Report 3-2009

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report 3-2009, being the minutes of the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, February 24, 2009, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**JOINT CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE AND  
INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

97. Report 1-2009

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report 1-2009, being the minutes of the Joint Corporate Services Committee and Integrated Community Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of Wednesday, February 25, 2009, be approved and adopted.

Moved by Councillor Salci  
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report CSD 40-2009/PWA 19-2009 respecting 2009 Water & Wastewater Rate Setting and Cost Recovery Review and Uniform Wholesale Rates and Area Municipal Requisitions be lifted and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

98. 2009 Water & Wastewater Rate Setting and  
Cost Recovery Review and Uniform Wholesale Rates  
and Area Municipal Requisitions  
CSD 40-2009/PWA 19-2009  
Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report CSD 40-2009/PWA 19-2009 respecting 2009 Water & Wastewater Rate Setting and Cost Recovery Review and Uniform Wholesale Rates and Area Municipal Requisitions ***be referred back to staff in order for staff to meet with the Area Treasurers and Public Works Directors for further discussion; inclusion of the spreadsheets; review a long-term plan; prepare a utility model that would address how Niagara Region could strengthen the model (eg. a single deliverer of water and billing at Regional level, to address the 11 billing practices now in place); and a three year rolling average regression model).***

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken the Regional Chair declared the original motion ***as amended***, carried.

(Refer to the Councillor Information Requests)

### **BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

99. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That the decisions made at the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting of Thursday, March 5, 2009, be approved and adopted.

Upon a recorded vote being requested, the Council was divided on the motion as follows:

Voting for the Motion:

Councillor Augustyn	Councillor Katzman	
Councillor Baty	Councillor Lepp	
Councillor Burroughs	Councillor Marshall	
Councillor Bylsma	Councillor McMullan	
Councillor Casselman	Councillor Rigby	
Councillor D'Angela	Councillor Timms	
Councillor Heit	Councillor Trombetta	
Councillor Gabriel	Councillor Zimmerman	(17)
Councillor Greenwood		

Voting against the Motion:

Councillor Badawey	Councillor Martin	
Councillor Bentley	Councillor Putick	
Councillor Cordiner	Councillor Salci	
Councillor Forster	Councillor Saracino	
Councillor Goulbourne	Councillor Smeaton	(11)
Councillor Hodgson		

Upon the recorded vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the motion carried.

**MOTIONS**

100. Analysis of the St. Catharines' Proposal for the NRPS Headquarters

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That the City of St. Catharines' proposal to the Niagara Regional Police Services Board regarding the new accommodations titled "To Serve and Protect" be received and referred to the Police Long Term Accommodations Committee for the purpose of review and report back to Council.

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the foregoing motion, be amended by deleting "for the purpose of review and report back to Council".

Carried.

The original motion, ***as amended***, now reads as follows:

That the City of St. Catharines' proposal to the Niagara Regional Police Services Board regarding the new accommodations titled "To Serve and Protect" be received and referred to the Police Long Term Accommodations Committee.

Upon a vote being taken the Regional Chair declared the original motion ***as amended***, carried.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

101. Process and Criteria for Buying Canadian

Councillor Forster advised Regional Council that she would be bringing forward a motion at the March 26, 2009 Regional Council meeting to request that staff prepare a process and the criteria to ensure that Niagara Region complies with their best efforts to buy Canadian.

102. Support for the 2015 Pan Am Games

Councillor Rigby advised Regional Council that he would be bringing forward a motion at the March 26, 2009 Regional Council meeting to request support for a resolution respecting the 2015 Pan Am Games.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

103. Health Story of Niagara

Regional Council was invited to attend the Health Story of Niagara on May 5, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn.

104. Niagara's Water – Our Rights and Our Obligations

Regional Council was invited to attend the Ontario Institute of Agrologists' (OIA) event "Niagara's Water – Our Rights and Our Obligations" on Friday, March 13, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation.

105. Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative - Enhanced Driver's Licence

Councillor Martin advised Regional Council that Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will be effective June 1, 2009, which will no longer permit your entrance into the United States without a passport or an enhanced driver's licence.

Councillor Martin noted that the enhanced driver's licence has not been promoted in Ontario and should have been promoted and implemented in Niagara Region before this time, given that the deadline is June 1, 2009.

The enhanced driver's licence is available in St. Catharines only and due to Niagara's proximity to the United States, and the importance of ensuring that our residents are aware of and having the proper documentation to cross the border, the enhanced driver's licence should be available in all Licensing Bureaus throughout Niagara.

Moved by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That the Regional Chair correspond with the Minister of Transportation to bring attention to lack of access and promotion of the enhanced driver's licence in the Niagara Region; and requesting that they respond as to what the Ontario Government's plan is for the promotion and implementation of the enhanced driver's licences before the June 1, 2009 deadline in an effective and efficient manner; and

That the Regional Chair report back to Council at the March 26, 2009 meeting, with the Minister's response.

Carried.

### **BY-LAWS**

106. Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That the following Bills be now read and do pass:

#### **Bill 17**

A By-Law to Accept, Assume and Dedicate Part of Township Lot 158, in the City of Thorold as Part of Regional Road No. 20 (Canboro Road)

Carried.

107. Moved by Councillor Bentley  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That the following Bills be now read and do pass:

#### **Bill 20**

A By-Law to Accept, Assume and Dedicate Part of Lot 159, in the City of Thorold as Part of Regional Road No. 20 (former Highway 20)

Carried.

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

108. Moved by Councillor Cordiner  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That the following Bill be now read and do pass:

**Bill 18**

A By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Actions of the Regional Council at its Meeting held on the 5th of March, 2009.

Carried.

**COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS**

Staff was asked:

- that in fairness to the Area Municipalities, that staff consider changing the requisitioning date to April 1<sup>st</sup>, rather than March 1<sup>st</sup>. (Refers to Minute Item 94) Councillor Badawey

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Peter Partington  
Regional Chair

Janet Pilon  
Deputy Regional Clerk

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk