

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 6-2010

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, May 13, 2010 commencing at 6:33 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance during the Closed Session of the Regional Council meeting:

ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Augustyn; Badaway, Baty; Burroughs; Bylsma; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Garcia; Heit; Hodgson; Katzman; Marshall; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms; Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning; Kyne, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services; Brothers, Commissioner Public Works; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Bain, Regional Clerk; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Regional Clerk.

Staff
(Other): Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Weir, Director, Administration; Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management; Cunnane, Chief/Director, EMS; McKay, Associate Director, EMS; Smith, Associate Director, EMS; Van Valkenberg, Deputy Chief/Associate Director, EMS; Ms. Elliott, Director, HR Services.

CALL TO ORDER

194. Regional Chair Partington called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

195. Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That this Council do now move into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to Matters of Labour Relations - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Update and Update on CUPE 1757 Negotiations; Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual Including Municipal or Local Board Employees – Changes to Financial Management and Planning Division of Corporate Services; Matters of Solicitor Client Advice and Litigation Involving the Municipality—Niagara 2031 Growth Plan Appeals and A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality—Status of the Niagara Ambulance Communication Service Agreement with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

Carried.

196. Matters of Solicitor Client Advice and Litigation Involving the Municipality
Niagara 2031 Growth Plan Appeals

Mr. Mike Kyne, Director, Legal Services provided Regional Council with an oral report on Matters of Solicitor Client Advice and Potential Litigation Involving the Municipality – Niagara 2031 Growth Plan Appeals.

197. A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality—
Status of the Niagara Ambulance Communication Service
Agreement with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
PHD 28-2010

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Confidential Report PHD 28-2010, May 13, 2010, respecting A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality – Status of the Niagara Ambulance Communication Service Agreement with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, be received; and

That Regional Council direct the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the Ambulance Communication Service Agreement with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on behalf of Niagara Region, subject to the approval of the final version of the Agreement by the CAO, subsequent to the completion of a review by the Director of Legal Services.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION, RISE AND REPORT

198. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Garcia

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:04 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Baty followed by the singing of 'O Canada'.

The following individuals were in attendance during the Open Session of the Regional Council meeting:

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning; Kyne, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Brothers, Commissioner Public Works; Bain, Regional Clerk; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Regional Clerk.

Staff
(Other): Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Weir, Director, Administration; Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management; Ms. Elliott, Director, HR Services.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

199. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That the Motions listed on the agenda be moved forward on Council Agenda CL 6-2010, to be dealt with prior to the Committee Reports.

Carried.

200. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That the Council Agenda CL 6-2010, be approved and adopted ***as amended***.

Carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

201. Councillor Forster declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the Matters of Labour Relations - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Update and Update on CUPE 1757 Negotiations, as she is a staff member with the Ontario Nurses Association, and she therefore vacated the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

Councillor Heit declared a 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 Martin declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the Matters of Labour Relations - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Update and Update on CUPE 1757 Negotiations, as his wife is a member CUPE, and he therefore vacated the Council Chamber and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

PRESENTATIONS

202. Annual Tobacco-Free Poster Contest

Ms. Nancy O'Neil and Ms. Sandy Polly, School Health Elementary Team, Public Health advised Regional Council that as part of the National Non-Smoking Week in January, the 9th annual Tobacco-Free Living Poster Contest was launched in all elementary schools across the Niagara Region. The contest is a collaborative effort between the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Division and the Family Health Division. Over 3,000 elementary students from around the Region took up the challenge to create a poster illustrating their thought on what "Quitting is Contagious, pass it on" meant to them within the context of the smoking issue.

It is also important to recognize the efforts of the Elementary School Health Team and the teachers of Niagara for their role in educating, motivating and ensuring that the information of a smoke-free lifestyle is passed along to the children and youth in our communities. It is very rewarding when this level of co-operation and support exists between Public Health and our Niagara schools.

Awards were presented by Regional Chair Partington and Councillor Baty to the following winners:

ENGLISH PRIMARY DIVISION

3rd place – **Emma-Kate Baker** - Our Lady of Fatima, St. Catharines

2nd place – **Ally Dyck** - St. Ann's, St. Catharines

1st place – **Bryan Abril** - St. James, St. Catharines

IN THE FRENCH PRIMARY DIVISION

3rd place – **Chloe Zygmunt** - Ecole Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, St. Catharines
2nd place – **Mattea Miele** - Ecole Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, St. Catharines
1st place – **Abigayle Bilotta** - Ecole Ste. Marguerite-Bourgeoys, St. Catharines

ENGLISH JUNIOR DIVISION

3rd place – **Mikayla Walsh** - Holy Name, Welland
2nd place – **Amanda Sipos** - Our Lady of Fatima, Grimsby
1st place – **Alana Hewson** - Smithville Covenant Christian School, Smithville

FRENCH JUNIOR DIVISION

3rd place – **Sara Fortier** - Ecole Du Sacre-Couer, Welland
2nd place – **Riley Corriveau** - Ecole Du Sacre-Couer, Welland
1st place – **Magenta Hayne** - Ecole Du Sacre-Couer, Welland

ENGLISH INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

3rd place – **Christopher Vecchi** - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls
2nd place – **Stephanie Panucci** - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls
1st place – **Mimi Shen** – Carleton, St. Catharines

FRENCH INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

3rd place- **Ashley Carter**-Ecole du Sacre-Couer, Welland
2nd place- **Paulina Chan**- Ecole Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys
1st place- **Lauren Bowman**-Ecole du Sacre-Couer

YMCA of Niagara were thanked for generously sponsoring this event. Posters will be on display in schools, health professionals' offices, libraries and the Public Health Department entranceway from May 25th to June 4th in promotion of World No Tobacco Day May 31st.

203. United Way Cheque Presentations

Niagara Region:

Ms. Wendy Stewart and Mr. Marty Mako, Co-Chairs of the United Way Action Group were in attendance to celebrate Niagara Region's successes from this year's United Way campaign, and also to formally present the funds raised by Niagara Region's employees to the United Way.

Given that this is Niagara Region's 40th Anniversary Regional Council was provided with some campaign history. Niagara Region employees have been giving back to their community through the United Way for over 30 years. In 1978, our local union groups and Regional Council partnered to create a program of incentive prizes for employees to help increase participation in the United Way corporate fundraising campaign. This incentive program has been in place ever since, and employee participation has grown in numerous ways over the years. With Corporate, Council and Union support, it has been a true partnership. This campaign brings nearly 3000 employees in 100 work locations together, breaks down silos and unites us around our shared values.

This year's campaign kicked off back in September when we announced our goal of raising \$180,000 for the United Way. This was a large increase over our \$140,000 goal from last year and especially given the economic situation in Niagara we felt this to be an ambitious goal, however, with passion and determination we were confident it could be achieved.

Sue Garbutt, Tracy Haley and Pat Chiochio this year's campaign coordinators deserve special recognition as they played key roles in the campaign's overall success.

Tonight, we are thrilled to be able to tell you that through employee contributions and multiple fundraising activities across the corporation, we have surpassed our goal for the 7th year in a row. Thanks to the hard work and commitment from Niagara Region employees, this year, to date, we have raised a total of \$192,300!! Simply unbelievable!

Frances Hallworth, Executive Director of the United Way of St. Catharines and District; Carol Stewart-Kirkby, Executive Director of the United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie and Peter Papp, Executive Director of the United Way of South Niagara were in attendance to receive the cheque from Niagara Region.

Niagara Regional Police Service:

Constable Evan Lindsay, United Way Representative for the Niagara Regional Police Service advised Regional Council that the Niagara Regional Police Service raised just under \$60,000 this year for the United Way through payroll deductions and fundraising events.

Constable Lindsay noted that with Chief Southall's support this has been made possible.

204. Health Bus: Celebrating Community Partnerships

Ms. Marilyn St. John, Chief Nursing Officer/Director Clinical Services in celebration of our Community Partnerships, was pleased to advise Regional Council that the Wise Guys Charity has once again come forward and purchased a new and smaller Health Bus that will transport staff, supplies and equipment to community agencies where health care can be provided in discreet and dedicated office space throughout Niagara.

The Health Bus Program idea was first brought in the summer of 1997 when Chuck Smith, Chair of the Wise Guys Charity and Betty Lou Souter, CEO of Community Care, St. Catharines and Thorold, came to meet with Dr. Robin Williams and Ms. Marilyn St. John. At that time, Betty Lou Souter had a specific vision for providing a mobile health service for the homeless and vulnerable people of Niagara and Chuck Smith had the capacity to support the purchase of a vehicle to do the job. The Wise Guys Charity had a generous history in Niagara regarding funding for specific capital projects that provided assistance to numerous organizations and so we were compelled to take Mr. Smith's and Ms. Souter up on their idea in order to provide public health services to people who were often unable to access medical services themselves.

Niagara Region, in the spirit of ongoing community partnerships, in turn, is donating the former Health Bus to Mr. Mike Hicks from the Central Community Church from which they will expand the continuum of services to our community.

Regional Council acknowledged and thanked Chuck Smith, Doug Smith and Betty Lou Souter of the Wise Guys Charity for their on-going care and concern for helping others in our community.

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Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning; Kyne, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Brothers, Commissioner Public Works; Bain, Regional Clerk; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Regional Clerk.

Staff
(Other): Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Weir, Director, Administration; Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management; Ms. Elliott, Director, HR Services.

CLOSED SESSION (Continued)

205. Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That this Council do now move into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to Matters of Labour Relations - Update on CUPE 1757 Negotiations.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION, RISE AND REPORT

206. Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That this Committee do now rise without report.

Carried.

The following individuals were in attendance during the Open Session of the Regional Council meeting:

ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Augustyn; Badaway, Baty; Bentley; Burroughs; Bylsma; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Garcia; Heit; Hodgson; Katzman; Marshall; Martin; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms; Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning; Kyne, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Brothers, Commissioner Public Works; Bain, Regional Clerk; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Regional Clerk.

Staff
(Other): Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Weir, Director, Administration; Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

207. CL 5-2010

Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report CL 5-2010, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, April 22, 2010 and Friday, April 23, 2010, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

208. Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Communications C7484 to C7488; C7491; C7492; C7504; C7516 and C7517 be received and dealt with as noted in the Council Agenda and Addendum **as amended**, which reads as follows:

C7484 Card of thanks from Sharon McNames an employee of the Integrated Community Planning Department for the kind donation to the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of her step-father, John Freeman.

Received.

C7485 Card of thanks from Councillor Ted Salci for the kind donation to the Greater Niagara General Hospital Foundation in memory of his father-in-law, Cecil Canavan.

Received.

C7486 A letter from Dan Carnegie, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk, City of St. Catharines (April 26, 2010) to Premiere Dalton McGuinty respecting the City of St. Catharines' resolution for Regional Government Reform.

Received.

C7487 A Notice of Public Information Centre #2, Niagara Peninsula Rail Service Expansion, Class Environmental Assessment Study and Preliminary Design.

Received.

C7488 A letter from Ashley Grigg, City Clerk, City of Port Colborne (April 29, 2010) respecting Economic Development, Tourism & Marketing, Report No. 2010-02 (Council), Subject: Tourism Trailblazer Signs requesting an exemption/amendment to the Regional by-law.

Received and Referred to Transportation Services

C7491 A memorandum from Kevin Bain, Regional Clerk (May 7, 2010) respecting Correspondence Re: Project Niagara.

Received.

C7492 A memorandum from Mike Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer (May 7, 2010) respecting Report CAO 3-2010 – Relationships with Council's Agencies, Boards and Commissions – Update and Progress Report.

Received and Referred to the consideration of CAO 3-2010.

C7504 A letter from Susan Daniels, City Clerk, City of Thorold (May 6, 2010) respecting the City of Thorold Council's support for the Town of Fort Erie's resolution regarding a Request for Report on Results of Various Closures at Fort Erie and Port Colborne Hospitals.

Received and Referred to Public Health.

C7516 A letter from Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie (May 11, 2010) to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty respecting the Town of Fort Erie's resolution supporting the Town of Pelham to petition the Province to match all capital equipment funds raised and contributed to hospitals from funding sources in local communities.

Received.

C7517 A memorandum from Gord Lockyer, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management (May 13, 2010) respecting the Reports Considered on May 4, 2010 by Public Health Committee Re: NEMS Service Enhancements.

Received.

Carried.

MOTIONS

209. Motion to Amend the May 28, 2009 resolution with respect to the Report ICP 26-2009, ICP-C 69-2009 and ICP-C 70-2009 respecting Niagara 2031 – Adoption of Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2009 Niagara’s Sustainable Community Policies and the Memorandums from Patrick Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning (May 20, 2009) respecting Niagara 2031 – Responses to Public and Agency Comments Regarding Proposed RPPA 2-2009, Niagara’s Sustainable Community Policies *(Reconsideration of the above matter was approved by Regional Council on February 11, 2010)*

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

WHEREAS, RPPA 2-2009 was approved by Regional Council on May 28, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Regional Council approved an amendment to RPPA 2-2009 at the same time, by the addition of clause 4.6.6 to allow for the consideration of an Urban Boundary Expansion on its merits, including an Urban Boundary Expansion for West Lincoln; and,

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has appealed RPPA 2-2009 in its entirety, partly because of Clause 4.6.6; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of West Lincoln has only been provided with an adequate population and household allocation to permit less than 10 years of growth in a 25 year plan; and,

WHEREAS, the professional consultant for the Township of West Lincoln has established that West Lincoln requires up to an additional 140 hectares of residential and 40 hectares of employment lands beyond our current urban boundary, to accommodate growth needs to 2031; and,

WHEREAS, the Province has advised that they will not support an Urban Boundary Expansion anywhere in the Region of Niagara until the 39 year supply of land that has been documented by the Dillon Growth Management report, at the Regional level has been reduced to less than the 20 year maximum supply of land permitted by the Provincial Places to Grow Plan; and

WHEREAS, because of the above, the Township of West Lincoln and other municipalities of the Region of Niagara will not be permitted to have an Urban Boundary Expansion, even if justified locally, until the allocation of land supply and demand is properly matched on a Regional basis;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Regional staff are directed to provide to Regional Council the reallocation of population, household and employment targets among the 12 local municipalities based on the provincial forecast of 511,000 total population by 2031 set out in the Places to Grow Plan, Schedule 3; and

That Regional Council directs, as a compromise, that an additional population of 3,000 people, within the provincial forecast of 511,000 total population, be allocated to the Township of West Lincoln in addition to the allocation included in a total population of 16,700 people that was allocated to West Lincoln in Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2009, Schedule B; and

That further, as a result of No. 2. above, that an urban boundary expansion approximating 60 hectares be implemented in West Lincoln to accommodate the new allocated population; and

That Regional Council directs Regional staff to initiate a process to modify the urban boundary of Smithville in the Regional Plan, to effect an exchange of 40 hectares of land currently unavailable for development by reason of their identification as provincially significant wetlands or PCB contaminated lands, for 40 hectares of land for future growth; and

That in anticipation of requests for settlement area boundary expansions, Regional Council directs that Regional staff undertake a further review of the current supply of lands designated for urban development in the Region with respect to the amount of land actually required to implement the Regional population allocations as amended above, and to identify the location of surplus lands to these needs, and further to make appropriate phasing recommendations having regard to the capability and timing of lands for development.

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That the motion be amended by deleting the last paragraph and by adding the following:

In anticipation of requests for settlement area boundary expansions, Regional Council directs that Regional staff use the information contained in Appendix G of Regional Growth Strategy Reports which identify the areas of surplus lands being the difference between the estimated supply and the allocation in RPPA 2-2009 as amended and make recommendations as to the appropriate manner in which to phase these lands to accommodate future growth, having regard to the capability and timing for development; and

Regional Niagara Council directs the Chair and Regional Staff to request the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and housing and the Provincial

Minister of Energy and Infrastructure to refer the Township of West Lincoln appeal of Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2009 to the Office of the Provincial Facilitator for assistance in achieving a reasonable resolution of the appeal of the Township of West Lincoln while taking into consideration the information of the Township of West Lincoln's Planning Consultant as well as recommendations 1 above.

Regional Niagara Council further directs Regional staff to advise the Ontario Municipal Board of this request and to advise all parties of the desire of the Region of Niagara to find a reasonable resolution of the appeal of the Township of West Lincoln

Mr. Kyne provided Regional Council with some additional information on the main motion, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the following section of the main motion, be deferred:

That Regional Council directs, as a compromise, that an additional population of 3,000 people, within the provincial forecast of 511,000 total population, be allocated to the Township of West Lincoln in addition to the allocation included in a total population of 16,700 people that was allocated to West Lincoln in Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2009, Schedule B; and

That further, as a result of No. 2. above, that an urban boundary expansion approximating 60 hectares be implemented in West Lincoln to accommodate the new allocated population; and

That Regional Council directs Regional staff to initiate a process to modify the urban boundary of Smithville in the Regional Plan, to effect an exchange of 40 hectares of land currently unavailable for development by reason of their identification as provincially significant wetlands or PCB contaminated lands, for 40 hectares of land for future growth.

Carried.

Upon a recorded vote being requested on the amendment to the main motion (above), the Council was divided on the aforementioned motion as follows:

Voting for the Motion:

Councillor Badawey	Councillor Heit	
Councillor Baty	Councillor Hodgson	
Councillor Bentley	Councillor Katzman	
Councillor Burroughs	Councillor Marshall	
Councillor Bylsma	Councillor Martin	
Councillor Cordiner	Councillor McMullan	
Councillor D'Angela	Councillor Saracino	
Councillor Forster	Councillor Timms	
Councillor Garcia	Councillor Trombetta	(18)

Voting Against the Motion:

Councillor Augustyn	Councillor Rigby	
Councillor Gabriel	Councillor Smeaton	(5)
Councillor Puttick		

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

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

Voting for the Motion:

Councillor Badawey	Councillor Heit	
Councillor Baty	Councillor Hodgson	
Councillor Bentley	Councillor Katzman	
Councillor Burroughs	Councillor Martin	
Councillor Bylsma	Councillor McMullan	
Councillor Cordiner	Councillor Saracino	
Councillor D'Angela	Councillor Timms	
Councillor Forster	Councillor Trombetta	(17)
Councillor Garcia		

Voting Against the Motion:

Councillor Augustyn	Councillor Puttick	
Councillor Gabriel	Councillor Rigby	
Councillor Marshall	Councillor Smeaton	(6)

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

210. Freezing of Wages

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That the following actions be taken by the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara:

- (i) The compensation structure (wages and benefits) for all non-union staff and all members of Regional Council be frozen for the 2011 budget year; and
- (ii) Staff be requested to report back to the Corporate Services Committee and Council with options that are available to achieve an overall 0% increase in the cost for wages and benefits for the 2011 budget year for:
 - (a) all other Regional employee groups
 - (b) all Agencies, Boards and Commissions funded by Regional Levy

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Garcia

That the Motion to initiate the freezing of wages, be referred to staff for report to the Budget Review Committee of the Whole no later than two months from tonight (May 13, 2010).

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

211. Report 6-2010

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report 6-2010, being the minutes of the Integrated Community Planning Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 5, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

212. Report 6-2010

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report 6-2010, being the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 4, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

213. Report 6-2010

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That Report 6-2010, being the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 5, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

214. Report 6-2010

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report 6-2010, being the minutes of the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 4, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Minute Item 79, respecting PHD 21-2010, May 4, 2010, Final Recommendations: Impact on EMS – Emergency Department Conversions as part of the Niagara Health System's Hospital Improvement Plan, be lifted and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

215. COTW 7-2010

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report COTW 7-2010, being the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Wednesday, May 12, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

216. Relationships with Council's
Agencies, Boards and Commissions, Update and Progress Report
CAO 3-2010

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report CAO 3-2010, May 13, 2010, respecting Relationships with Council's Agencies, Board and Commissions, Update and Progress Report, be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved with the exception of Recommendation #3, in the Specific Recommendations, Niagara Economic Development Corporation, which is deleted and replaced with the following:

That a review process be established to consider the benefits of possible structural changes.

That the reference to "General Manager" in the Common Recommendations #2 a. be replaced with "Corporation; and

That the word "Service" be added to the Common Recommendations #2 d. following "Niagara Regional Police".

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

217. Niagara Parks Police Motion

Regional Council was advised that the Chair has met with Minister Bartolucci, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services respecting the Niagara Parks Police situation. The Regional Chair advised that a letter would be forwarded to the Niagara Parks Police Service and from there to the Niagara Regional Police Services Board.

218. Development Charges Reserve

Councillor Burroughs would like clarification on the Development Charges Reserve, which was suppose to be a base budget item, not a one-time, out of surplus expense.

219. Access to Regional Headquarters During Public Meetings

Councillor Burroughs asked that staff follow up with Facilities to ensure that the building is accessible to the public, during public meetings, such as Regional Council meetings.

220. Closed Captioning

Councillor Forster asked that Regional Councillors and other candidates who will be running in the 2010 Municipal Election consider closed captioning at all of the election events (debates, rallies, etc.).

221. 40th Anniversary Gala

Councillor Timms thanked Councillor Greenwood and her Committee for the marvellous job they did in organizing the 40th Anniversary Gala.

Councillor Timms also provided each member of Regional Council with a memorandum that provided them with a schedule of the 40th Anniversary display and Public Works Week dates, for their information.

222. Niagara Folk Arts Festival

Councillor McMullan invited everyone to attend the Niagara Folk Arts Festival taking place May 14 – 29, 2010. Please visit <http://www.folk-arts.ca/Festival2009/> for further details.

223. Green Energy Project – Town of Grimsby

Councillor Bentley advised Regional Council that Grimsby Energy Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Town of Grimsby, received initial approval to develop a 1 MW Bioreactor for the Town.

Grimsby Energy Inc. will design and build a 1 MW generation facility utilizing Bio-Mass reactors, the process of converting agricultural products into the natural, green and renewable gas methane and subsequent generation of electricity.

BY-LAWS

224. Moved by Councillor Garcia
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That the following Bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 51

A By-Law To Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-10 Years) in the Amount of \$2,400,000 for Facilities Projects in the 2010 Capital Program

Bill 52

A By-Law To Provide for the Preservation, Retention and Destruction of Records of the Regional Corporation

Bill 53

A By-Law To Accept, Assume and Dedicate Part of Township Lot 60, in the City of Niagara Falls as Part of Regional Road No. 102 (Stanley Avenue)

Bill 54

A By-Law To Provide for the Regulation of Traffic on Regional Highways in the Town of Fort Erie

Bill 55

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 2010

Bill 56

A By-Law To Set and Levy the Rates of Taxation for Regional General and Special Purposes for the Year 2010

Carried.

225. Moved by Councillor Katzman
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That the following Bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 58

A By-Law To Authorize the Execution of the Ambulance Communication Service Agreement with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on Behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara

Carried.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

226. Moved by Councillor Hodgson
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That the following Bill be now read and do pass:

Bill 57

A By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Actions of Regional Council at its Meeting held on the 13th of May, 2010.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Peter Partington
Regional Chair


Janet Pilon
Deputy Regional Clerk


Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk