

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CL 12-2010

COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, October 14, 2010

6:30 p.m.

2201 St. David's Road

Thorold, Ontario

1. Call to Order
2. Committee of the Whole, Closed Session

Closed Session Reports as contained
In Standing Committee Reports
For Council Agenda CL 11-2010

Motion for Closed Session:

That this Council do now move into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality, Lease Agreement West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Grimsby; A Matter Concerning the Security of the Property of the Municipality – Insurance Program Renewal; Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality and Potential Litigation Affecting the Municipality, Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 101 (Mountain Road), City of Niagara Falls; A Matter of the Security of the Property of the Municipality; A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Review of the Niagara Region Economic Development Function and Personal Matters Involving Identifiable Individuals With Respect to Appointments to the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee.

Personal Matters Involving Identifiable Individuals With Respect to
Appointments to the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee
ICP 76-2010 Confidential

3. Invocation
4. Singing of 'O Canada'

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to attend and participate in meetings or events, please let us know in advance so that arrangements can be made in a timely manner. Please contact the Accessibility Advisory Co-ordinator at 905-685-4225 ext. 3252 or accessibility@niagararegion.ca.

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

6. Presentations
 - REGIONAL CHAIR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT CHEQUE PRESENTATION**
Regional Chair Partington

 - 2010 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN**
United Way Action Group Representatives

7. Chair's Reports, Announcements, Remarks

8. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - Council Report CL 11-2010
Thursday, September 23, 2010

9. Correspondence, Petitions (CA 92-2010)
 - a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff (**Green**)
 - b) For Consideration (**Yellow**)

10. Agencies, Boards and Commissions (**Salmon**)

11. Committee Reports (CA 93-2010)
(Individual Reports for Council's Consideration - Pink)

12. Chief Administrative Officer's Report (**Blue**)

13. Motions (**Lilac**) (CA 94-2010)
 - Motion with respect to the Niagara Health System (**Badawey**)

 - Motion to consider improvements to the effectiveness and transparency of the bidding process for Public Works projects. (**Katzman**)

14. Notices of Motion

15. Other Business

16. By-laws (CA 97-2010)

17. Confirming By-law – Bill 131

18. Adjournment

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk

9. Correspondence

a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff (**Green**)

C7590 A letter from Tim Hudak, MPP, Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition (September 8, 2010) expressing his thanks to Regional Chair Partington for meeting with him at AMO in August to discuss the issues of importance in the Niagara Region.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7592 A letter from Frank Danch, Frank's Home Building Centre (September 22, 2010) respecting the by-law to ban parking on Main Street, Port Colborne.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive and refer to the consideration of PWA 86-2010 respecting Parking Prohibition, Regional Road 3 (Main Street East) City of Port Colborne (*Read by Councillor Saracino at the September 23, 2010 Council meeting, copy of the letter only received October 5, 2010*)

b) For Consideration (**Yellow**)

C7591 A memorandum from Kevin Bain, Regional Clerk (October 5, 2010) respecting the 2011 Meeting Schedule.

11. Committee Reports
(Individual Reports for Council's Consideration - Pink)

Summary of Recommendations from Standing Committees for Council's Consideration (Grey)

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Report ICPC 12-2010, Wednesday, October 6, 2010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Report PWC 12-2010, Tuesday, October 5, 2010

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report CSC 12-2010, Wednesday, October 6, 2010

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report PHSSC 12-2010, Tuesday, October 5, 2010

13. Motions

Councillor Katzman advised Regional Council that she would be bringing forward a motion to improve the effectiveness and transparency of the bidding process for Public Works projects, at the October 14, 2010 Regional Council meeting.

That a committee be struck for the next term of Council to reassess the current criteria that exists for awarding Public Works projects. This committee shall assess and re-evaluate our existing grading, weighting, and scoring matrix for all Public Works Projects and provide recommendations to improve the effectiveness and transparency of the bidding process.

13. Motions

Councillor Badawey advised Regional Council that he would be bringing forward a motion with respect to region-wide performance measurements by NHS, at the October 14, 2010 Regional Council meeting.

WHEREAS under the Hospital Improvement Plan the Niagara Health System will maintain services for a period of two years following the conversion to the 24/7 Urgent Care Centre;

WHEREAS the Niagara Health System has committed to retaining a mutually agreed upon third party to evaluate services provided before any further changes are implemented;

WHEREAS the City of Port Colborne has brought forward a blueprint for a rural/small community Emergency Centre through discussions with area doctors, the LHIN, NHS and Ministry;

WHEREAS the City of Port Colborne has been successful at introducing allied health professionals into the community, recruiting new medical professionals, including 3 new doctors and several specialists, establishing new enhanced Community Based Primary Health Care, providing consistent health education and establishing partnerships, such as with the Degroote School of Medicine;

WHEREAS our blueprint includes a *Physician-Directed Collaborative Care Model of Emergency Care* and a key component of our model is to ensure a funding model be put in place that recognizes the value of the Emergency Physicians creating fair and equitable access to health care which is sustainable well into the future;

WHEREAS the Public Health Department of the Regional Municipality of Niagara most recently released Report PHD 49-2010 stating that Niagara Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continues to face challenges with offload delays in Niagara's local Emergency Departments;

WHEREAS the offload delay issue remains the primary public safety challenge with Niagara EMS. Since the restructuring of hospital emergency departments and the resultant increase in patient arrivals by ambulance to the remaining three ED sites, offload delays have increased significantly and have now surpassed the previous peak of 7,075 unit hours set in 2008;

WHEREAS there continues to be a shortage of beds within the Niagara Health System, in particular, south Niagara.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That collaborative efforts immediately establish a funding model recognizing Emergency Physicians at the Port Colborne site;

THAT the Niagara Health System begin the process of adding ancillary services as per the blueprint introduced by the City of Port Colborne;

That the Niagara Health System and the City of Port Colborne retain a mutually agreed upon third party to evaluate and measure the performance of the Hospital Improvement Plan as it relates to the conversion to the 24/7 Urgent Care Centre, including the impacts the conversion has across the region before any further changes are implemented; and

That a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be established with the Niagara Health System to recognize and move forward with the aforementioned.

16. By-Laws

Bill 123

A By-Law To Provide For The Regulation of Traffic on Regional Highways In ohe City Of Port Colborne

Bill 124

A By-Law To Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-10 Years) In The Amount of \$1,200,000 For Project ZPO0706 Radio/Data System Infrastructure & Equipment

Bill 125

A By-Law To Amend By-Law 18-2006, Being A By-Law To Establish Fees And Charges For Services And Activities Provided By The Regional Municipality of Niagara And For The Use Of Its Property

Bill 126

A By-Law To Provide For The Adoption Of Amendment 1-2008 To The Official Plan For The Niagara Planning Area To Provide A Site Specific Policy To Permit The Expansion of The Pleasantview Memorial Gardens Cemetery In The City Of Thorold

Bill 127

A By-Law To Accept, Assume And Dedicate Part Of Lot 8, Concession 9, In The City of St. Catharines As Part of Regional Road No. 89 (Glendale Avenue)

Bill 128

A By-Law To Accept, Assume And Dedicate Part of Lot 25, Plan M-13, In The Town of Lincoln As Part of Regional Road No. 73 (Fly Road)

Bill 129

A By-Law To Provide For The Regulation of Traffic On Regional Highways In The City Of St. Catharines

Bill 130

A By-Law To Define The Purchasing Policies And Procedures For The Regional Municipality of Niagara, And To Repeal By-Law 56-2009