

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 9-2003

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, June 5, 2003 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chair Zimmerman; Councillors Andreychuk, Bailey, Beamer, Bentley, Burroughs, Collins, Davidson, Eke, Forster, Harry, Hildreth, Konkle, Martin, McMullan, Muir, Nicholson, Partington, Redekop, Rigby, Saracino, Smeaton, Thomson, Timms, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer Bacchus, Commissioner Corporate Services; Cambray, Commissioner of Planning Services; Hollick, Regional Clerk; Nicol, Commissioner of Human Resources; Brcic, Director, Waste and Wastewater Services; Ms. Reid, Commissioner of Community Services Department; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Gilroy, Deputy Regional Clerk.

Staff: Messrs. Cunnane, Director, Public Safety Division, Public Health Department; Roberts, Project Manager, Public Safety Division, Public Health Department; Robson, Director, Corporate Strategy.

210.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Muir
Seconded by Councillor Harry

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.

211.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Rigby declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters related to the Request for Proposal for the Ambulance Communications Service, as the St. Catharines Fire Service may submit a proposal, and he therefore vacated the Council Chamber, and took no part in the discussion of, or voting, on these matters.

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT

212. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That this Council do now rise with no report.

Carried.

Following Committee of the Whole, Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:25 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Rigby, followed by the singing of O' Canada.

PRESENTATION

213. Regional Chair-for-a-Day

As part of the Adopt-A-School Partnership with Kernahan Park Secondary School, Sara Henderson, a Grade 10 student, was chosen as our tenth Chair-for-a-Day. On Wednesday, May 28, 2003, Sara enjoyed tours of several Regional facilities, including the DeCew Water Plant, Linhaven Home for the Aged, the Regional Police Headquarters, the Community Services Department, and the St. Catharines Child Care Centre. After calling the meeting to order with the assistance of Regional Chair Zimmerman, she expressed appreciation to all those who helped to make her day a special one, particularly, Janet Pilon, the Co-ordinator of her busy agenda, Hope Manzer, who acted as Hostess for the day and put together a photo album, and Paul Taylor, who acted as Chauffeur and Photographer.

Regional Chair Zimmerman presented Sara with a photo album of her special day, a Certificate of Recognition, and a framed photograph from her visit to the Niagara Regional Police Headquarters.

- 214.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rigby declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters related to the Request for Proposal for the Ambulance Communications Service, as the St. Catharines Fire Service may submit a proposal, 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 any matters related to Development Charges, as his family has an interest in a development company, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting, on these matters.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

215. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Council Agenda CL 9-2003, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

216. Report CHR 1-2003

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Muir

That Report CHR 1-2003, June 5, 2003, Council Directions 2003, and the Summary Report of the April 11 and May 8 Council Directions 2003 Dialogue Sessions, be received.

That staff develop further action plans and timeframes for each of the "six month priority" items identified at the sessions.

Carried.

- 217.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Regional Chair thanked Martin Farms Limited of Vineland Station for the beautiful floral planters in the Council Chamber.

The Regional Chair congratulated:

- Councillor Michael Collins on his recent election to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Board of Directors for a one year term. The election occurred at the 66th Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on June 1, 2003. Councillor Collins, the first Niagara Regional member to the FCM Board of Directors, joins municipal representatives from across Canada who represent communities from urban, rural and territorial districts.
- Councillor Bob Saracino who was honoured with a Certificate of Recognition for his services to, and on behalf of, the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command, Branch 56
- Brian Hutchings, Director of Operational Support Services, Community Services Department, who was honoured as Grimsby's Citizen of the Year
- the Regional employees who received recognition for their years of service with the Region, ranging from 15 to 40 years.

The Regional Chair announced the opening of the Region's eighth Regional Home, Deer Park Villa, the first Regional home to serve the citizens of West Niagara. The Regional Chair expressed appreciation to Councillor Hildreth for all her years of support for a home in West Niagara.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

218. Report 8-2003

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That Report 8-2003, being the minutes of the Proceedings of the Council meeting of Thursday, June 5, 2003, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

219.

CORRESPONDENCE

Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

- C6093 Card of thanks from Wendy Winstanley, an employee of the Public Works Department, and family for the kind donation to the Hotel Dieu Hospital Palliative Care Unit in memory of her mother Marilyne McGlynn.
- Received.
- C6094 Card of thanks from Andy Gindroz, for naming him as an Honorary Paramedic with the Niagara EMS and for the memorable photos of a very special day in his life.
- Received.
- C6095 Town of Fort Erie resolution (May 12, 2003) respectfully requesting the Region of Niagara to immediately undertake repairs of Point Abino Road South, south of Garrison Road as well as the drainage, since it has now deteriorated to a dangerous condition.
- Referred to the Public Works Committee.
- C6096 Memorandum to Regional Chair Zimmerman and Members of Council from Thomas R. Hollick, Regional Clerk, respecting the Summer Meeting Schedule.
- Received

- C6097 Coleman Bagu, Port Colborne, respecting the proposed site for a new hospital for the Region of Niagara and the best location for the hospital to be built.
- Received.
- C6098 Debbie M. Zimmerman, Regional Chair (May 29, 2003) respecting Resolutions from other Municipalities.
- Municipality of Chatham-Kent, respecting the Incarceration of Criminals convicted of First Degree Murder in Minimum Security Facilities.
- Received and referred to Council on June 19, 2003 for consideration by Councillor Muir.
- Corporation of the County of Grey, requesting the Province of Ontario to revise The Line Fences Act to reflect the joint financial obligation of abutting landowners to be responsible for constructing, keeping up and repairing the fences that mark the lateral boundaries of former rail lines.
- Received.
- C6099 Memorandum to the Regional Chair and Members of Council from Thomas R. Hollick, Regional Clerk respecting the call for nominations for the Memorial Award for the late Councillor T. Roy Adams.
- Received.
- C6100 Letter from Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie (May 14, 2003) providing a resolution from Town Council requesting the Region to immediately respond to the concerns raised by petitioners to the haulage of sludge via town streets. (A copy of the petition is filed in the Clerk's Office.)
- Received and referred to the Public Works Department.
- C6101 Card of thanks from Jean Koschok and family for the kind donation to the St. Paul Street United Church, St. Catharines in memory of her husband Andy Koschok, an employee of the Public Works Department.
- Received.

C6102 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (June, 2, 2003) requesting nominations to the 2003-2004 Board of Directors.

Received.

C6103 Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake resolution (May 27, 2003) urging the Minister of Transportation to take immediate action to address the clean up unsightly litter and garbage along the Provincial Highway Systems Rights-of-Way in Niagara.

Received.

C6104 An article "Public input is Welcome; Mid-Peninsula Corridor from the June 3, 2003 issue of The Hamilton Spectator.

Received.

C6105 Denis & Yvonne Evans, Gold Wing Road Riders Association (June 4, 2003) expressing appreciation for the assistance of the Regional Chair in making their Regional Rally a success.

Received.

C6106 Note from Coleman Bagu, resident of Port Colborne, (June 5, 2003), in support of converting the Hotel Dieu and St. Catharines General Hospitals into long-term care facilities, and providing two related newspaper articles.

Received.

C6107 Gary Atamanyk, President, Take Kare Companions, (June 5, 2003), expressing concerns with respect to licensing issues related to the operation of his company.

Received.

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Communications C6093 to C6107 be received and dealt with as directed by this Council and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

220. Ontario Heritage Community Foundation

Ms. Jan Gray, Director of Marketing, Communications and Business Development for the Ontario Heritage Foundation, together with Regional Chair Zimmerman, presented Recognition Certificates and Achievement Pins to recipients of the 2002 Heritage Community Recognition Program awards: Tony Whelan, George Meyers, Glenn Meyers and Merritton Developments Inc. for their significant contribution to built, cultural, natural and garden heritage preservation in their communities. Congratulations to all!

221. 2003 Region of Niagara Environmental Awards

Mr. Tim Marotta, Chair, Regional Niagara's Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee, together with Regional Chair Zimmerman, and Mayors Forster, Andreychuk, Harry, and Redekop, presented Certificates of Recognition to the 2003 Region of Niagara Environmental Awards. The awards are given to those who have made outstanding contributions to protecting, and restoring, the natural environment in our communities. This year's recipients were: Kirstyn Moore and Fraser Moore, from Welland; the Water Testing Team from Grimsby Secondary School; Tony and Kathy Buttigieg of Horseplay Niagara, from Wainfleet; and the Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks. Congratulations to all!

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

222. Report 10-2003

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report 10-2003, being the minutes of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 28, 2003, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

223. Report 10-2003

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report 10-2003, being the minutes of the Community and Health Services Committee meeting of Monday, May 26, 2003, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

224. Oral Update - Implementation of the New Smoking By-Law 22-2002

Dr. Williams provided an update on the implementation of the Smoking By-law 22-2003, and expressed appreciation to all of the Public Health staff involved, introducing those in attendance at the meeting. She explained that, on the evening of May 31, 2003, 6 teams visited establishments across the Region, and outside of the Niagara Falls area, there was a high rate of compliance. It is hoped that this trend will prove to be the norm as more establishments are visited over the coming weeks. Officers will be working with the businesses in Niagara Falls to improve the compliance rates to assist in the implementation. If you have questions, please call the Public Health Department Tobacco Hotline at 905-688-8248, Ext. 7393 or 1-888-505-6074, Ext. 7393.

225. Request for Proposal for a New Ambulance
Communications Service

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

WHEREAS Regional Council, at its meeting on April 17, 2003, approved Report PHD 25-2003, to proceed with the development of a process to respond to an expected Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new Niagara Ambulance Communications Service, including the development of a corporate project team; and

WHEREAS a progress report was requested, and an oral report respecting costs associated with engaging external resources in preparing the bid, has been provided.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regional Council authorizes the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk, and/or such staff as may be appropriate; to sign all documents necessary to submit a proposal in response to the RFP.

Carried.

PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

226. Report 11-2003

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Report 11-2003, being the minutes of the Planning Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 28, 2003, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

227. **Report 11-2003**

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report 11-2003, being the minutes of the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 27, 2003, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

228. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mike Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, congratulated the recipients of two special awards: Heather Robinson, Team Leader of the Health Bus Program, for receiving the Michael Boggs Award for Leadership; and Betty Staines for her superior contribution to the Regional Corporation, employees and the community through her work on CERT, the RENU award for Overall Excellence.

229. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Thomson gave notice that he would move, or cause to be moved, at the next Council meeting on June 19, 2003, a motion in support of the City of Niagara Falls Council's request that the Federal Government reduce the number of weeks required for eligibility for unemployment insurance.

OTHER BUSINESS

230. **T. Roy Adams Humanitarian Award**

The Region of Niagara is pleased to announce the launch of the T. Roy Adams Humanitarian Award, which is to be presented annually to a permanent resident of Niagara to honour the memory of the late Councillor T. Roy Adams. The recipient will be someone who best exemplifies Roy's values and dedication to community service; a person who sees volunteerism as an integral part of their life. Information on the award is available at Niagara's website www.regional.niagara.on.ca or visit the Regional Clerk's Office.

BY-LAWS

231. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 50

A by-law to establish part of Lot 83, Corporation Plan 3, in the Town of Lincoln as part of Regional Road No. 18 (Ontario Street)

Bill 51

A by-law to establish part of Block E, Plan 5, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 98 (Montrose Road)

Bill 52

A by-law to provide for the adoption of amendment 178 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to permit an expansion to Centennial Park in the Town of Pelham

Bill 53

A by-law to provide for the adoption of amendment 179 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to permit a Watermain Extension in the Town of Fort Erie

Bill 54

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 5th day of June, 2003

Carried.

232. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 55

A by-law to establish part of Township Lot 134, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 20 (Lundy's Lane)

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Debbie Zimmerman
Regional Chair

Pam Gilroy
Deputy Regional Clerk

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk