

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 17-2003

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, November 20, 2003 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chair Zimmerman; Councillors Andreychuk, Badawey, Bailey, Beamer, Bentley, Brickell, Burroughs, Collins, Davidson, Eke, Forster, Gabriel, Haeck, Harry, Heit, Hildreth, Konkle, Marshall, Martin, McMullan, Nicholson, Partington, Redekop, Rigby, Saracino, Smeaton, Timms, Trombetta.

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

425.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
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.

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT

426. Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That this Council do now rise with report.

Carried.

427. **RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillor Muir
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That this Council do now resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

ACCOUNTS

428. Accounts Payable List - September

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That the Accounts Payable Expense summary for the Period ending September 30, 2003, for a total amount of \$25,383,090.04 be approved.

Carried.

429. Accounts Payable List - October

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That the Accounts Payable Expense summary for the Period ending October 31, 2003, for a total amount of \$28,318,634.58 be approved.

Carried.

PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

430. Additional Information on
Proposed Watermain Extension
Moyer Road, south of Schisler Road
City of Welland

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report DPD 136-2003, November 20, 2003, respecting Additional Information on Proposed Watermain Extension, Moyer Road, south of Schisler Road, City of Welland, be received for information and circulated to the City of Welland, the applicants and the Regional Public Works Department.

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

431. Building Encroachment
Regional Road No. 81 (Main Street West)
Town of Grimsby

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That PWA 177-2003, November 20, 2003, respecting Building Encroachment Regional Road No. 81 (Main Street West) Town of Grimsby be received, and

That the Region enter into an agreement to permit the continued encroachment of a building At 64 Main Street West onto Regional Road No. 81, in the Town of Grimsby.

Carried.

432. Other Business

Councillor Forster requested that Regional Council support the request for funding assistance from the City of Welland, for the study to have the Atlas Specialty Steels plant re-opened. (Refer to Council Communication C6177, Minute Item 440).

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Regional Council support the request from the City of Welland for funding assistance for the study to have the Atlas Specialty Steels plant re-opened, and

That \$15,000 be provided from the account for tax write-offs.

Carried.

433. **RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That this Committee of the Whole do now rise with report.

Carried.

434. **COUNCIL RECESS**

Following Committee of the Whole, Council recessed for dinner, then met in regular session, commencing at 7:05 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Badawey, followed by the singing of O' Canada

435. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Council Agenda CL 17-2003 be adopted.

Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

436. Niagara Community Foundation

Mr. John Potts, Past President, Niagara Community Foundation expressed appreciation to the Regional Chair and Council for their support of the Foundation. The Regional Chair presented Mr. Potts with a cheque for \$105,000 from the Regional Chair's Golf Tournament and Mr. Potts presented the Regional Chair with a cheque for \$25,000 to go towards the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital campaign.

437. Council Remuneration – Citizens Committee

Dr. David Whorley provided an interim report on the work of the Council Remuneration Citizens Committee, including the selection of the committee members and their names. He advised that the final report should be ready for presentation to Council on December 18, 2003.

438. **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Regional Chair thanked A.J. Hendriks, and Sons Greenhouses of Beamsville, Ontario for the wicker holiday basket of flowers in the Council Chamber.

The Regional Chair recognized the following Councillors who have served the citizens of Niagara for 25 years or more through combined service as municipal and regional councillor, and presented them with watches: Wayne Thomson, 35 years; Bob Saracino, 31 years; Nick Andreychuk, 30 years; Bill Smeaton, 30 years; Mike Collins, 29 years; Ray Konkle, 27 years; and Jill Hildreth, 25 years.

Mr. Mike Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, recognized Debbie Zimmerman for 25 years of service and presented her with a watch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

439. Report 16-2003

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Muir

That Report 16-2003, being the minutes of the Proceedings of the Council meeting of November 6, 2003, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

440. Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

C6173 Copy of a letter to John Howard, President, Vineland Estates Winery from Regional Chair Zimmerman (November 6, 2003) extending congratulations as the recipient of the Ontario Business Achievement Award of Distinction and the PBB Global Logistics International Trade Award.

Received.

C6174 Copy of a letter to the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing from Regional Chair Zimmerman (November 11, 2003) extending congratulations on his appointment to the office as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario.

Received.

C6175 A card of thanks from Karen Gaspar, an employee of the Public Health Department, for the kind donation to the Welland Hospital Foundation in memory of her mother Delores Baranyi.

Received.

C6176 Schedule of Regular Meetings for Regional Council and Standing Committees from December 15, 2003 to May 6, 2004.

Received and amended to add a January 8, 2004 meeting of Committee of the Whole for an update on the current budget and a March 25, 2004 Budget meeting, if required.

C6177 Travers Fitzpatrick, City Manager, City of Welland (November 3, 2003) respecting Atlas Specialty Steels and the Terms of Reference for a Citizens Committee and requesting assistance with the funding of the study to have the plant re-opened.

Request supported. (Refer to Minute Item 432)

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Communications C6173 to C6177, be received and dealt with as directed by this Council and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

441. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Councillor Brickell
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the decisions of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Thursday, November 20, 2003, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

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

Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the Corporate Management Team, offered thanks to the departing members of Council for their support and best wishes for their future endeavours. He also gave particular thanks to the Debbie M. Zimmerman, Regional Chair and the returning members of Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

443. Thank you

Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That sincere thanks and appreciation be extended from the members of Regional Council to Regional Chair Debbie M. Zimmerman for her tremendous dedication to the citizens of Niagara.

Carried.

444. "Welcome to Wainfleet" Video

Councillor Harry presented a copy of the video "Welcome to Wainfleet" to the Regional Chair, along with two white chocolate roses from Marshville Chocolates.

445. St. Catharines Mayoral Election Recount

Councillor Rigby advised that the recount for the Mayor's position in St. Catharines had been completed and he had received three additional votes.

446. National Housing Day

Councillor Eke recognized National Housing Day.

447. Appreciation

Councillors Andreychuk, Badawey, Beamer, Brickell, Forster, Haeck, Konkle, McMullan and Muir expressed their appreciation and thanks to the Regional Chair, their fellow Council members and Regional employees for their dedication and hard work, citing high points of the past three years, and of their political careers. They also extended best wishes to the incoming Council for the decisions to be dealt with in the next term.

BY-LAWS

448. Moved by Councillor
Seconded by Councillor

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 104

A by-law to repeal Bill 98, a by-law to authorize debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$5,850,000 for projects included in the 2004 Capital Budget.

Bill 105

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 20th day of November, 2003

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Debbie Zimmerman
Regional Chair

Pam Gilroy
Deputy Clerk

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk