

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT 18-2000

The Inaugural Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara for the term December 1, 2003 to November 30, 2006, was held in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, December 11, 2003 commencing at 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

- Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Almas, Bailey, Baty, Bentley, Bodner, Burroughs, Casselman, Collins, Davidson, Eke, Gabriel, Goulbourne, Harry, Heit, Hildreth, Katzman, Leavens, Marshall, Martin, Mastroianni, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Salci, Saracino, Smeaton, Timms, Trombetta, Zimmerman
- 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.

Mr. Hollick, Regional Clerk, called the 14th Inaugural Meeting of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara to order.

Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the members of the Corporate Management Committee of Department Directors and members of Clerk's Office staff. He advised that the purpose of the meeting was to formalize the results of the municipal election of November 10, 2003, and the decisions made at the Caucus meeting of Regional Council on November 27, 2003.

Mr. Hollick asked all present to rise and join the Niagara Regional Police Male Chorus led by Mr. Tom Inglis, in the singing of 'O Canada'.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS
NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE MALE CHOIR

449. Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That this Council express thanks and appreciation to the Niagara Regional Police Male Choir and the Piper, Alan Spencer, for the delightful choral music at this Inaugural meeting; and

That the Chorus be requested to perform one more selection as an encore.

Carried.

450. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Mr. Thomas R. Hollick, Regional Clerk, advised that he had received the required Certificates of Election from the Clerks of each of the area municipalities respecting their representatives to Regional Council.

451. **DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE AND OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE**

In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, the Regional Clerk administered to the members of Council the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Clerk advised there was a quorum of members present and it was now in order to proceed with the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That this Council hereby confirms, notice of this meeting having been given to all Members and all conditions and requirements having been satisfied by the Members present, the Council is now deemed to be properly organized in session as the Regional Council with the provisions of The Statutes of the Province of Ontario

Carried.

452.

ELECTION OF REGIONAL CHAIR

Mr. Hollick advised that the Municipal Act provides that, at the first meeting of the Regional Council after a regular election at which a quorum is present, the Regional Council shall organize as a Council and elect a head of Council to hold the office of Chair for the term of the Council and until a successor is appointed or elected in accordance with the said Act.

Mr. Hollick further advised that each nomination for the office of the Regional Chair shall be in writing regularly moved and seconded and shall have the written consent of the nominee attached. Mr. Hollick called for nominations for the position of Regional Chair.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Peter Partington be nominated for the office of the Chair of the Regional Municipality of Niagara for the 2003 to 2006 term, and until his successor is appointed or elected in accordance with the Municipal Act.

Carried.

Mr. Hollick then called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Regional Chair. There being no other nominations, it was:

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That nominations for the office of Regional Chair be closed, and

That the election of the Regional Chair be unanimous.

Carried.

453.

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE
AND
DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION**

The Honourable Mr. Justice Barry Matheson, administered to Mr. Partington the Declaration of Qualification, and declared Mr. Partington to be the Regional Chair.

454.

THE INVOCATION

Mr. Partington, Regional Chair took his seat and called on The Reverend Graham Kennedy, Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, for the Invocation.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Council express its thanks and appreciation to The Reverend Graham Kennedy, for his invocation at this Inaugural meeting.

Carried.

455.

APPOINTMENT OF JAMIE ALMAS

Mr. Hollick advised that the City of St. Catharines, in anticipation of the selection of Chair, had appointed Jamie Almas to serve as St. Catharines's Regional Councillor for the 2003 – 2006 term.

With the concurrence of Council, Mr. Hollick administered the oath and declaration to Councillor Almas.

CORRESPONDENCE

456. Mr. Hollick read a letter advising that the City of St. Catharines, in anticipation of the selection of Chair, had appointed Jamie Almas to serve as St. Catharines Regional Councillor for the 2003 – 2006 term.

With the concurrence of Council, Mr. Hollick administered the oath and declaration to Councillor Almas.

457.

CHAIR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mr. Partington expressed appreciation to The Honourable Justice Barry Matheson and the Reverend Graham Kennedy and to his nominators Tim Rigby and Bill Hodgson, following which he presented his Inaugural Address.

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That this Council express its appreciation to Chair Partington and commend and thank him for his Inaugural Address.

That a copy of the Address be included in the minutes of this meeting.

Carried.

458. **BY-LAW RE: APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Councillor Saracino
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That the by-law be enacted to establish six standing committees to examine the affairs of the Regional Corporation and to make recommendations respecting matters under their purview to the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

That by-law 125-2000 be repealed.

Carried.

MOTIONS RE: STANDING COMMITTEES

459. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

Pursuant to the provision of the by-law establishing standing committees, the members of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee for the term are:

Councillors: Partington
Burroughs
Eke
Heit
Hildreth
Goulbourne
Leavens
Martin
Saracino
Zimmerman

Carried.

460. Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

Pursuant to the provision of the by-law establishing standing committees, the members of the Community Services Committee are:

Councillors: Partington
Almas
Bailey
Baty
Gabriel
Hildreth
Katzman
Marshall
Mastroianni
Rigby

Carried.

461. Moved by Councillor Nicholson
Seconded by Councillor Almas

Pursuant to the provision of the by-law establishing standing committees,
the members of the Human Resources Committee are:

Councillors: Partington
Almas
Bentley
Collins
Davidson
Harry
Heit
Leavens
Mastroianni
Nicholson
Salci
Saracino
Smeaton

Carried.

462. Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

Pursuant to the provision of the by-law establishing standing committees,
the members of the Planning Services Committee are:

Councillors: Partington
Baty
Bodner
Burroughs
Eke
Gabriel
Hildreth
Hodgson
Katzman
Marshall
Nicholson
Smeaton
Timms
Trombetta
Zimmerman

Carried.

463. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Heit

Pursuant to the provision of the by-law establishing standing committees,
the members of the Public Health Services Committee are:

Councillors: Partington
Baty
Casselman
Davidson
Harry
Marshall
Redekop
Timms

Carried.

464. Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Eke

Pursuant to the provision of the by-law establishing standing committees,
the members of the Public Works and Utilities Committee are:

Councillors: Partington
Bailey
Bodner
Burroughs
Casselman
Eke

Goulbourne
Harry
Hodgson
Leavens
Redekop
Rigby
Salci
Trombetta
Zimmerman

Carried.

465. **MOTION RE: AD HOC COMMITTEES, BOARDS,
AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS**

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That appointments to Ad Hoc Committees, Agencies, Boards and Commissions, as set out in the attachment to this motion be approved;
And

That the appointments, except as otherwise noted, be for the term of this Council,

That where appropriate, names of nominees noted therein be forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for her consideration.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

466. **Expression of Thanks – Justice Barry Matheson**

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That this Council express its thanks and appreciation to The Honourable Mr. Justice Barry H. Matheson, for his kind assistance at this Inaugural meeting.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Peter Partington
Regional Chair

Pam Gilroy
Deputy Clerk

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk