

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 1-2005

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, January 20, 2005 commencing at 7:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chairman Partington; Councillors Almas, Angelone, Bailey, Baty, Bentley, Bodner, Brock, Burroughs, Casselman, Collins, Eke, Gabriel, Goulbourne, Harry, Heit, Hildreth, Hodgson, Leavens, Marshall, Martin, Mastroianni, Redekop, Rigby, Saracino, Smeaton, Timms, Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Bacchus, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Cambray, Director of Planning Services, Planning Department; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Nicol, Commissioner Human Resources Department; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Ventresca, Acting Commissioner of Community Services Department; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

(Part-Time): Messrs. Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater; Payne, Director Waste Management Services; Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair.

Others: Mr. Gedge, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Moved by Councillor Bailey
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.

2. Ratification of Collective Agreement - IUOE Local 772
Community Services Department

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 06-2005/HR 2-2005, January 10, 2005, respecting the Ratification of Collective Agreement – IUOE Local 772 Community Service Department be received.

That Report COM 06-2005/HR 2-2005 regarding the Collective Agreement between IUOE Local 772 and the Regional Municipality of Niagara, for the forty-eight month period of August 1, 2004 to July 31, 2008, be approved as per the December 13, 2004 Memorandum of Settlement; and

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the collective agreement on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Carried.

3. Extension of Closing
Sunset Haven Property
City of Welland

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 07-2005/PWA 02-2005, January 10, 2005, respecting the Extension of Closing, Sunset Haven Property in the City of Welland be received.

That the Purchaser of the former Sunset Haven Property, Hectares Properties Inc., be compensated in the amount reported for extending the closing date of the purchase from the Region of Niagara from December 23, 2004 to January 31, 2005, to permit the Region's use of the property for temporary accommodation of refugees entering Canada during the same time period.

Carried.

4. Lease Renewal – 469 Central Avenue
Community Services Office
Town of Fort Erie

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 08-2005/PWA 01-2005, January 10, 2005, respecting the Lease Renewal – 469 Central Avenue, Community Services Offices in the Town of Fort Erie be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

Carried.

5. Lease Renewal – Char-el Developments
Sexual Health Centre
277 Welland Avenue
City of St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 03-2005/PWA 03-2005, January 10, 2005, respecting the Lease Renewal – Char-el Developments, Sexual Health Centre, 277 Welland Avenue in the City of St. Catharines be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

Carried.

6. Lease Extension and Purchase
Smithville Ambulance Station
Township of West Lincoln

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 04-2005/PWA 10-2004/CSD 12-2005, January 10, 2005, respecting the Lease Extension and Purchase, Smithville Ambulance Station in the Township of West Lincoln be received.

That the Region of Niagara enter into a lease agreement with the property owners for the extension of the existing lease of the ambulance station at 110 West Street, Smithville, commencing February 1, 2005, for a term of two (2) years at the same rate reported plus GST per month and at the same terms and conditions of the existing lease with the exception that the Region will be responsible for lawn and yard maintenance.

That subject to approval of the new Council, the Region of Niagara at the end of the second year, February 1, 2007, acquire the subject land and building for the agreed upon reported price plus the property owners legal fees associated with the sale to the Region.

Carried.

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT

7. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That this Council do now rise with report.

Carried.

Following Committee of the Whole, Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:35 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Angelone, followed by the singing of O' Canada.

8. **CURRENT BUDGET - PUBLIC MEETING**

In accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Act, the Region of Niagara invited public input on the 2005 Current Budget for the Committee of the Whole and Council meeting on December 16, 2004. At that meeting, Regional Council made a public statement that consideration of the 2005 Current Budget would continue at the January 20, 2005 meeting.

Mr. David Boese

Mr. David Boese residing at 2A Wood Street, in the City of St. Catharines noted that he would be addressing Regional Council and all other levels of government.

Mr. Boese requested that Regional Council strongly consider a resolution, regarding Niagara's tax structure, that would limit the property tax increases in any calendar year to not exceed the Canada Cost of Living Index, taking into consideration some of the challenges facing retired seniors residing in Niagara.

Regional Chair Partington following Mr. Boese's address, asked whether there was anyone else who wished to speak to the Current Budget; there being no responses, the Regional Council meeting continued.

9. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the Council Agenda CL 1-2005 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

10.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bentley declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Minute Item 4 of the Human Resources Committee, Report HR 03-2005, January 11, 2005, respecting the Police Services Board Remuneration, as he is a member of the Police Services Board, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on this matter.

Councillor Heit declared an indirect 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 Goulbourne declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the Current Budget 2005, as he is employed by Niagara College, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Martin declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Minute Item 4 of the Human Resources Committee, Report HR 03-2005, January 11, 2005, respecting the Police Services Board Remuneration, as he is a member of the Police Services Board, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on this matter.

Councillor Smeaton declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Minute Item 4 of the Human Resources Committee, Report HR 03-2005, January 11, 2005, respecting the Police Services Board Remuneration, as he is a member of the Police Services Board, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on this matter.

Councillor Smeaton declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters relating to Seniors Homes as he is employed by a Seniors Home, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

PRESENTATIONS

11. Niagara Chapter of Trout Unlimited Canada

Messrs. Joe Montgomery, Publicity Director; Harry Murdoch, President of the Niagara Chapter and Len Yust, Executive Director, Ontario Division of Trout Unlimited Canada, provided Regional Council with a presentation on the major programs for the Region, that will include the Four Mile Creek.

Trout Unlimited Canada's mission is to conserve, protect and restore Canada's freshwater ecosystem for current and future generations.

Councillor Harry, as Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's Chairman, welcomed Trout Unlimited Canada's willingness to partner with the Conservation Authority and work together on environmental issues.

Councillor Bentley suggested that Trout Unlimited Canada contact the principals of Blessed Trinity Secondary School and Grimsby Secondary School in the Town of Grimsby, as their students have been involved in the clean up of Four Mile Creek.

12.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Regional Chair Partington recognized all of the Niagara's residents who have made donations to charities responding to the Tsunami that struck the Indian Ocean region over the holidays.

Regional Chair Partington thanked Boekestyn Greenhouse for their gift of the chrysanthemums that graced Council Chambers.

Regional Chair Partington highlighted Regional Council's accomplishments over the past year:

In July 2004, the Region took control over the Land Ambulance Service and the Region was awarded the Ambulance Dispatch by the Province on a pilot basis.

The "Quality Child Care in Niagara" initiative was developed, in order to improve the standards of education and care of our young children.

Niagara's eight Long-Term Care facilities continued to operate at a high level and were awarded 3-year accreditations with favourable comments by the Canadian College of Health Services Association.

Niagara answered the call to care for refugee claimants as they entered Canada over the holiday season.

Regional Council initiated the Niagara Economic Growth Strategy Steering Committee, to ensure that Niagara has a solidly growing economy.

The Region successfully hosted the 2004 LIVCOM Awards for Liveable Communities.

Niagara continues to be at the forefront of municipal planning in 2004 due to tools we have developed such as our Smarter Niagara Initiatives.

Niagara has increased overall diversion of residential recycling by 19% and organics by 42% from 2003 to 2004.

Niagara continues to advance its Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan partnership to develop a joint long-term disposal capacity.

Niagara's Water Quality Protection Strategy won accolades and an award in 2004 from industry leaders.

As Niagara moves forward into 2005, Regional Chair Partington noted that he firmly believes that the future holds good things in store for Niagara and that it is important to work together cooperatively and with other levels of government in order to forward Niagara's initiatives and achieve our anticipated goals.

Regional Chair Partington believes that one of the initiatives that should move forward in 2005 is the Specialized Inter-Municipal Transit; whether it is put in place by the Region or by the lower-tier municipalities - it is important that it happens.

Regional Chair Partington advised Regional Council that with the Greenbelt Plan upon us, Niagara should start direct expansion to the Southern Tier and the Northern Tier should be given the tools to ensure their continued success.

Regional Chair Partington will continue to push the province for the expansion of Highway 406 into Welland and champion the cause of the Niagara – GTA Corridor.

Regional Chair Partington noted that Niagara must continue to move forward with the Smarter Niagara program, in order to promote investment in our urban areas and as an incentive against developing outside our urban boundaries.

Niagara can look forward to the 2005 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Central Ontario Municipal Conference being hosted in Niagara, along with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Counties and Regions Conference and the Municipal and Regional Chairs of Ontario Annual Meeting being held in Niagara.

Regional Chair Partington will continue to hold community forums as opportunity to interact with Niagarans and learn of their interests and needs.

Regional Chair Partington will, in 2005, be reaching out to individuals and organizations across Niagara with an aim to developing a "Made in Niagara" plan to confront obesity, as a real health problem in Ontario, as identified by the Ontario Medical Officer of Health in November 2004.

Regional Chair Partington suggested that Regional Council commit itself to the prospect of holding regularly scheduled Council Business Planning Sessions, which could be facilitated, if the 3-week meeting schedule is initiated earlier than anticipated. Regional Council was requested to examine the six Strategic Directives set in the Business Plan and to consider what Regional Council should continue to do; begin doing and what should be stopped.

Regional Partington thanked Councillors and staff for their support, skill and expertise in moving the Region forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

13. Report 10-2004
Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report 10-2004, being the minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Thursday, December 16, 2004, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

14. Report 21-2004

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report 21-2004, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of December 16, 2004 be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

15. Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

C6394 Town of Fort Erie resolution (December 13, 2004) supports the resolution of the City of Thorold to strongly encourage every local school board to enter into a Community Use Agreement and funding for opening schools to community groups after hours.

Received.

- C6395 Town of Fort Erie resolution (December 13, 2004) supports the resolution of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara to encourage the Ontario and Federal Governments to partner and financially support General Motors of Canada Limited's Project Beacon.
- Received.
- C6397 Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance (December 9, 2004) respecting enacted legislation to give municipalities a range of options to modify the tax capping program in order to increase progress towards Current Value Assessment (CVA).
- Received and referred to Corporate Services.
- C6398 Peter Partington, Regional Chairman (January 11, 2005) respecting Resolutions from other Municipalities.
- City of Kingston resolution (December 14, 2004) to call on the Ontario Government to stop the National Child Benefit Supplement claw back.
- Received and referred to the Community Services Committee.
- C6399 City of St. Catharines resolution (December 13, 2004) endorsing the resolution from the Town of Fort Erie requesting the Region of Niagara to Defer 2005 Water and Sewer Rates effective date.
- Received for Information
- C6400 Pat Schofield, Port Colborne, Ontario (December 20, 2004) expressing concerns respecting Regional government which includes restructuring, affordability, and representation on council from the Northern tier versus the Southern tier.
- Received.
- C6401 Roger Anderson, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (December, 2004) respecting the role that municipal government plays in Ontario and the nation.
- Received for Information.

- C6403 Michael Bryant, Attorney General, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs / Minister Responsible for Democratic Renewal (December 14, 2004) respecting the appointment of additional justices of the peace for the Central West Region.
- Received.
- C6404 Town of Pelham resolution (December 23, 2004) in support of the resolution enacted by the City of Welland whereby they urge the Province of Ontario to provide an up-to-date status report on the plans for the construction of the twinning of Highway 406 in the Cities of Thorold and Welland.
- Received and referred to the Transportation Steering Committee.
- C6405 Memorandum from Shafee Bacchus, Commissioner of Corporate Services (January 12, 2005) providing additional information in response to Staff Direction Item 568 – CL 2004 RFP for Multifunctional Devices.
- Received.
- C6406 Memorandum from Pam Gilroy, Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy (January 14, 2005) respecting Water and Wastewater Rates bylaws Extension of rates to February 28, 2005.
- Received for Information.
- C6407 Communication Alert from (AMO) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (January 15, 2005) respecting the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF)
- Received for Information.
- C6408 Card of thanks from Gregory Butler, an employee of the Public Works Department, and family, for the kind donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of his mother Marie Butler.
- Received.
- C6409 Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance (January 11, 2005) respecting the status of the government's review of the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF).
- Received.

C6410 Peter Partington, Regional Chairman (January 19, 2005) respecting Resolutions from other Municipalities.

The Municipality of Clarington resolution to petition the Province of Ontario to amend the Municipal Elections Act to provide for a four-year term of office for municipal council members.

Received.

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Communications C6394, C6395 and C6397 to C6401 and C6403 to C6410, be received and dealt with as directed by this Council and as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

16. Communications were received for consideration and dealt with as follows:

C6396 Memorandum to Regional Chairman Partington and Members of Council (December 21, 2004) advising that Councillor Goulbourne would like to resign from the Corporate and Financial Service Committee (and its sub-committees) and serve on the Public Health Services Committee, effective in 2005.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Communications C6396 be received; and

That Councillor Goulbourne be removed from the Corporate and Financial Services Committee (and its Sub-Committees) and appointed to the Public Health Services Committee.

Carried.

C6402 City of Niagara Falls resolution (December 22, 2004) requesting that the Regional Municipality of Niagara hold public meetings in each municipality to determine the public's opinion on the proposed new Regional building expansion.

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Communications C6402, be received.

Carried.

AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

17. Update on Economic Growth Strategy

Councillor Goulbourne, Co-Chair, Economic Growth Strategy Steering Committee and Mr. Patrick Gedge, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation, provided Regional Council with an update on the Economic Growth Strategy. The Strategic Directions taken by the Committee will build a collaborative team approach; create a competitive business environment; target strategic industries; improve transportation and infrastructure; re-brand Niagara and develop Niagara's talent pool.

18. Niagara District Health Council

Regional Council was apprised of the fate of the Niagara District Health Council, which as of March 31, 2005 is dissolved with the formation of Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs). Niagara will be considered part of LHIN that will include Hamilton and surrounding areas. Niagara is unique and should not be considered as part of a larger area, Niagara should have its own LHIN and Regional Council and the residents of Niagara should be lobbying for its establishment, as this change will affect the residents of Niagara day-to-day lives.

Regional Council was advised of a joint meeting of the Public Health Services Committee and Community Services Committee on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss this matter further.

Regional Council applauded the volunteers, who have given so much to the planning of health care in Niagara.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT REPORTS

19. Waste Management Financing Options
2005 Cost Apportionment

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWA 196-2004 / CSD 153-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Waste Management Financing Options, 2005 Cost Apportionment, be deferred.

Lost.

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PWA 196-2004 / CSD 153-2004, November 9, 2004, respecting the Waste Management Financing Options, 2005 Cost Apportionment, be received **as amended**.

That the proposed methods for apportioning costs to the Area Municipalities within the 2005 Waste Management Services Budget as set out in Table 1 of this report be approved; and

That the proposed waste container fee approach as set out in the Waste Management Financing Options Study report be withdrawn, and staff be directed to report back before the end of 2005 on a revised Long-term Financing Strategy **with the deletion of the Financing Options Study recommendation reference to 2007**.

Carried.

20. Waste Management Financing Options
Study, Revised Long-term Finance Strategy

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That Report PWA 203-2004 / CSD 158-2004, November 23, 2004, respecting the Waste Management Financing Options Study, Revised Long-term Finance Strategy be received.

That the Region adopts a long-term financing strategy for waste management services that includes the establishment of sufficient reserve funds to:

- a) Fully self-finance waste management capital beginning in fiscal 2006; and
- b) Stabilize the future cost of waste disposal that would be passed onto Regional taxpayers, and

That the long-term financing strategy include the following elements:

- a) Establishment of a Uniform Disposal Rate sufficient to generate enough revenues to cover both fixed operating costs and a portion of future capital costs;
- b) A reduction in the curbside waste container limits beginning in 2007, such that the equivalent of one container of waste per week would be permitted without tags. Additional containers of waste would require tags that would be used to generate reserve funds, and

That staff report back in 2005 on the appropriate cost per container tag to be set for 2007. That report would establish the tag rate and communication strategy that will be used to prepare residents in Niagara for the proposed change in 2007, and

That the Region continue to investigate the proposed Uniform Charge approach whereby owners of similar properties, receiving the same waste management services would pay the same for these services, and

That staff report back in 2005 on the results of these investigations into the feasibility of establishing a uniform charge approach in 2007.

Carried.

21. Amendments to 2005 Waste Management Services Division Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report PWA 225-2004 / CSD 182-2004, December 7, 2004, respecting the Amendments to 2005 Waste Management Services Division Operating Budget be received, and

- a) The amended Waste Management Services Division Operating expenditures totaling \$37,244,755 be approved for 2005.
- b) That apportionment of Waste Management Operating Costs to the Area Municipalities for 2005 include an adjustment to the allocation of disposal costs as follows:

Apportionment of Waste Disposal Costs based on the past twelve months of actual tonnages (November 2003 to October 2004) and the recommended UDR of \$92.25 for 2005.

Carried.

22. 2005 Waste Management Services Division
Operating Budget – Additional Information

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the Memorandum to Members of the Public Works and Utilities Committee and Corporate and Financial Services Committee from David Payne, Director, Waste Management Services Division (January 6, 2005), respecting Additional Information requested at Council on December 16, 2004, regarding Report PWA 225-2004/CSD 182-2004 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

Carried.

23. Approval of Vehicle Replacement and Additions

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Memorandum to Councillor Redekop, Vice-Chair, Public Works and Utilities Committee (December 14, 2004) respecting comments on PWA 215-2004 / CSD 177-2004 Approval of Vehicle Replacement and Additions be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

Carried.

24. Request for Capital Budget Allocation and Financing
Approval for Projects ZSS0501, ZSW0511,
ZCW0518 and ZGG0503
Vehicle and Equipment Replacement and Additions

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report PWA 215-2004 / CSD 177-2004, December 7, 2004, respecting the Request for Capital Budget Allocation and Financing Approval for Projects ZSS0501, ZSW0511, ZCW0518 and ZGG0503 Vehicle and Equipment Replacement and Additions be received, and

That subject to approval of the 2005 Capital Budget, allocation in the gross and net amount of \$2,239,340 be approved for Project ZSS0501, Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program with financing from the Consolidated Equipment Reserve Fund – Fleet; and

That subject to approval of the 2005 Capital Budget, allocation in the gross and net amount of \$100,000 be approved for Project ZCW0518, Central Maintenance Facility Vehicles, with financing from the Water Operations Capital Works Reserve Fund; and

That subject to approval of the 2005 Capital Budget, allocation in the gross and net amount of \$200,000 be approved for Project ZSW0511, Central Maintenance Facility Vehicles, with financing from the Sewage Operations Capital Works Reserve Fund; and

That subject to approval of the 2005 Capital Budget, allocation in the gross and net amount of \$27,000 be approved for Project ZGG0503, Courier Vehicle, with financing from the Capital Levy Reserve.

Carried.

25. Financing Approval for Balance
of 2004 Waste Management Capital Program

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report PWA 06-2005 / CSD 08-2005, January 11, 2005, respecting the Request for Capital Budget Allocation By-law and Financing Approval for the Balance of the 2004 Waste Management Capital Program be received, and

That the 2004 Capital Budget of \$550,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0114 Site Improvements at Humberstone Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901 Site Improvements to Elm Street Landfill Site, and

That financing be approved for the 2004 Waste Management Capital Program for \$2,026,547 gross and net amounts and allocated to the individual projects as summarized in Appendix A, and

That approval is given to fund the projects with financing of \$1,126,547 (Waste Management Capital Reserve Fund) and \$900,000 (Debentures 1 – 10 years), and

That the Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

26. Storm Sewer Cost Sharing Program

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWA 07-2005 / CSD 09-2005, January 11, 2005, respecting the Storm Sewer Cost Sharing Program be received, and

That capital levy financing in the gross and net amount of \$200,000.00 be approved for Project ZRC0403 Storm Sewer Cost Sharing Program from the 2004 Roads Capital Budget, and

That approval be given to pay the City of Niagara Falls for the Region's portion of the storm sewer outlet on Mountain Road in the amount of \$108,096.83, and

That the Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

27. Expropriations
South Service Road Extension Project
Town of Grimsby

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PWA 12-2004 / CSD 13-2005, January 11, 2005, respecting Expropriations for the South Service Road Extension Project in the Town of Grimsby, be received; and

That Regional Council approve the expropriation of Part of Lot 5, Concession 1 and Part of Lot 6, Concession 1, both in the former Township of North Grimsby, now Town of Grimsby and authorize staff to obtain and register an expropriation plan and pursue the remaining steps in the expropriation process; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure the necessary by-laws are prepared and presented to Council to authorize these steps.

Carried.

28. Capital Budget Allocation By-law for
Police Central Accommodations
Project ID ZPO0509

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report PWA 15-2005 / CSD 14-2005, January 11, 2005, respecting the Capital Budget Allocation By-law for Police Central Accommodations, be received; and

That subject to approval of the 2005 Capital Budget, debenture financing (1 – 10 years) in the gross and net amount of \$5,000,000, be approved for Project ZPO0509, Central Accommodations, and

That the Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

29. Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That the decisions made in the Committee of the Whole meeting of Thursday, January 20, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

30. Report 1-2005

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report 1-2005 being the minutes of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

31. Final 2005 Capital Budget

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Report CSD 02-2005, January 20, 2005, respecting the Final 2005 Capital Budget and Appendix 1, 2005 Capital Project Summary, be received for information; and

That the Regional Clerk/Associated Director of Corporate Strategy, be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law is prepared for presentation to Regional Council on January 20, 2005.

Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

32. Report 1-2005

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report 1-2005 being the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting of Monday, January 10, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

33. Report 1-2005

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report 1-2005 being the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of Tuesday, January 11, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

34. Report 1-2005

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report 1-2005 being the minutes of the Planning Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

35. Report 1-2005

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report 1-2005 being the minutes of the Public Health Services Committee meeting of Monday, January 10, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

36. Report 1-2005

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report 1-2005 being the minutes of the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting of Tuesday, January 11, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

37. Report CAO 1-2005

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report CAO 1-2005, January 20, 2005, respecting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Quality of Life Reporting System, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

38. Headquarters Addition Steering Committee

Councillors Leavens, Collins, Gabriel, Almas and Smeaton were appointed to the Headquarters Addition Steering Committee.

39. Congratulations to the Regional Chair

Regional Council extended their warm congratulations to Regional Chair Partington for the work that he has done this past year.

40. Toque Tuesday – February 8, 2005

Regional Council encourages everyone to purchase a toque on Toque Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at a cost of \$10.00 each, the proceeds from the sale of the Toques to help in the fight against homelessness in Canada.

41. NHL Alumni

Councillor Rigby invited everyone to attend the NHL Alumni game on January 23, 2005 at the Jack Gatecliff Arena.

42. Tsunami Relief Dance

Councillor Bodner advised Regional Council that the City of Port Colborne is holding a Tsunami Relief Dance on February 11, 2005 at the Italian Hall, Bell Street in the City of Port Colborne, with all proceeds going to the Red Cross.

43. Greenbelt Plan Meeting

Councillor Bentley advised Regional Council that a meeting to discuss the Greenbelt Plan is scheduled in the Town of Grimsby on February 2, 2005 at the Peach King Centre.

Those interested in attending or speaking should contact Ms. Kathryn Vout, Town Clerk at (905) 945-9634 for further details and the number you are required to call to be added to the speakers list.

44. F.O.R.T. (Foundation Of Resources for Teens) Dance

Councillor Bentley invited residents to support the F.O.R.T. (Foundation Of Resources for Teens), by attending a dance on January 29, 2005 at the Peach King Centre.

45. Three-Week Schedule

Councillor Baty advised Regional Council that a report will be brought forward in February 2005, to accommodate the requests for an earlier implementation of the three-week schedule.

BY-LAWS

46. Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 01

A by-law to establish part of Lots 9 and 10, Plan 653, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 20 (Lundy's Lane).

Bill 02

A by-law to establish part of Lots 1 and 5 Plan 82 and part of Lots 12 and 13, Plan 62, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 98 (Montrose Road).

Bill 03

A by-law to establish part of Lot 15, Concession 4, in the City of Welland as part of Regional Road No. 27 (East Main Street).

Bill 04

A by-law to adopt the 2005 Capital Budget for the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 05

A by-law to authorize a 2005 interim levy for the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 06

A by-law to authorize Debenture Financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$900,000 for Project ZGL9901 (PC – Site Improvements at Elm Street Landfill Site) and Project ZGL0311 (Property Value Protection Plan).

Bill 07

A by-law to authorize Debenture Financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$5,000,000 for Project ZP00509, Police Central Accommodations.

Bill 08

A by-law to fix the rates to be charged for water supplied to Lower-Tier Municipalities during the period March 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006.

Bill 09

A by-law to fix the rates to be charged for Wastewater received from Lower-Tier Municipalities for the period March 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006.

Bill 10

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 20th of January, 2005.

Carried.

47. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 11

A by-law to establish part of the road allowance between Township Lots 16 and 25, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 101 (Mountain Road).

Carried.

48. Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

Bill 12

A by-law to adopt the 2005 Current Budget for the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- put dates on all publications, such as the 2005 Capital Budget and Forecast and 2005 Budget Presentations, Regional Departments, Boards and Agencies.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Peter Partington
Regional Chairman

Janet Pilon
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate
Director of Corporate
Strategy