

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CL 6-2005

COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, April 7, 2005

6:30 p.m.

2201 St. David's Road

Thorold, Ontario

1. Call to Order
2. Committee of the Whole

Closed Session Reports as contained
In Standing Committee Reports
For Council Agenda CL 6-2005

Report CAO 10-2005
Update on the OPG Hydro Generation Project
(Delivered Under Separate Cover)

7:00 p.m.

3. Invocation 7:00 p.m.
4. Singing of 'O Canada'.
5. Adoption of Agenda
 - 5.1 Addition of Items
 - 5.2 Changes in Order of Items
 - 5.3 Conflicts of Interest
6. Presentations

Sarah Rose, Health Promoter
Sandy Polly, Public Health Nurse
Public Health Department
Re: "Fourth Annual Tobacco-Free Poster Contest" Awards

Carrie Brunet, Chair,
Corporate Employees Recognition Team (CERT)
Re: CERT Awards of Excellence

Renni Piscitelli, Chapter Treasurer
Council of Canadians Niagara Chapter
Re: Great Lakes Water

7. Chair's Reports, Announcements, Remarks
8. Adoption of Minutes

Council Report CL 5-2005
Thursday, March 17, 2005
9. Correspondence, Petitions (CA 38-2005)
 - a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff
 - b) For Consideration
10. Resolutions from Other Municipalities

Ontario Farmers and the Ontario Grain & Oilseed Group
11. Delegations (related to Committee Reports)
12. Agencies, Boards and Commissions
13. Committee Reports (CA 43-2005)
14. Chief Administrative Officer's Report
15. Motions
16. Notices of Motion
17. Other Business
18. By-laws (CA 44-2005)
19. Adjournment

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/Associate Director of Corporate Strategy

9. Correspondence

a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff

C6453 Card of thanks from Sam DiMeo, an employee of the Public Health Department, and family for the kind donation to the Welland Hospital Foundation in memory of his brother Tom DiMeo.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

C6454 Card of thanks from Susan Greenman, an employee of the Community Services Department, and family for the kind donation to the Lakeridge Health Foundation in memory of her father Donald Lamb.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

C6455 The Chamber of Commerce, City of Niagara Falls (January 26, 2005) resolution requesting the Province of Ontario to establish an entity to review commercial and industrial property tax assessment with a view to returning a recommendation for a more equitable assessment method within 180 days of their first meeting.

Recommended Action:
--Receive and refer to the Property Assessment and Taxation Reform Committee.

C6456 Christine T. Kowalyk, Assistant Chief, Community Programs, Emergency Management Ontario, Ministry of Public Safety and Security (February 15, 2005) extending congratulations to Council and staff regarding the establishment of an Essential Emergency Management Program.

Recommended Action:
--Receive.

C6457 Costa Koutroulakis, Fort Erie (March 18, 2005) respecting Shared Border Management at the Peace Bridge and the impact it will have on the Town of Fort Erie.

Recommended Action:
--Receive and refer to Transportation Steering Committee.

C6458 Town of Fort Erie resolution (March 23, 2005) requesting the Federal government to provide sufficient border staffing to ensure the elimination of delay and congestion at border crossings.

Recommended Action:

--Receive and refer to Transportation Steering Committee.

C6459 Copy of a letter to the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (March 22, 2005) respecting Farm Size and the impact of the Greenbelt Plan on Mr. Kugler, a grape grower in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Recommended Action:

--Receive and refer to the Commissioner of Planning and Development.

C6460 The Association of Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario (March 9, 2005) resolution strongly urging the Province of Ontario to amend their legislation commencing for the 2006 taxation year, to specify that once a property reaches CVA taxation, it remains at CVA taxes, regardless of the result of future reassessments.

Recommended Action:

--Receive and refer to the Property Assessment and Taxation Reform Committee.

C6462 Peter Partington, Regional Chairman (February 7, 2005) respecting Resolutions from other Municipalities.

The Corporation of the Town of Hanover resolution (March 1, 2005) requesting a representative from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be allowed to take part in salary deliberations between the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police, and that the financial burden of policing to municipalities be looked at as part of the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) review by the Province of Ontario.

Recommended Action:

--Receive.

- C6463 Carolyn Forster, Welland, Ontario (March 16, 2003) expressing concerns about the need for sidewalks on Rice, Quaker and Woodlawn Roads as well as First Avenue in Welland.
- Recommended Action:
--Receive and refer to the Public Works and Utilities Committee.
- C6464 Beverly Stevenson, Information Officer, Rabies Research and Development Unit, Ministry of Natural Resources (March 1, 2005) respecting the Rabies Control Program in the Province of Ontario.
- Recommended Action:
--Receive and refer to the Public Health Department.
- C6465 Card of thanks from Donna Smith, an employee of the Community Services Department, and family for the kind donation to the Bethel United Church in memory of her mother-in-law, Elizabeth Smith.
- Recommended Action:
--Receive.
- C6466 Port Colborne / Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce (March 30, 2005) respecting an industrial rebirth of the Niagara Region due to the announcement of the new Port Colborne Energy Park and the effect this may have as a result of the uncompetitive industrial tax rates.
- Recommended Action:
--Receive and refer to the Property Assessment and Taxation Reform Committee.
- C6467 Andrew Walker, President, Welland / Pelham Chamber of Commerce (March 17, 2005) expressing concerns over uncompetitive industrial tax rates in Niagara.
- Recommended Action:
--Receive and refer to the Property Assessment and Taxation Reform Committee.

C6468 Carolyn A. Bones, President, Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce (March 23, 2005) expressing concern over uncompetitive industrial tax rates in Niagara.

Recommended Action:

--Receive and refer to the Property Assessment and Taxation Reform Committee.

C6469 Copy of a letter to the Honourable John Gerrestensen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing from Wayne Redekop, Mayor of Fort Erie (March 29, 2005) regarding a response to request for approval to proposed question on ballot to opt out of Regional Government.

Recommended Action:

--Receive and refer to the Council Organization Review Committee (CORC).

b) For Consideration

- C6461 Town of Fort Erie resolution (March 21, 2005) respecting the establishment of VQA stores to showcase VQA wines and endorses Private Members Bill 7 "The VQA Wine Stores Act, 2003".
- C6470 City of Niagara Falls resolution (March 8, 2005) requesting the Niagara Region be promoted as a possible location of the proposed Toyota Auto Assembly Plant.

13. Committee Reports

JOINT REPORTS

Report HR 10-2005 / PHD 16-2005
Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) at Regional Headquarters

PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report PS 6-2005, Wednesday, March 30, 2005

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report CFS 6-2005, Wednesday, March 30, 2005

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report CSC 7-2005, Monday, April 4, 2005
(Minutes to be attached to the Addendum)

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Report HR 4-2005, Tuesday, March 29, 2005

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report 6-2005, Monday, April 4, 2005
(Minutes to be attached to the Addendum)

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Report PW 6-2005, Tuesday, March 29, 2005

18. By-Laws

Bill 30

A by-law to establish Blocks 58, 59, 62, 63, 65 and 66, Plan 59M-330, in the Town of Fort Erie as part of Regional Road No. 116 (Gorham Road).

Bill 31

A by-law to provide for the adoption of Amendment 192 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to permit an expansion to the Fenwick Urban Area in the Town of Pelham.

Bill 32

A by-law to authorize long term financing (1-10) years) in the amount of \$15,617,000 for Individual Projects in the 2005 Waste Water Capital Program.

Bill 33

A by-law to authorize long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$9,225,000 for Individual Projects in the 2005 Water Capital Program.

Bill 34

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 7th of April, 2005.