

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 9-2005

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in Closed Session in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, June 9, 2005 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Cambray, Commissioner, Planning and Development; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Bacchus, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Ventresca, Acting Commissioner, Community Services; Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Hepplewhite, Acting Regional Clerk/Corporate Records Manager; Ms. Pilon, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

(Part-Time): Messrs. Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair; Cunnane, Director, Emergency Services; Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Ms. Fontana, Director, Corporate Health Services & Employee Relations

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

279. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

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.

280. Ratification of Collective Agreement – CUPE 1019
PHD 39-2005

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That PHD 39-2005, Ratification of Collective Agreement – CUPE 1019 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT

281. Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That this Council do now rise with report.

Carried.

Following Committee of the Whole, Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:12 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Collins, followed by the singing of O' Canada.

CHAIR FOR A DAY

282. Mr. Matt Onyskow the twelfth Chair for Day brought the meeting to order and thanked everyone from the Regional Departments he visited for making his day a success.

Regional Chairman Partington presented Mr. Onyskow with a certificate and a photo album of photos from his day as Chair.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

283. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the Council Agenda CL 9-2005 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

284. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to all wireless communications as he is employed by a wireless communication company and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

PRESENTATIONS

285. **Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan**

Regional Chair Partington introduced Mayor Di Ianni and called upon Councillor Burroughs as Co-Chair of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group.

Councillor Burroughs introduced Councillor Braden the Co-Chair from the City of Hamilton and staff from the City of Hamilton's Waste Management Division (Scott Stewart and Beth Goodger).

Councillor Burroughs advised Council that the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group is an example of two Councils working together collectively for their communities future.

Mayor Di Ianni advised Regional Council that the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan is a historic enterprise, as most municipalities tend to work independently. Municipalities have to learn to move their communities forward through partnerships, as Niagara has done by initiating the partnership with Hamilton in solving our solid waste issues cooperatively.

Councillor Braden noted that the experience in working with Niagara on this joint venture has been a pleasure.

Regional Chair Partington and Mayor Di Ianni signed a certificate recognizing the partnership between the Region of Niagara and the City of Hamilton through the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan initiative.

286. **Corporate Employee Recognition Team – Awards of Excellence**

Ms. Brunet, Chair, Excellence Sub Committee; Regional Chairman Partington; Councillor Collins; Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer presented:

Christine deVlaming-Kot from the Public Health Department with an award for Innovation, which she demonstrated in finding resources for the "Planning Ahead for Pregnancy and Parenting" program, included in the high school curriculum.

S.W.E.E.T. – Social, Wellness, Education, Environment and Team Building from the Niagara Falls, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities Division of Community Services Department with the Team Participation award. The team organized numerous activities to improve and enhance the quality of work life for all their colleagues, which extended to the surrounding community.

Joan Miller from the St. Catharines office of the Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities Division was recognized for receiving a Regional Star for taking the time to seasonally decorate the reception area or spearheading various food and clothing drives year round.

287. “Breaking the Barriers” Transportation Award

Ms. Lorraine Nadeau, Chair, National Access Awareness Week Committee presented Councillor Saracino with the “Breaking the Barriers” Transportation Award for his work with the Inter-Municipal Transit Service.

288. 2004 Region of Niagara Environmental Awards

Mr. Tim Marotta, Vice Chair, Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee along with the Regional Chair and Councillors Angelone, Bailey; Leavens; Smeaton and Timms presented the following recipients with the 2004 Region of Niagara Environmental Awards:

St. Ann Catholic School, Town of Pelham - Young People’s Award in the Elementary Age Category

Michael-Vincent CuvIELLO of St. Paul High School, City of Niagara Falls – Young People’s Award in the Secondary Age Category

Jean Grandoni accepted her late brother’s, Peter Grandoni - Lifetime Achievement Award

Stamford Collegiate – Environmental Award in the Corporate Category

Niagara Healthy Environmental Initiative – Environmental Award in the Volunteer Category

289. Economic Development Initiatives

Mr. Patrick Gedge, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Economic Development Corporation provided Council with an update on the Economic Development Activities of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation, which includes Niagara’s Strategic Development; Advocacy; Investment Attraction; Business Retention and Expansion; Economic Development Partnerships; Community Partnership Program and the promotion of Niagara’s 2005 Action Plan.

290. Niagara Community Foundation – Activities for the Year

Mr. Andrea Kriluck, President and Chair, Board of Directors, Niagara Community Foundation provided Council with a summary of the organization's activities for the year.

The Niagara Community Foundation makes a difference in our community through three granting programs (Environment, Summer Camp and Community), with additional grants given through our donor funds.

Ms. Kriluck noted that the Foundation's endowment funds continue to grow and in 2004 they grew to \$2.3 million, a 40% increase over 2003.

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Regional Chair Partington joined Provincial Transportation Minister Harinder Takhar and Provincial Tourism Minister Jim Bradley, MPP Kim Craitor, Councillors Brock; Bodner; Goulbourne and Kushner (representing Councillor Rigby) today to announce that the Province will expand Highway 406 to four lanes from Beaverdams Road to Port Robinson Road.

Minister Takhar stated that the shovels will be in the ground later this year with completed targeted for 2007. This \$25 million project will also include design work to expand the four-lane section of the 406 from Port Robinson Road to East Main Street in Welland.

Regional Chair Partington thanked Council for their support they have shown as we have worked to champion this issue at Queen's Park and at "Niagara Week".

This project is the type of infrastructure improvement Niagara Region needs to grow and prosper. The widening of the highway will help the traffic flow and the more accessible our area becomes the more attractive it will be to jobs and investment. It will also help alleviate pressures in our Greenbelt communities; make our highway a lot safer for those who use it and will help Niagara meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Regional Chair Partington on behalf of Niagara Regional Council and the people of Niagara, thanked Minister Bradley for his assistance in advocating to his colleagues in Provincial cabinet the need we have in Niagara for this project and the Chambers of Commerce from across Niagara for the tremendous support they have shown, they have all been vital to rallying grass-roots support for this project, a project we can all be proud of.

Regional Chair Partington congratulated the Public Health Department and EMS staff on the successful launch of our new Niagara Ambulance Communication Service (NACS), which went live on June 1st.

The NACS is a tremendous asset for the Region and demonstrates Regional Council's commitment to ensuring that Niagara is a safe and healthy community for our citizens.

Regional Chair Partington also congratulated both our bargaining team and CUPE Local 1019 for establishing an agreement on our first collective bargaining agreement with that Local, which consists of our new staff of paramedics and ambulance communication centre staff.

Regional Chair Partington extended a warm welcome to Michael Kyne, our new Director of Legal Services.

Regional Chair Partington thanked Van Berkel Enterprises in St. Catharines for the lilies that grace our Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

292. Report 8-2005

Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report 8-2005, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, May 19, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

293. Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

C6507 Card of thanks from Councillor Brian Heit and family for the kind donation to the Jewish National Fund in memory of his mother, Marcella Heit.

Received.

C6508 Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance (May 18, 2005) in response to the Niagara Region's support of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and the Government of Canada, recognizing the benefits of quality early learning and child care and the government's commitment of \$5 billion over five years in support of a shared ELCC initiative, in collaboration with provinces and territories.

Received.

- C6509 John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (May 19, 2005) in response to the Regional Municipality of Niagara council's concerns about the effect of the Greenbelt Legislation on consent applications and the minimum farm parcel size.
- Received.
- C6510 Town of Fort Erie resolution (May 25, 2005) in support of Highway 406 Widening Project.
- Received.
- C6512 Pierre Santoni, Regional Director, Southwestern Ontario VIA Rail Canada, (May 19, 2005) respecting VIA rail service with regard to departure time, stops in Grimsby and St. Catharines and additional service between the Niagara Region and the City of Toronto.
- Received.
- C6513 Dean Iorfida, Clerk, City of Niagara Falls, (May 31, 2005) respecting the appointment of Alderman Vince Kerrio as Acting Mayor during the leave of absence of Mayor Tel Salci.
- Received.
- C6514 City of Port Colborne resolution (May 27, 2005) supporting the resolution of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara regarding the Expansion of Highway 406.
- Received.
- C6519 Gail Paech, Lead, System Integration (LHINs) Health Results Team (April 14, 2005) respecting issues raised by constituents in the Niagara Region related to the inclusion of Niagara in the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).
- Received.
- C6522 Paul van der Werf, Environment and Plastics Industry Council (EPIC) Municipal Representative (June 7, 2005) respecting their plan to ban plastic bags for leaf and yard waste collection on April 1, 2006.
- Received and referred to the Public Works and Utilities Committee.

- C6523 New Release from the Ministry of Labour (June 7, 2005) respecting the McGuinty Government introducing Legislation to end Mandatory Retirement and provide greater fairness and choice for workers aged 65 and older.
- Received.
- C6524 Memorandum to the Regional Chairman and Members of Council from Anne Hepplewhite, Acting Regional Clerk / Corporate Records Manager (June 9, 2005) advising Councillor Timms has requested to join the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee.
- Received and supported.
- C6528 Debbie Sevenpifer, President and Chief Executive Officer (June 3, 2005) expressing gratitude for advocacy efforts and support from Community leaders in mounting political and public awareness of the health care needs of the citizens of Niagara.
- Received.
- C6529 News Release from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (June 2, 2005) respecting the McGuinty Government taking steps for the permanent protection of Ontario's Greenbelt with the appointment of the Greenbelt Council.
- Received.
- C6530 Doede (Dude) and Mary Ann deBoer, St. Catharines (June 6, 2005) respecting the Port Dalhousie areas in which they live and the increasing intrusion and distress of their neighbourhood due to lack of sufficient parking, vandalism and the influx of people each weekend to the area.
- Received.
- C6531 Memorandum from Judi Hartman, Director and Deputy Registrar, Ministry of Consumer and Business Services (June 6, 2005) announcing the launch of a new service – online birth certificate applications for parents of children aged 8 and under.
- Received.

C6532 The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake resolution (May 24, 2005) endorsing the submission as prepared by the Town's Property Assessment Committee regarding a five year freeze period to provide stability.

Received.

C6535 Copy of a letter from Doug Hoffman, Project Manager, Morrison Hershfield Limited, 235 Yorkland Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario (May 27, 2005) respecting the Ministry of Transportation completing an Addendum study to examine options for full freeway illumination along the QEW from Highway 406 to the Garden City Skyway in St. Catharines.

Received.

C6536 Copy of a letter to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario from Tim Hudak, MPP – Erie Lincoln (June 3, 2005) along with copies of letters to the Honourable Joe Cordiano, Minister of Economic Development and Trade (January 21, 2005) and his response respecting the issue that the Premier has no plans to close either of the Niagara Falls Casinos.

Received.

C6537 Peter Kormos, MPP – Niagara Centre (June 6, 2005) concerning the urgent need to expand Highway 406 and the opportunity to raise the issue during the question period in the House on June 6, 2005.

Received.

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Communications C6507 to C6510 and C6512 to C6514; C6519, C6522 to C6524, C6528 to C6532; C6535, C6536 and C6537 be received and dealt with as noted in the Council Agenda and Addendum.

Carried.

294. C6533 The Corporation of the City of Cambridge requests through their local MPP Gerry Martiniuk that the Minister of Affairs and Housing, John Gerretsen and the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, Jim Bradley to move to amend the *Occupier Liability Act* so as to clearly establish that those using trail systems are deemed to do so at their own risk.

Received and referred to Planning Services Committee and the Corporate and Financial Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Communication C6533, be received and referred to the Planning Services Committee and Corporate and Financial Services Committee.

Carried.

295. C6511 Town of Fort Erie resolution (May 25, 2005) respecting support to petition The Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance and The Honourable John Gerretson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to immediately commence the process to review the CVA System and Property Tax Legislation.

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That Communication C6511, be received and referred to the Corporate and Financial Services Committee.

Carried.

296. C6515 Linda Jeffrey, MPP, Brampton Centre, (May 24, 2005) respecting Private Member's Bill, The Home Fire Sprinkler Act, 2004 including information and a copy of the Bill.

Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Communications C6515, be received and referred to the Public Health Services Committee.

Carried.

297. Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

- C6516 Dara Richardson, Office Manager, Plant's Choice, a Division of Compost Management Associates, Port Colborne, Ontario (June 6, 2005) expressing disappointment regarding the recommendation of the Public Works and Utilities Committee to close of the Elm Street Composting Facility before their contract is completed.
- C6517 John Verhage, President, Hydraserv Limited, Welland, Ontario (June 6, 2005) expressing concern for the closing of the Elm Street Composting Facility and requesting careful consideration regarding the future of this facility.
- C6518 Mike Orlando, Orlando Lumber Limited, Welland, Ontario (June 3, 2005) in support of Plant's Choice to keep this business in operation and requesting a review of the decision to close the Elm Street Composting Facility.
- C6520 Terry Tykolis, President, Stevensville Lawn Service (June 7, 2005) respecting the closing of Elm Street Composting Facility and asking for consideration in keeping this facility open.
- C6521 James Atkinson, Owner, Atkinson Delivery Service (June 7, 2005) respecting the Elm Street Compost Management Facility and to consider putting off the decision of shutting down the facility.
- C6525 Albert Ciolfi, President, B & C Auto & Industrial (June 7, 2005) in support of the Compost Management facility to remain as a valuable service to the Region and the business provided to our community.
- C6526 Mike DiRaddo, Project Manager, Compost Management Associates (June 8, 2005) expressing disappointment on behalf of their employees and customers to close the Elm Street Commercial Compost Facility and Garden Centre as well as explaining some of the obstacles the Company had to go through, and would appreciate the opportunity to give a tour of their facility to all Regional Councillors in the hope this would aid in the decision making process.
- C6527 Tamara Smith, Office Manager, Superior Fence & Landscape Solutions Inc., (June 8, 2005) supporting Compost Management facility to keep it available to all business owners.
- C6534 E-mail from Jean Haapamaki (June 8, 2005) respecting the impact to the employees of Compost Management that are about to lose their jobs and asking for more tolerance and understanding.

- C6538 Don Murdoch, President of Murdoch's Tire & Automotive, Port Colborne (June 8, 2005) respecting Compost Management of Port Colborne, and the value this company is to the citizens of the area.
- C6539 Mark Nevar, President, Thurston Machine Co. Limited (May 30, 2005) respecting the businesses that are directly affected by the smell that emanates from the Landfill / Compost Facility, how this smell is affecting his business and his agreement with the recommendation to close the site.
- C6540 E-mail from Mrs. Pat Shore, Port Colborne (June 9, 2005) respecting the Elm Street Landfill / Compost Site and the obnoxious odours experienced from this site and supporting the agreement to close this site as soon as possible.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Communication C6516 to C6518, C6520, C6521, C6525 to C6527; C6534; C6538, C6539 and C6540, be received and considered during the consideration of Report PW 9-2005, May 31, 2005 Public Works and Utilities Committee minutes.

Carried.

298. C6541 W. Ralston (Canada) Inc. 135 East Drive, Brampton, Ontario (June 8, 2005) requesting to address Council in regard to the issue relating to Composting.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Communications C6541 W. Ralston (Canada) Inc. 135 East Drive, Brampton, Ontario requesting that Mr. Riviere be permitted to address Council in regard to the issue relating to the Elm Street Composting Facility, be approved.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS (related to Committee Reports)

299. Elm Street Landfill Site/Compost Facility

Mr. Paul Taylor, Compost Management requested that Council deferred any action on the Elm Street Landfill/Composting Facility until they have an alternate disposal site for the composting material.

Mr. Taylor provided the Committee with the City of Toronto's composting problems, which were a result of the City of Toronto following exactly the same path Niagara Region is recommending in Report PWA 89-2005.

Mr. Taylor advised Council that the odours from the site are being monitored and that the misting system, to be installed would most likely reduce the odours from the site further.

Mr. Taylor concluded by again requesting that Council defer any decision; proceed with the RFP to see what types of technologies exist and keep the Elm Street Facility in place until Niagara Region has an alternate site.

300. W. Ralston (Canada) Inc.

Mr. Riviere, Marketing Manager, W. Ralston (Canada) Inc., addressed the resolution that approves the banning of plastic bags for leaf and yard waste collection as of April 1, 2006.

Mr. Riviere provided Council with information on W. Ralston (Canada) Inc.'s "Certified Compostable Plastic Bags", suitable for composting facilities and which would require an amendment to the resolution. The resolution, if Council were in agreement with the use of compostable bags, would have to read, " the banning of **non-compostable** plastic bags".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

301. Report 9-2005

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report 9-2005 being the minutes of the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 31, 2005, be approved and adopted.

302. Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Minute Item #242 of Report 9-2005, May 31, 2005, Public Works and Utilities Committee minutes, Report PWA 89-2005 Revised, May 31, 2005, respecting the Modifications to Niagara Organic Collection and Composting Program, be lifted and dealt with by Council at this time.

Carried.

303. Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Mr. Dan O'Hara, Co-Chair, Elm Street Landfill/Composting Facility, Public Liaison Committee (PLC), be permitted to speak before Council with respect to Report PWA 89-2005 Revised.

Carried.

304. Modifications to Niagara Organic Collection and Composting Program
PWA 89-2005 Revised

Mr. Dan O'Hara, Co-Chair, Elm Street Landfill/Composting Facility, Public Liaison Committee (PLC) advised Council that the PLC is not opposed to composting, they are however, opposed to the odours they are forced to live with.

305. Member of Regional Council noted that more information is necessary for Council to make an informed decision on this matter, it was therefore,

Moved by Councillor Almas
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report PWA 89-2005 Revised, May 31, 2005, respecting the Modifications to Niagara Organic Collection and Composting Program, be deferred and referred back to the June 21, 2005 Public Works and Utilities Committee.

Carried.

306. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Minute Item #245 of Report 9-2005, May 31, 2005, Public Works and Utilities Committee minutes, Report PWA 101-2005, May 31, 2005, respecting the Update on Follow-Up Actions Regarding the Wainfleet Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (EA) in the Town of Wainfleet, be lifted and dealt with by Council at this time.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion as amended on Report 9-2005, being the minutes of the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 31, 2005, was carried.

AGENCIES BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

307. Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report
January 1, 2005 – March 31, 2005
NRH 03-2005

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report NRH 03-2005, June 9, 2005, respecting the Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report, January 1, 2005 – March 31, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

308. Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report 9-2005 being the minutes of the Planning Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 1, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

309. Report 9-2005

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Leavens

That Report 9-2005 being the minutes of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 1, 2005, be approved and adopted.

310. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Minute Item #134 of Report 9-2005, June 1, 2005, Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes, Report CSD 77-2005, June 1, 2005, respecting the Multiyear Financial Plan 2004-2007, be lifted and dealt with by Council at this time.

Carried.

311. Multiyear Financial Plan 2004-2007
CSD 77-2005

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report CSD 77-2005, June 1, 2005, respecting the Multiyear Financial Plan 2004 – 2007, be referred to all Standing Committee for their information.

Carried.

312. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Minute Item #242 of Report 9-2005, June 1, 2005, Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes, Report CSD 82-2005, June 1, 2005, respecting the Social Housing Benchmarks, be lifted and dealt with by Council at this time.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion, as amended on Report 9-2005, being the minutes of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 1, 2005, was carried.

313. 2005 Debenture Issue Details
CSD 95-2005

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report CSD 95-2005, June 9, 2005, being the 2005 Debenture Issue Details, be received for information.

Carried.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION REFORM**

314. Report 7-2005

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report 7-2005, being the minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform meeting of Wednesday, June 1, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

315. Report 10-2005

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report 10-2005 being the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting of Monday, May 30, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

316. Energy Emergency Fund

Moved by Councillor Hildreth
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

Whereas on March 29, 2004 the Honourable Minister of Community and Social Services, Sandra Pupatello announced the Energy Emergency Fund to help low-income households, including social assistance recipients, facing energy related emergencies; and

Whereas the Energy Emergency Fund will provide a maximum amount to two months energy arrears (hydro, and/or natural gas); and

Whereas the Energy Emergency Fund is a one-time \$2 million fund that is 100 per cent provincially funded on a one-time basis and is not annualized; and

Whereas the Region of Niagara has received \$70,410 as its portion of the fund; and

Whereas the fund is instrumental in assisting low-income residents vulnerable households, and those on fixed incomes face unexpected energy-related emergencies; and

Whereas on September 20, 2004, the Regional Niagara Chairman requested that this funding be continued in 2005/2006; and

Whereas the Ministry of Community and Social Services plans to review the Energy Emergency Fund in 2005/2006; and

Whereas the Region of Niagara has not been informed of funding for the Energy Emergency Fund for 2005/2006;

Now therefore the Province of Ontario complete the review of the Energy Emergency Fund to demonstrate the need for Ontarians and the need to continue funding;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Region of Niagara requests the Province of Ontario continue the Energy Emergency Fund on an annualized basis at a minimum of the current funding level.

Carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

317. **Report 7-2005**

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report 7-2005 being the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 31, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

318. **Report 9-2005**

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHSC 9-2005 being the minutes of the Public Health Services Committee meeting of Monday, May 30, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

319. Councillor Eke advised Regional Council that he would be bringing forward a motion for Council's consideration on the funding for Social Housing at the June 30th Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

320. **Tree Cutting Policy**

Councillor Casselman asked that staff prepare a report on the Niagara Region's Tree Cutting Policy for Council's information.

Councillor Hildreth suggested that some of the local horticultural societies and garden clubs would be more than willing to assist with the planting and maintenance of trees and plants.

321. Municipal Events

Township of West Lincoln – Sixth Annual Poultry Festival begins June 25th

City of Thorold – Italian Festival begins June 25th, with a chance to win a Vespa Scooter.

Town of Lincoln – Strawberry Festival begins June 18th with a Bed Race and Lazy Boy race, taking place on June 17th.

322. Three Week Schedule

Councillor Brock asked that a discussion on the three-week schedule be added to the agenda of Council's Business Planning Session on June 23.

323. Biodegradable Products Information Package

Councillor Bentley advised Council that one of Grimsby's residents had travelled to Europe and picked up information on biodegradable products, the information has been given to Ian Neville and is to be shared with Waste Management.

324. Smoking Ban

Dr. Williams advised Council that a report would be distributed to the Public Health Services Committee on the Smoking Ban on June 20th.

BY-LAWS

325. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 53

A by-law to establish part of Lot 28, Concession 5, in the City of Welland as part of Regional Road No. 20 (Lincoln Street).

Bill 54

A by-law to establish part of Lot 28, Concession 5, in the City of Welland as part of Regional Road No. 27 (Riverside Drive).

Bill 55

A by-law to establish par of Lot 21, Concession 4, part of Lot 1, Plan TP-78, part of Lots 26, 27, 29, 30 31 and 32, Plan TP-95, part of the widening, Plan 427, and part of Lots 21 and 22, Concession 3, part of the road allowance between Concessions 3 and 4 and part of the widening, Plan 374, all in the City of St. Catharines, as part of Regional Road No. 42 (Ontario Street).

Bill 56

A by-law to authorize the Long Term Financing (1-10 Years) in the amount of \$750,000 for Wastewater Projects.

Bill 57

A by-law to provide for the adoption of Amendment 186 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to permit an expansion to Grimsby Urban Area.

Bill 58

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 9th of June, 2005.

Carried.

326. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 59

To authorize the borrowing upon installment Debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$40,399,000 (3 Year Installment Debentures in the principal amount of \$1,796,000, 5 Year Installment Debentures in the principal amount of \$2,197,000 and 10 Year Installment Debentures in the principal amount of \$36,406,000) for the purposes of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 60

To authorize the borrowing upon 10 Year Installment Debentures in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,701,000 for the purposes of the Cities of Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, and Welland and the Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake (\$1,700,000 of which may be raised by the issue of Refinancing Debentures for the City of Welland).

Bill 61

To authorize the borrowing of the aggregate of the principle amounts authorized by By-Laws Nos. 59-2005 and 60-2005 in the aggregate principal amount of \$52,500,000 and the issuing of one series of Installment Debentures therefore (\$1,700,000 of which may be raised by the issue of Refinancing Debentures for the City of Welland).

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Peter Partington
Regional Chairman

Janet Pilon
Acting Deputy Clerk

Anne Hepplewhite
Acting Regional Clerk/
Corporate Records Manager