

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 1-2006

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in Closed Session in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, January 19, 2006 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Cambray, Commissioner, Planning and Development; Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Kyne, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Police Chief Southall, Niagara Regional Police Service; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Pilon, Acting Deputy Clerk.

Staff

(Part-Time): Messrs. Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair; Flora, Acting Associate Director, Transportation Systems.

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

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. CAO Confidential Memorandum

Mr. Trojan provided an overview of a confidential memorandum which responds to issues raised at the Council Business Planning Session of November 10, 2005.

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT

3. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Bodner

That this Council do now rise without report.

Carried.

Following Committee of the Whole, Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:55 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Martin, followed by the singing of "O Canada".

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the Council Agenda CL 1-2006 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Marshall declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters relating to the Niagara Health System as he is employed by the Niagara Health System and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

CAPITAL BUDGET PUBLIC MEETING

5. Introduction to the Capital Budget Public Meeting

In accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*, a newspaper ad was published in the daily and weekly newspapers in the Region on December 14, 2005 advising of Council's approval of the Capital Budget on January 19, 2006, and inviting public input.

Interested persons were invited to submit comments in writing or to the website, or to request an appointment to speak.

The Regional Chair advised Regional Council that to date, the Region has received one request to speak and no written submissions.

6. Line ZCA0601 – Dunnville Spur Trail

Ms. Joanne Barnett, Planning, Development & Project Management Services appeared before Council on behalf of a number of property owners whose farms are bisected by the Dunnville Spur Line right of way currently owned by CP Rail.

Ms. Barnett requested that Line ZCA0601, the Dunnville Spur Trail, be removed from the 2006 Capital Budget for the following reasons: no public process other than the two meetings allocated to the budget deliberation as to the merits of running a public trail system through the middle of private farmlands, which has not been identified on the Greater Niagara Circle Route and related trails; properties adjacent to the Dunnville Spur Line are featureless with homes, barns and field, where the public interest would not be served by providing a public trail through the middle of these properties; the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) have no sympathy with the property owners' position on trespassing as it is bound to occur; and that it would be left to the property owner to remedy with the Trespass Act, putting the onus on the property owner to police a public trail system.

Ms. Barnett noted that if the Region should decide to proceed, the property owners would work actively with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to ensure that all fencing required by Section 20 of the Line Fences Act is identified and constructed.

Ms. Chechalk a property owner adjacent to the Dunnville Spur apprised Regional Council of the adverse impact a trail would have on the farmers in the area, particularly destroying the tranquility of their farms, which would result from the construction of a trail. The property owners would be faced with issues of trespassing; security for not only their possessions, but also their pets; crops and livestock; and the risk of liability or anyone injured on the trail.

The property owners are requesting that the Region work with the property owners and that they be given the opportunity to speak on this issue, as individuals would have through a typical planning process.

Regional Chair Partington then asked if there was anyone else in the audience who wished to speak to the Capital Budget. As there were no other speakers, it was:

Moved by Councillor Martins
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That the 2006 Capital Budget, as presented in Report CSD 175-2005, and approved in principle on December 15, 2005, be approved with the following exception;

That Line ZCA0601, respecting the purchase of the Dunnville Spur Line, be deferred until a public meeting can be held; and

That staff report back to Council on the results of the public meeting.

Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

7. Bicycle Friendly Awards

Councillor Leavens, Regional Niagara Cycling Committee, Regional Chair Partington and Mr. Trojan presented the Bicycle Friendly Awards for *Government Institutions* - Gold – City of Niagara Falls – (Parks, Recreation and Culture); Certificate of Merit - The Corporation of the City of Thorold; *Workplaces* - Gold – Pan Abrasive Inc.; Silver – Ministry of Transportation; Bronze - Oxy Vinyls Canada Inc. and Niagara EMS; *Educational Institutions* - Gold – Niagara College; Silver – Fort Erie Elementary; *Business* - Gold - Liberty! Bicycles; Silver – BIKEFIT Inc.; Certificates of Merit were presented to Clarkson Cycle & Fitness; Rapid City Cycle and Market Café.

8. CERT Awards of Excellence

Carrie Brunet, Chair, Excellence Committee, Regional Chair Partington and Mr. Trojan presented the following employees, who were nominated by their peers for their outstanding contributions to life and work at the Region and presented with Excellence Awards. Margaret Murphy from the Corporate Services Department was nominated for the Leadership she has shown in streamlining and promoting the new multi-year financial planning process. Ina Mulholland was nominated by her peers for her dedication to the well being of staff and residents at Linhaven and received the Customer Service award. Scott Laughler was nominated by his peers for his Team Participation in providing innovative ways to highlight and share memories of special events within the Community Services Department. Staff and residents appreciate the dedication to Customer Service that Dave Hare demonstrates to improve the quality of life at Deer Park Villa on a day-to-day basis. Lin Ganchou has made waste reduction a personal mission at Gilmore Lodge! Lin took on a Leadership role by involving the entire management team, staff, residents, family members and volunteers in her waste reduction efforts.

9. Inter-Municipal Transit Action Plan - Update

Councillor Papp (Town of Pelham) and Ms. Sutton, Project Manager, Niagara Tourism Human Resources Council provided Council with an update on the Inter-Municipal Action Plan that was put in place to provide employment opportunities to individuals living in Welland and Port Colborne, in positions that were being filled by off-shore workers. The program resulted in an eighty per cent retention rate. Congratulations should be extended to the 21st Group for stepping forward and being part of this program and its success. Mr. Papp provided a copy of a letter by one of the participants who cited a very positive experience from the program.

Regional Council congratulated all of the participants and wished them continued success!

10. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Regional Chair wished Regional Council and the residents of Niagara, Happy New Year!

The Regional Chair thanked Bayview Flowers of Jordan, for the flowers on display in Council Chambers.

The Regional Chair welcomed Niagara-on-the-Lake's Acting Lord Mayor Art Viola to the Regional Council meeting.

11. **"STATE OF THE REGION" ADDRESS**

The Regional Chair presented his "State of the Region" Address, which outlined Niagara's accomplishments in 2005, and the challenges and opportunities for 2006. (a copy of the 'State of the Region' Address is attached to these minutes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12. Report 7-2005

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report 7-2005, being the minutes of the Committee of the Whole of Thursday, December 15, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

13. Report 18-2005

Moved by Councillor Katzman
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report 18-2005, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, December 15, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

14. Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Communications C6724 to C6727; C6730 to C6733 and C6736 to C6738 be received and dealt with as noted in the Council Agenda and Addendum.

C6724 A report from the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario respecting "Revitalizing Ontario's Public Health Capacity: A Nursing Response" Submission to the Capacity Review Committee December, 2005.

Received.

C6725 Card of thanks from Tina Pilon, an employee of the Community Services Department, and family for the kind donation to the Welland Hospital Foundation in memory of her father Roger Laprise.

Received.

C6726 Note of thanks from Susan Schmidt, an employee of the Community Services Department, and family for the kind donation to Carey House in memory of her mother Shirley May Hesse.

Received.

C6727 City of St. Catharines resolution (December 12, 2005) respecting the Environmental Assessment of Proposed GTA Niagara Transportation Plan.

Received.

- C6730 Card of thanks from Colleen Morningstar, an employee of the Community Services Department, and family for the kind donation to the Cancer Society in memory of her sister Cathy Misiak.
- Received.
- C6731 Card of thanks from Raymond Landry, an employee of the Public Works Department, and family for the kind donation to the United Way of St. Catharines and District in memory of his mother Leonne Landry.
- Received.
- C6732 Articles respecting the resolutions of the City of St. Catharines refuting the City of Burlington's position on the Niagara GTA Corridor from the December 9th issues of Niagara This Week.
- Received.
- C6733 Jean Grandoni, Niagara Falls, Ontario (January 12, 2006) requesting to address council respecting Report DPD 7-2006 Official Plan No. 63 Industrial to Tourist Commercial Lyon's Creek Road and Montrose (Northeast area) City of Niagara Falls.
- Received.
- C6736 Card of thanks from Kathleen Marr, an employee of the Community Services Department, for the kind donation to the Niagara Health System in memory of her father, William Kellett.
- Received.
- C6737 Card of thanks from Wendy Stewart, an employee of the Community Services Department, for the kind donation to the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, in memory of her father-in-law, John Stewart.
- Received.
- C6738 Joseph M. Gottli, Sullivan Mahoney LLP, Solicitors for Alfidome Construction Ltd., (January 9, 2006) respecting Tender Award for Contract No. RN 06-01 Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue), St. Catharines Report PWA 13-2006.
- Received.

Carried.

15. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the resolution from the City of Welland (Communications Item C6728) respecting the City of Welland's continued support for TVN Niagara Inc.'s proposal to operate a television programming undertaking to serve the Niagara Region, and the City of Welland's support in principle for TVN Niagara Inc's challenge under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms of the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) decision to deny the TVN application, be received and referred to the Director of Legal Services.

Carried.

16. Moved by Councillor Hodgson
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara supports the resolution from FarmGate5 (Communications Item C6729) respecting the preservation of Ontario's dairy, egg and poultry farmers' supply management marketing system.

Carried.

17. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the resolution from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (Communications Item C6734) approving the recommendations of Report PW 05-0062, Report of the Water Strategy Expert Panel, be received and referred to the Planning and Public Works Committee.

Carried.

18. Moved by Councillor Bodner
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That the resolution from the City of Port Colborne (Communications Item C6735) regarding Property Tax and Assessment Issues, be received and referred to the Corporate Services Committee.

Carried.

19. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the letter from Debbie Sevenpifer, President and CEO, Niagara Health System (Communications Item C6739) dated January 18, 2006, advising of the status of the development of the Niagara Health System's health care complex which includes the Niagara Regional Cancer Centre, Regional Cardiac Catherization Centre, Regional Tertiary Mental Health Program as well as community hospital for St. Catharines, Thorold and immediate area, was received and referred to the Corporate Services Committee; and

That the Regional Chair, the Co-Chairs and Vice Co-Chairs of the Corporate Services Committee meet with the representatives of the Niagara Health System to discuss how to deal with capital requests for the Niagara Health System's health care complex in the long term.

Carried.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

20. Township of South Algonquin

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the Township of South Algonquin's resolution requesting that the Provincial Ombudsman and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation urge the Premier of Ontario to recommend a short term solution whereby the 2005 moratorium on assessment increases would be extended through the 2006 taxation year, be referred to the Corporate Services Committee.

Carried.

21. Town of Halton Hills

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the Town of Halton Hills' resolution supporting the efforts of the Ombudsman of Ontario in the review of the fairness and transparency of the property assessment system as administered by the Municipality Property Assessment Corporation, be referred to the Corporate Services Committee.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS (related to Committee Reports)

22. Official Plan Amendment No. 63
Industrial to Tourist Commercial
Lyon's Creek Road and Montrose Road
City of Niagara Falls
DPD 7-2006

Ms. Grandoni, requested that Regional Council defer their decision on this Official Plan Amendment until a peer review is completed encompassing an all species inventory and wetland scoring and evaluation; a hydro geological study and enforcement of the Region's Tree By-Law to ensure no exemption. Ms. Grandoni further requested an EPA Zone placed on forest to be protected; an inventory be done on Acreages of all forest lost over the past 35 years - since 1970 in Niagara Falls, within the urban area and outside boundaries between Niagara Falls and Thorold and north of Welland River, and counting what Golf Courses have destroyed (e.g. Just south of Welland River); and an inventory of acreages lost since 1993 Urban Wooded & Treed Inventory & Assessment Study relative to that study's Urban Only Inventory.

AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

23. The Niagara-GTA Corridor:
An Imperative for Regional and Provincial Economic Growth

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That the Niagara Economic Development Corporation's report respecting the Niagara-GTA Corridor: An Imperative for Regional and Provincial Economic Growth, be received.

Carried.

24. Niagara-GTA Corridor

Regional Council noted that the trucking industry would benefit from the Niagara GTA Corridor and would be able to assist Niagara in lobbying in favour of the project; that a business case should be prepared by the Niagara Economic Development Corporation showing the benefit to the province and that the cultural tourism aspect should also be taken into consideration, noting the excessive amount of traffic on the highways into Niagara every weekend.

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Brock

WHEREAS Regional Council has strongly supported the building of the Niagara-GTA Corridor and urged the Provincial Government to proceed with its development expeditiously through numerous resolutions and letters forwarded to the Ministers of the Environment and Transportation; and

WHEREAS the Niagara Economic Development Corporation has provided a report reinforcing the importance of accelerating provincial investment in an integrated provincial transportation network because of the negative impact of a delay on regional and provincial economic growth; and

WHEREAS the City of Burlington has passed a resolution requesting the Province to delay an environmental assessment on the proposed Niagara-GTA Corridor; and

WHEREAS Regional Council supports the resolution passed by the City of St. Catharines and City of Welland in opposition to the resolution passed by the City of Burlington.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Regional Council urge the provincial government, through a letter to the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Transportation, and copied to the Premier and all Members of the Ontario Provincial Legislature, to proceed expeditiously with the Environmental Assessment of the Niagara-GTA Corridor; and

THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Area Municipalities within Niagara; the Area Chambers of Commerce, industry associations; AMO; the City of Burlington; City of Hamilton; Region of Halton and other stakeholders; and

That the Regional Chair accompanied by the Mayors schedule a meeting with the Premier to ascertain the province's intentions on the Niagara GTA Corridor.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
JOINT CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

25. Niagara Recycling Procession Contract
PWA 04-2006 / CSD 05-2006 CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Confidential Report PWA 04-2006 / CSD 05-2006, January 11, 2006, respecting Niagara Recycling Processing Contract be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

Carried.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

26. Report 1-2006

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Report 1-2006 being the minutes of the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 2006 be approved and adopted.

Carried.

27. Comments on *Places to Grow*
A Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
(November Draft)

DPD 3-2006 (Revised)

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report DPD 3-2006 Revised, January 19, 2006, respecting Comments on *Places to Grow, A Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (November Draft)*, be received.

That this report be forwarded to the Province as Regional Niagara's comments on *Places to Grow* particularly noting the following points as reasoned in this report:

That the Province recognize the special opportunities in Niagara to reinforce other Provincial initiatives, accommodate more development and enable economic activity through increased investment in both hard and soft infrastructure.

That the Province collaborate with us in developing a Border Crossing Strategy that better positions Niagara and the Province economically.

That the Province indicate the future extension of Highway 406 to Port Colborne, in the same manner as the indicated Highway 404 extension.

That the Province designate Welland as an Urban Growth Centre, and recognize Port Colborne's growth potential including its port.

That the Province consider Niagara as a Sub-Area de-linked from Haldimand County and focus on economic assessment.

That copies of this report be circulated for information to the local municipalities and the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee.

That staff provide further information on the next steps when the Growth Plan is approved.

Carried.

JOINT REPORT

28. Tender Award for Contract RN 06-01
Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue)
Mountain Street to CN Railway
City of St. Catharines
Project ZRC0238/RC0238
PWA 13-2006 / CSD 18-2006

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Report PWA 13-2006 / CSD 18-2006, January 19, 2006, respecting Tender Award Contract RN 06-01 Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) Mountain Street to CN Railway in the City of St. Catharines, Project ZRC0238/RC0238, be received, and

That Contract RN 06-01, Reconstruction of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) Mountain Street to CN Railway, in the City of St. Catharines be awarded to the low tenderer, Alfidome Construction Limited, at its bid price in the amount of \$5,056,775.20, subject to Council approval of the 2006 Roads Capital Budget and confirmation of cost sharing by the City of St. Catharines;

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$600,000.00 be provided for this contract;

That the Engineering agreement with the consulting firm of Totten Sims Hubicki Associates be extended to include contract administration and inspection services of \$270,000.00 with the engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursements basis; and

That approval be given to increase the gross budget in the amount of \$460,000.00 to reflect increased cost sharing with the City of St. Catharines; and

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary by-laws including the by-law authorizing the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, are presented to Regional Council on January 19, 2006; and

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Parent Project ZRC0238/RC0238; and

That this award be subject to Council's ratification of the bylaw approving Niagara Region's 2006 Capital Budgets.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

29. Report 1-2006

Regional Council noted that resolution respecting Report CSD 14-2006, the Apportionment of Regional Taxes, should read: That a letter be sent to the province noting the **Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's** concerns, it was therefore,

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Report 1-2005 being the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 2006, be approved and adopted as **amended**.

Carried.

Councillor Eke had some comments respecting Report CSD 14-2006, the Apportionment of Regional Taxes, but he agreed to present them at the next Corporate Services Committee meeting.

30. Audit Committee Membership

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Regional Council approve an amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee to increase the membership and reflect the new name of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee; and

That members of the Corporate Services Committee be requested to advise the Regional Clerk of their interest in becoming a member of the Audit Committee.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

31. Report 1-2006

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report 1-2006 being the minutes of the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, January 10, 2006, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

ACCOMMODATION STEERING COMMITTEE

32. Report 9-2005

Moved by Councillor Leavens
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Report 9-2005, being the minutes of the Accommodation Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, December 14, 2005, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

(Refer to the Staff Directions)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

33. Council Business Planning Update
CAO 3-2006

Mr. Trojan advised that the suggestions made for themes for upcoming Council Business Planning Sessions namely the Niagara-GTA Corridor, and Niagara's funding challenges, have been noted.

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report CAO 3-2006, respecting the Council Business Planning Update be received for information;

That the notes from the Council Business Planning Sessions of November 10th and December 1st, be received, and the staff directions contained within them be accepted;

That Council conduct a priority setting exercise in the first quarter of 2006 to identify the key actions to be accomplished within the remainder of this Council Term.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

EXTENSION OF CURFEW

34. Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That the curfew be extended past 11:00 p.m.

Carried.

MOTIONS

35. Review of the ICS Project

Moved by Councillor Hodgson
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

WHEREAS the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the Corporate Management Team has worked to identify sustainable operational savings since the adoption of the 2003 budget; and

WHEREAS the targeted departmental spending reductions requested and identified through the current 2006 budget review process are in many instances non-sustainable; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara has adopted the shared services model as proposed in Report CAO 16-2004 as “a framework for future change” and the realization of sustainable savings; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Niagara is currently expanding regional headquarters to accommodate most employees and to rationalize operations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara undertake a review of the ICS Project to evaluate the changes now being implemented and to evaluate further potential changes as outlined in the various options utilizing the services of an independent external consultant; subject to the receipt of a CAO report that details the Terms of Reference, timeframe and the budget for the review; and

THAT the Regional Chair and Chief Administrative Officer source, lead, and oversee the review process in consultation with Regional Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole; and

THAT the review be completed and a report outlining implementation options and recommendations be presented to Council no later than June 30th, 2006.

Upon a recorded vote being requested, Council voted as follows:

Voting for the Motion:

Bailey	Hodgson	
Baty	Katzman	
Bentley	Leavens	
Bodner	Martin	
Casselmann	Mastroianni	
Eke	Redekop	
Gabriel	Rigby	
Goulbourne	Salci	
Harry	Viola	
Heit	Zimmerman	(20)

Voting against the Motion:

Almas	Smeaton	
Brock	Timms	(4)

Upon the recorded vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared that the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

36. Easter Seal Society's Lakewood Camp

Councillor Harry urged Regional Council and the local municipalities to request support from the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Province in securing a significant piece of Lake Erie waterfront land in the public domain.

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Viola

That the Regional Chair forward a letter to the local MPs, MPPs and the Ministry of Natural Resources, requesting support in purchasing a significant piece of Lake Erie waterfront land, being the Easter Seals Society's Lakewood Camp lands that will be listed for sale in the coming months, to ensure it remains in the public domain.

Carried.

37. Budget Review Committee

Regional Council was advised that the next Budget Review Committee meeting would be held on February 2, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

38. 2006 Niagara Icewine Festival

Councillor Viola invited Regional Council to the Official Opening of the 2006 Niagara Icewine Festival, taking place on Saturday at 12:30 in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

BY-LAWS

39. Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 01

A by-law to establish part of Lot 447, Corporation Plan No. 6 in the City of St. Catharines as part of Regional Road No. 89 (Glendale Avenue).

Bill 02

A by-law to provide for the adoption of Amendment 3-2005 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to permit an existing Commercial/Industrial use in a good general agricultural area in the Township of West Lincoln.

Bill 03

A by-law to adopt the 2006 Capital Budget for the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 04

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 19th of January, 2006.

Carried.

40. Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 05

A by-law to establish part of Lot 2, Concession 3 Lake Erie, in the Town of Fort Erie as part of Regional Road No. 3 (Garrison Road).

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- update the Regional Website with current information on the addition. (Refers to Minute Item # 32)
- provide Regional Councillors with the floor plans for the interior of the building. (Refers to Minute Item #32)
- invite Councillors from the local municipalities to selected Council Business Planning Sessions. (Refers to Minute Item # 33)

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Peter Partington
Regional Chairman

Janet Pilon
Acting Deputy Clerk

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk