

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 7-2007

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, May 24, 2007 commencing at 6:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Augustyn; Baty; Bylsma; Casselman; Collins; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Heit; Henderson; Hodgson; Katzman; Marshall; Martin; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Salci; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Cambray, Commissioner, Planning and Development; Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Bergsma, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Ms. Cousins, Acting Commissioner, Community Services;; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk.

Staff

(Part-Time): Messrs. Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair; Cousins, Director, Transportation Services; Cunnane, Director Emergency Services; Fuentes, Associate Director, Ambulance Communication Service; Roberts, Associate Director, EMS Paramedic Services; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner, Public Health; Ms. Beyer, Health Promoter; Ms. Manzer, Council Support Assistant; Ms. Hepplewhite, Manager Corporate Records Archive Services.

CALL TO ORDER

193. Regional Chair Partington called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

194. Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

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.

195. Personnel Matter

Regional Council reaffirmed approval of the Personnel matter referred to in the Corporate Services Committee minutes.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That staff be authorized to proceed as recommended.

Carried.

CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT

196. Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

Following Committee of the Whole, Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:20 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Casselman, followed by the singing of 'O Canada'.

REGIONAL CHAIR FOR A DAY

197. Regional Chair Partington introduced John Catterall, the 2007 Regional Chair for a Day, a student at Kernahan Park Secondary School, who was nominated by his peers and teachers. John's day as Chair was filled with tours of various Regional departments and facilities.

Regional Chair Partington noted that the Regional Chair for a Day program is a great way to showcase for our youth the services and programs offered by the Niagara Region and to expose them to some of the careers we have to offer.

Mr. John Catterall, Regional Chair for a Day expressed his gratitude to the staff of the Niagara Region for making his day as Regional Chair for a Day on May 16th a very special day. It was a fun day, and he learned a lot about the Niagara Region.

Mr. Catterall also extended his thanks to Ms. Hope Manzer, his Hostess for the Day and Ms. Anne Hepplewhite, our chauffeur and photographer, for accompanying him on his day as Chair.

Mr. Catterall's day began with a meeting with Councillor Baty, Acting Regional Chair in Regional Chair Partington's office; he then visited Information Systems where staff were most helpful in explaining the aerial mapping supplied by their division and he was presented with an aerial view plot map of my home.

Mr. Catterall especially enjoyed the tour of the lab at the Environmental Centre, bacteria testing for e-coli, water tests and the Micro Room were all very interesting, especially viewing samples through a microscope.

Mr. Catterall's day also included a tour of EMS Services and an ambulance where he received an overview of how calls come into EMS and the tracking of ambulances as they rush to their calls and how the onboard computer system works in the ambulances. The large tracking screen within the Dispatch Centre was very interesting.

The tour of Niagara Regional Police Services Headquarters was exciting Mr. Catterall met with Police Chief Wendy Southall and was provided with a demonstration of a Polygraph machine; an explanation respecting the importance of forensic sciences in solving crimes, and a tour of the 911 system.

Mr. Catterall also toured the Traffic Signal area, Sign Shop and Fleet Services where the demonstrations were very interesting, Mr. Catterall was presented with a street sign in his name.

Mr. Catterall also received a thorough tour of Decew Falls Water Treatment Plant.

This was a day he will always remember and he thanked everyone for the great gifts and for making him feel very special as Regional Chair for a Day.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

198. Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That the Council Agenda CL 7-2007 be approved and adopted as presented.

Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

199. EMS Awards Presentation

Regional Chair Partington in celebration of Emergency Medical Services Week, was truly honoured to present the Niagara Emergency Medical Services Awards for 2006; the Public Health and Social Services Committee Award; the Paramedic of the Year, and the System Status Controller of the Year.

Ms. Sondra Petit a Systems Status Controller received the Public Health and Social Services Award in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the advancement and promotion of Niagara Emergency Medical Services, its principles of service and caring for the community.

Ms. Petit was nominated for the award by her colleagues for a number of reasons, including excelling in compliance rates as a dispatcher, her commitment to excellent customer service, and the energy, professionalism, and sincerity that she brings to the work environment.

Ms. Toby Deutsch received the Paramedic of the Year Award, which was established to honour a paramedic who contributes outstanding service to the public, co-workers and the community. The recipient is nominated by their peers because they believe he or she is the most professional and the most deserving among them. This year's recipient is Toby Deutsch.

Ms. Deutsch is recognized for consistently demonstrating and promoting professionalism, community service, and relationship building. Ms. Deutsch also provides an exceptional level of care to her patients and exceeds standards of care. Ms. Deutsch also generously gives her own time to promote her profession, through volunteering countless hours at car seat clinics, school presentations, and for various community agencies.

Mr. Chris Foster received the Systems Status Controller of the Year Award, which is presented to an employee who contributes outstanding service to the public, co-workers, and the community

Mr. Foster, who is known for his professionalism, efficiency, and strong organizational skills, is also recognized for his excellent quality assurance scores and his ability to use communications technology. As you may know, this role is about balancing human and technical elements while ensuring that the requested care is delivered in an efficient and professional manner.

Regional Chair Partington on behalf of Regional Council and the Citizens of Niagara, extend our appreciation to all of Niagara's paramedics and systems status controllers for their dedication, compassion, professionalism, and often your bravery.

Regional Chair Partington, in closing, highlighted a new and exciting Niagara Emergency Medical Services initiative, specifically the new design of our ambulances, which was officially unveiled earlier today. Over the course of the next few years, all NEMS vehicle will be branded with this new look.

200. Niagara Symphony Association – Celebrating Our 60th Season

David Randall, Chair of the Niagara Symphony; Denise Stone, Executive Director, Niagara Symphony and Daniel Swift, Music Director, Niagara Symphony announced the “Save Our Symphony” \$500,000 emergency fundraising campaign, which if their goal is reached will enable the organization to remain viable in its current form. The fundraising campaign hopes to raise the funds in a short period of time through donations from individuals and support from the business community and local government.

Mr. Randall noted that there are few regions that have symphony orchestras anymore because they are expensive entities. In Niagara, we have been extremely fortunate for the past sixty years to have a symphony to enjoy.

Council was advised that the financial shortfall, is not due to decrease in attendance in Niagara, but attributed to the decrease in donors and public funding.

The Niagara Symphony launched the fundraising campaign “Save Our Symphony” to meet the financial shortfall and provide the Niagara Symphony with financial stability, the Symphony is calling upon supporters and everyone in the Niagara community to act immediately and help ensure the Symphony's legacy continues now and into the future.

The Niagara Symphony Board has given Niagara Symphony until June 10th, the date of the Niagara Symphony's free concert at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock University, to raise a significant portion of the \$500,000.

Regional Council was thanked for the donations they receive from the Regional Chair's Golf Tournament, and they were requested to consider contributing \$33,000, one-third of the municipal goal of \$100,000, and requested that the municipalities contribute to their portion of the municipal goal as well.

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the Niagara Symphony Association – Celebrating Our 60th Season presentation, be received; and

That the request from the Niagara Symphony for funding assistance, be referred to the Culture Committee with staff resources, for further discussion.

Carried.

201. The Niagara *Think and Drive* Campaign; A Partnership Approach to Road Safety

Chief Southall introduced the Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee Executive which is comprised of Mr. Bruno Iafrate, Vice Chair of CAA Niagara Board of Directors; Dr. Robin Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Joe Cousins, Director, Transportation Services Division.

Chief Southall noted that Niagara Region experiences one of the highest number of fatal and serious injury collisions per capita compared to other regions within Ontario. Through an analysis of NRPS collision data from 1999 to 2003, three main contributing factors evolved: speed, driver error and impairment, with most of the collision occurring on rural roads (58%) and involving 75% of male drivers.

The Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee was formed in 2004 with a mission to reduce fatal and serious injury collisions by 10% over a 5 year period (2004 to 2008) through community partnerships. The injury prevention approach to road safety engaged through the combined efforts of the community partner agencies by means of traffic enforcement, road safety education and evaluation, road engineering and advocacy.

National statistics have shown that 85% of all collisions are due to driver error, therefore, there is a need to place additional emphasis on changing driver behaviour. The Committee through their overall strategy in 2006 implemented the *Think and Drive* road safety social marketing campaign, ultimately aimed at changing driver behaviour, which was piloted in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in 2006.

The *Think and Drive* road safety social marketing campaign has provided drivers in Niagara Region with increased awareness; increased knowledge; increased intentions to improve driving attitudes; changed driver behaviour and has received excellent participation rates and response from the Niagara-on-the-Lake community.

The Committee will continue to work together and focus on traffic enforcement, road engineering, road safety education and advocacy as these areas are integral to the improvement of road safety.

The Committee will also be expanding the *Think and Drive* road safety social marketing campaign to all twelve area municipalities in the Fall of 2007 and have asked each of the area municipality's Mayors to take the lead and assist the Committee in initiating the Niagara *Think and Drive* campaign in a manner best suited and beneficial to their local communities.

In closing, Chief Southall thanked the members of the Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee working group members are: Ms. John Sherwin; CAA Niagara; Mr. Petar Vujic; Niagara Region Public Works; Sgt. Todd McKinnon; Niagara Regional Police Service; Ms. Linda Beyer; Niagara Region Public Health; Ms. Nicole Rusling, Niagara Region Public Health; Ms. Vanessa DiPietro; Niagara Region Public Health, who “are the passion and inspiration” of the program.

REGIONAL CHAIR’S REMARKS

202. Regional Chair Partington announced, that last week, some exciting news from General Motors about a proposed \$400 million dollar investment in their St. Catharines operation for the manufacturing of rear wheel drive transmission modules.

The Niagara Region has worked hard with our area municipal partners to move our industrial tax rates in the right direction – and this has helped to make the St. Catharines facility the Canadian site of choice for this project.

Niagara Region must work closely with our municipal, provincial and federal partners to ensure this much needed investment in Niagara Region’s automotive manufacturing sector takes place.

The Niagara Region joined the St. Catharines-based Rankin Construction in signing a milestone contract with the Ontario Power Authority to build and operate a first-of-its-kind, commercial-scale wind farm in the Township of Wainfleet on May 24, 2007.

The flowers in Council Chambers were provided by Martin Farms of Vineland Station. On behalf of Council, Regional Chair Partington thanked them for their gift.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

203. Report 4-2007

Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report 4-2007, being the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Thursday, May 3, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

204. Report 6-2007

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Report 6-2007, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, May 3, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

205. Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Communications C6899 to C6908 and C6910 to C6912, be received and dealt with as noted in the Council Agenda and Addendum:

- C6899 Card of thanks from Anne Fishleigh, an employee of the Community Services Department, for the kind donation to the Kidney Foundation in memory of her mother Agnes Mary Gilmour.
- C6900 A letter from Debbie Zimmerman, Chair, MPAC Board of Directors (April 27, 2007) respecting the significant changes to property assessment in Ontario that were announced by Finance Minister Greg Sorbara in the March 22, 2007 Ontario Budget.
- C6901 A letter from Gail Coy of St. Catharines (April 30, 2007) congratulating Regional Council on their decision to withdraw the plastic bags in conjunction with the kitchen composting and leaf and yard waste disposal.
- C6902 A letter from Minister Leona Dombrowsky, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (April 30, 2007) respecting the Vineland Research and Innovations Centre.
- C6903 A letter from Susan Daniels, Deputy City Clerk, City of Thorold (May 2, 2007) respecting the resolution adopted by the City of Thorold's City Council on the Proposed Greater St. Catharines Hospital, Cancer Centre and Catheterization Centre.
- C6904 A letter from Michael Bryant, Attorney General (April 30, 2007) respecting the additional \$82 million the Ministry of the Attorney General will receive in 2007/3008 for vital programs and initiatives tabled on March 22, 2007 in the 2007 Budget.

- C6905 A letter from Betty Lou Souter, Chair, Board of Trustees, Niagara Health System (May 7, 2007) expressing heartfelt gratitude to the Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council for the positive endorsement of the NHS plans to build the new St. Catharines Health Complex and Niagara Regional Cancer Centre.
- C6906 A letter from Nancy Bozzato, Deputy Clerk, town of Pelham (May 14, 2007) respecting the Town of Pelham Council's supporting the CAW, TCA Canada, Local 199 Manufacturing Matters Campaign.
- C6907 An invitation to members of Regional Councillors from the City of Thorold and the Heritage Thorold LACAC to attend the Formal Designation and plaquing of the Carl/Misener/Bald Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on June 9, 2007 at the Pelham Evangelical Friends Church Hall and the Macartney Drug Store (Henderson's), 15 Front St. South, Thorold at 6:30 p.m. on June 13, 2007.
- C6908 Card of thanks from Wanda Kandas, an employee of the Community Services Department, for the kind donation to the Shaver Hospital Foundation, Palliative Care in memory of her father Henry Regehr.
- C6910 A letter from Ms. Jean Grandoni (May 18, 2007) addressing several issues on respecting Regional Policy Plan Amendment 70, Proposed Walker Landfill in the City of Niagara Falls (Report DPD 66-2007)
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- C6911 A letter from David W. Paterson, Vice President, Corporate & Environmental Affairs, General Motors (May 10, 2007) acknowledging Niagara Region's continued commitment to making the business property tax regime in Niagara Region more positive.
- C6912 A letter from Richard Murzin, President, Canadian Biosphere Reserves Association/Manager, Communications, Niagara Escarpment Commission (May 24, 2007) respecting the Escarpment of Adventure Television Program & Website Promotion.

Carried.

206. Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Correspondence Item C6909, A letter from David Miller, Chairman; Gary Becker, Vice Chairman; Richard M. Daley, Founding Chairman of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives (March 23, 2007) respecting the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Water Conservation Framework and resolution for support, be received; and

WHEREAS the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative has developed a Water Conservation Framework for municipal water conservation and stewardship that embodies this strategy, will help the dissemination of best management practices and tools and allows signers the flexibility necessary to meet commitments in a way that reflects their community needs and circumstances and addresses differences in water sources, quality and usage;

WHEREAS by voluntarily signing on to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives Water Conservation Framework, municipalities indicate their intent to enhance the stewardship of the water resource within their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Niagara has committed to participating in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Water Conservation Framework;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of Niagara will work towards achieving a 15 percent reduction in total water usage below year 2000 water consumption levels by the year 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of Niagara will encourage the area municipalities to help implement the Niagara Region's plan to achieve the target reduction.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS

207. Final Recommendations Report
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 1-2007 and
Niagara Falls Official Plan Amendment 70
Proposed Walker Landfill Expansion
City of Niagara Falls
DPD 66-2007, PD 34-2007 & C6910

Ms. Jean Grandoni advised Regional Council through Correspondence C6910, of the diversion rates she obtained from Walkers, respecting the institutional waste they receive at their facility.

Ms. Grandoni noted that the reason given by Walkers for the low diversion rate is that the Province needs to regulate separation of the waste components as some trucks are mixing wastes thereby creating a contamination problem, which results in reduced diversion rates.

Ms. Grandoni also noted that the Niagara Region and Province need to enforce separation at source by industry, business, contractors and institutions with the same discipline applied to the homeowners.

208. Manufacturing Matters Campaign
CSC 26-2007

Mr. Wayne Gates and Councillor Malcolm Allen, Town of Pelham, provided Regional Council with an overview of Communication CSC 26-2007 from Gary Bradnam, CAW Program Coordinator, Local 199, CAW-CTC Canada, seeking support for its resolution respecting: Manufacturing Matters Campaign (May 1, 2007), which was received, supported and endorsed at the May 16, 2007 Corporate Services Committee meeting.

Regional Council was advised that Canada's manufacturing sector is suffering from an accelerated loss of good jobs, plant closures and cutbacks that must become the focus of a national economic debate. There has been a fundamental shift in our economy – away from manufacturing and the CAW is demanding a national debate on the economic crisis, our country is facing.

We are in a crisis – everyday there is another plant closing, the industries affected, range from auto assembly and parts, to aerospace, shipbuilding, food and beverage, textiles and many others.

The result of this job loss is staggering. In the automotive sector, for example, Canada ran an automotive trade deficit in 2006 for the first time in 18 years.

Councillor Allen invited anyone who is interested in joining the CAW on the bus to Ottawa on May 30th, the bus leaves at approx. 4:00 a.m. from the CAW Local 199 Union Hall (a Box lunch & supper will be provided). You can either sign up at the Union Hall or call the Union Hall for more information 905-682-2611.

Moved by Councillor Salci
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Regional Council support and endorse the CAW's resolution respecting the Manufacturing Matters Campaign referred to in the Corporate Services Committee minutes.

Carried.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

209. Report 7-2007

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report 7-2007, being the minutes of the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 16, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

210. Report 7-2007

Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report 7-2007, being the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 16, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

211. Report 7-2007

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report 7-2007, being the minutes of the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, May 15, 2007, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

MOTIONS

212. Redefining a Regional Governance Model

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the Niagara Regional Council establish a working committee of respected eminent Niagara citizens (with outside professional support) to:

- Reflect on what changes have occurred and what problems have arisen over the history of Niagara Regional Government.

- Determine whether there is the need to examine our governance to assure we have a strong future in terms of social, cultural and economic issues.
- If so, propose a way to accomplish that examination.
- Report their findings back to Council by January 1st, 2008.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That the above motion respecting the Redefining a Regional Governance Model, be referred to a Council Business Planning Session for a full and open debate.

Carried.

213. Support for the Niagara Health System – New Healthcare Complex

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

WHEREAS the Niagara Health System is planning the new Healthcare Complex in St. Catharines that will replace 2 existing hospital sites with a state of the art facility;

WHEREAS this complex includes a community hospital component that serves northern Niagara (estimated at approx. 65% of the facility) and a regional component that will provide cancer treatment, cardiac catheterization, tertiary mental health and existing regional services provided at the St. Catharines hospital sites (representing the remaining approx. 35 %);

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care has committed to an investment of 90% of the capital costs of the new facility, conditional upon a local share investment of 10%, including equipment costs (primarily 100% locally funded), representing the local share of approx. \$90-110M;

WHEREAS a successful commitment for the overall local share will allow plans to proceed with a target completion date of 2011; and

WHEREAS the Regional Council confirms to the Niagara Health System that the proposed Healthcare Complex will continue to remain exempt from Regional Development Charges under the Region's proposed new Development Charges by-law (as per the recommendations outlined in Report CSD 84-2007), save and except any commercial space located with the hospital complex pursuant to provisions within the Region's Development Charges by-law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara supports the Niagara Health System - new Healthcare Complex in St. Catharines (per recommendations outlined in Report CSD 85-2007) with a commitment of \$21-25 million (net present value), subject to final project costs, be made by way of annual payments, commencing in 2008, and not to exceed 30 years, to support the components of the new complex that provide regional health services; and

That the Region's contribution be subject to verification of costs, allocation of regional components, and Ministry funding, and that documentation to support the net regional cost components be provided prior to Phase 2 funding commitment (Spring 2008), and

That staff be directed to enter into discussions with the Niagara Health System for the potential transfer of buildings and property currently leased/occupied by the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

214. **Leadership Role in the Protection of Our Environment for Future Generations**

Councillor McMullan advised Regional Council that he would be bringing forward a motion at the June 14, 2007 Regional Council meeting requesting that the Regional Municipality of Niagara assume a leadership role in the protection of our environment for future generations.

OTHER BUSINESS

215. **Seven Wonders of Canada – Please Vote!**

The National and Sounds Like Canada are searching for the Seven Wonders of Canada and they need our help.

Niagara Falls is listed as one of the short-listed Seven Wonders of Canada.

The CBC's website at www.cbc.ca has a listing of 52 nominees and are asking everyone to vote for their choice. The voting has been extended to May 31st and everyone is encouraged to vote.

216. **Fenwick Lions Carnival**

Councillor Augustyn invited everyone to the Annual Fenwick Lions Carnival in Pelham this weekend. The festivities begin on Friday with a parade and includes the very popular cow plop lottery.

217. 2007 Niagara Folk Arts Festival

Councillor McMullan invited everyone to one of Canada's oldest heritage festivals, a broad representation of the cultures that make up our community and the world, through the sampling of world food, an international craft bazaar, interactive arts and world class entertainment.

218. Regional Clerk Recognized

Pam, Gilroy, Regional Clerk, was recognized for the assistance she provided to the Niagara Regional Police Services Pipe Band in bringing to fruition their new tartan, through the presentation of a framed plaque of the tartan at the Tug of War on May 12, 2007.

219. Chair for a Day Organizers Commended

Hope Manzer and Anne Hepplewhite were commended for their organization of the Chair for a Day's events and the beautiful photo album that certainly gave John a visual memory of his day as Chair.

220. 2007 Smarter Niagara Summit

Councillor Gabriel noted that the Planning staff who were an integral part of the 2007 Smarter Niagara Summit should be commended for their involvement and assistance during the two-day event, Thank you!

221. Wainfleet Site of the First Wind Farm in Niagara

Councillor Henderson noted that the Township of Wainfleet is very pleased to have been selected as the site for the first wind farm in Niagara.

222. Fort Erie's 150th Anniversary

Councillor Martin advised Regional Council that 2007, marks 150 years since the Village of Fort Erie was incorporated.

Councillor Martin noted that in 1987, an exhumation and analysis of twenty-eight American soldiers who died near Old Fort Erie during the War of 1812 took place and these remains were eventually repatriated to the United States. The Old Fort Erie now has a display respecting the archaeological dig.

223. Thorold Arts and Craft Show

Councillor D'Angela invited everyone to the Thorold Arts and Crafts Show taking place this weekend at the Thorold Arena.

BY-LAWS

224. Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 51

A By-Law to Establish Part of Township Lots 11, 29 and 30 and Part of the Road Allowance Between Township Lots 11 And 30, in the City of Niagara Falls as Part of Regional Road No. 70 (Taylor Road)

Bill 52

A By-Law to Establish Part of Block 5, Plan 59M-357, in the City of Niagara Falls as Part of Regional Road No. 98 (Montrose Road)

Bill 53

A By-Law to Provide for the Adoption of Amendment 1-2007 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to Permit the Proposed Walker Landfill Expansion in the City of Niagara Falls

Bill 54

A By-Law to Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-10 Years) in the Amount of \$1,573,458 for Project ZRH0701, Building Exterior and Project ZRH0702, Building Interior, from the Niagara Regional Housing Capital Program.

Bill 55

A By-Law to Provide for the Regulation of Traffic on Regional Highways in the City of Thorold

Bill 56

A By-Law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Actions of the Regional Council at its Meeting Held on the 24th of May, 2007

Carried.

225. Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That the following bill be now read and do pass.

Bill 57

A By-Law to Amend By-Law 18-2006, as Amended, Being the By-Law to Establish Fees and Charges for the Services and Activities Provided by the Regional Municipality of Niagara and for the Use of its Property.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Peter Partington
Regional Chair

Janet Pilon
Deputy Clerk

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk