

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

CL 16-2008

COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, October 16, 2008
6:30 p.m.
2201 St. David's Road
Thorold, Ontario

1. Call to Order
2. Closed Session

Closed Session Reports as contained
In Standing Committee Reports
For Council Agenda CL 16-2008

Matters Concerning the Security of the Property of the Municipality,
A Proposed Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality and in
Respect of which a Council or Board May Hold a Closed Meeting
Under another Act namely the Police Services Act
(Niagara Regional Police Service Long Term Accommodations)
*Chief of Police Wendy Southall and Mal Woodhouse, Police Services Board
Member and Facilities Committee Chair*
(Correspondence Item C7133)

A Matter of Solicitor-Client Advice
Legal Counsel

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

T. ROY ADAMS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
Regional Chair Partington
Regional Councillor Rigby, Chair, T. Roy Adams Committee

EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Barb Dupont, Co-Chair, Recognition of Excellence Sub-Committee,
Corporate Employee Recognition Team

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

Council Report CL 15-2008
Thursday, September 25, 2008

9. Correspondence, Petitions (CA 80-2008)
 - a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff (**Green**)
 - b) For Consideration (**Yellow**)
10. Resolutions from Other Municipalities
11. Delegations (related to Committee Reports)

Tom Rankin, Rankin Construction
Re: Wind Energy Policies
12. Agencies, Boards and Commissions (**Salmon**)
13. Committee Reports (CA 83-2008)
(Individual Reports for Council's Consideration - Pink)
14. Chief Administrative Officer's Report
15. Motions (CA 84-2008) (**Lilac**)

Inclusion of Niagara Region in the Metrolinx 25 Year Plan (**Timms**)
16. Notices of Motion
17. Other Business
18. By-laws (CA 85-2008)
19. Confirming By-law – Bill 109
20. Adjournment

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk

9. Correspondence

a) Receive and/or Refer to Staff (**Green**)

C7121 Card of thanks from Robyn Slee, an employee of the Corporate Services Department, for the kind donation to Heart & Stroke Foundation in memory of her husband David Slee.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7122 Card of thanks from David Hall, an employee of the Public Works Department, for the kind donation to Kidney Foundation in memory of his father David Hall.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7123 Card of thanks from Ruth Hall, an employee of the Community Services Department, for the kind donation to Stephen Lewis Foundation in memory of her mother Mary Mugalula.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7124 A memorandum from Ken Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works (October 1, 2008) respecting the South Niagara East-West Arterial Road Corridor, Class Environmental Assessment. *(e-mailed to all Regional Councillor on October 7, 2008)*

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7125 A letter from Lars Henriksson, Honorary Consul, Consulate of Sweden (September 17, 2008) requesting that the Regional Chair meet with him and Mr. Magnus Andersson, Trade Commissioner to pursue the idea of closer co-operation between Niagara Region and Swedish interests.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7126 A thank you note from Jack Lightstone, President and Vice-Chancellor, Brock University (September 29, 2008) to Regional Council for the \$2 million allocation for Brock's planned Niagara Health and Bioscience Research Complex.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

- C7127 A resolution for support from the City of Port Colborne (September 29, 2008) respecting the Niagara Health System – Hospital Improvement Plan, in particular, the recommendation to relocate and refocus the Maternal Child Program at the new healthcare complex to be built in St. Catharines, requesting that pediatrics and obstetrics remain at the St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland sites.
- Recommended Action:
-- Receive and refer to the Public Health Department.
- C7128 A letter from John Krall, President, Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce (September 25, 2008) to Frank Mattei, General Manager, John Deere Welland Works respecting John Deere's intent to close the Welland operation affecting 800 jobs in our community.
- Recommended Action:
-- Receive.
- C7129 A letter from John Krall, President, Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce (September 25, 2008) to Marco Marrone, President, Canadian Tire Financial Services respecting Canadian Tire Financial Services' intent to consider the relocation of more than 300 professional jobs out of our community.
- Recommended Action:
-- Receive.
- C7130 A letter from John Krall, President, Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce (September 25, 2008) to Ralph Burlingham, General Manager, Henniges Automotive respecting Henniges Automotive's intent to layoff employees, affecting 150 jobs in our community.
- Recommended Action:
-- Receive.
- C7131 A letter from Frank Perri, General Manager, St. Catharines Hydro Inc. (October 2, 2008) respecting the Shickluna Small Hydro Project, Notice of Public Information Centre. *(e-mailed to all Regional Councillor on October 7, 2008)*
- Recommended Action:
-- Receive.

C7132 Card of thanks from Sally Whyte in memory of her sister Janet Wiley an employee of the Public Health Department, for the kind donation to Hospice Niagara.

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

C7135 A memorandum from Ken Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works (October 1, 2008) respecting the Public Works Department – Works in Progress. *(e-mailed to all Regional Councillor on October 10, 2008)*

Recommended Action:

-- Receive.

b) For Consideration (**Yellow**)

C7134 An information update on the 2015 Pan American Games: Regional Council will be requested to identify Niagara's official liaison (Team Leader); formally request that Niagara's Team Leader has membership on the 'Venue Selection Committee' and advised that staff will be reporting back at the November 6, 2008 Regional Council meeting with the details on the potential costs and funding options.

13. Committee Reports

PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Report PPWC 13-2008, Wednesday, October 8, 2008

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report CSC 13-2008, Wednesday, October 8, 2008

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report PHSS 12-2008, Tuesday, October 7, 2008

15. Motions

Councillor Timms gave notice at the Council meeting on September 25, 2008 that he would be bringing forward a motion respecting the inclusion of Niagara Region in the province's plan for GO services extension now, rather than wait for the end of the 25 year plan; and to request that the Regional Chair meet with the local MPP's and the Minister of Transportation to press the case for Niagara GO services before all of the province's resources are committed elsewhere for consideration of Council at its meeting of October 16, 2008.

WHEREAS the Provincial MoveOntario 2020 Plan with a \$17.5 Billion budget does not explicitly include Niagara;

WHEREAS the proposed Metrolinx 25 Year \$50 Billion plan does not explicitly include Niagara;

WHEREAS GO Transit Rail Service connecting Niagara from Niagara Falls through the Greenbelt to the rest of the Golden Horseshoe would strengthen Niagara's growth potential;

WHEREAS GO Transit Rail Service to Niagara Falls would connect Ontario's largest tourist markets, Toronto and Niagara Falls;

WHEREAS growth of a strong Niagara wide transit plan is strengthened by a strong Niagara GO Transit Rail and GO Bus plan and vice versa; and

WHEREAS Niagara needs reliable public transportation between major population and job clusters and GO Transit Rail Service and GO Bus to Niagara Falls would do half the job, leaving municipal transit to connect the rest of the Niagara Region into a GO Transit Greater Niagara Circle Route.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara requests the Province of Ontario to include Niagara in any plans for GO Transit infrastructure development; and

That Regional Chair Partington meet with Niagara MPP's and the Minister of Transportation to make the case for the need and benefits of good GO Transit Rail and GO Bus Service through Niagara's Greenbelt to Niagara Falls.

18. By-Laws

Bill 103

A By-Law to Accept, Assume and Dedicate Part of Lot 898, Corporation Plan 6, in the City of St. Catharines as Part of Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue)

Bill 104

A By-Law to Accept, Assume and Dedicate Block 19, Plan 59M371, in the City of Welland as Part of Regional Road No. 29 (Webber Road)

Bill 105

A By-Law to Accept, Assume and Dedicate Part of Lot 11, Concession 7, in the City of St. Catharines as Part of Regional Road No. 81 (Queenston Street)

Bill 106

A By-Law to Accept, Assume and Dedicate Part of Mathews Lot B, South Side of Garrison Road Plan 990, 991, and 992, in the Town of Fort Erie as Part of Regional Road No. 3 (Garrison Road)

Bill 107

A By-Law to Accept, Assume and Dedicate Part of Township Lot 150, in the Town of Pelham as Part of Regional Road No. 20 (Former Highway 20)

Bill 108

A By-Law to Provide for the Regulation of Traffic on Regional Highways in the Town of Fort Erie