

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

REPORT CL 12-2010

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, October 14, 2010 commencing at 6:35 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance during the Open Session of the Regional Council meeting:

ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Augustyn; Badawey; Baty; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Garcia; Goulbourne, Greenwood, Heit; Henderson; Hodgson; Katzman; Lepp; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning; Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works; Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Bain, Regional Clerk; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Regional Clerk.

Staff
(Other): Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Dirks, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management and Planning; Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management; Ms. Papaiz, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director, Water & Wastewater Services.

Other: Mr. Clutterbuck, Niagara Economic Development Corporation and Ms. Kearns, Randolph Group.

CALL TO ORDER

407. Regional Chair Partington called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

408. Moved by Councillor Hodgson
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the rules of procedure in the Procedural By-law be suspended in order to permit the participation of the Chair and Interim CEO of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation and the consultant engaged by Niagara Region for the portion of the closed session of the Regional Council involving the presentations and the question period with respect to matters of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Review of the Niagara Region Economic Development Function.

Carried.

The following individuals were in attendance during the Closed Session of the Regional Council meeting:

ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Augustyn; Badawey; Baty; Bentley; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Garcia; Goulbourne, Greenwood, Heit; Henderson; Hodgson; Katzman; Lepp, Marshall; Martin; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Salci; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms; Trombetta; Zimmerman.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning; Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works; Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Bain, Regional Clerk; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Regional Clerk.

Staff
(Other): Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Dirks, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management and Planning; Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management; Ms. Papaiz, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director, Water & Wastewater Services.

Other: Mr. Clutterbuck, Niagara Economic Development Corporation and Ms. Kearns, Randolph Group.

CLOSED SESSION

409. Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That this Council do now move into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality, Lease Agreement West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Grimsby; A Matter Concerning the Security of the Property of the Municipality – Insurance Program Renewal; Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality and Potential Litigation Affecting the Municipality, Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 101 (Mountain Road), City of Niagara Falls; A Matter of the Security of the Property of the Municipality; A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Review of the Niagara Region Economic Development Function; Personal Matters Involving Identifiable Individuals With Respect to Appointments to the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee and A Matter of Solicitor-Client Privilege—RPPA 1-2009.

Carried.

410. Matter of Solicitor-Client Privilege—RPPA 1-2009
Oral Report

Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services provided Regional Council with Solicitor-Client information respecting RPPA 1-2009.

411. Personal Matters Involving Identifiable Individuals
With Respect to Appointments to the
Niagara Compliance Audit Committee
ICP 76-2010 Confidential

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Confidential Report ICP 76-2010, October 14, 2010, respecting Personal Matters of Involving Identifiable Individuals With Respect to Appointments to the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Clutterbuck and Ms. Kearns were permitted into the Closed Session portion of the meeting.

412. A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations –
Review of the Niagara Region Economic Development Function
CAO 8-2010 Confidential

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That the recommendations in Confidential Report CAO 8-2010, October 6, 2010 respecting A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Review of the Niagara Region Economic Development Function, ***be amended as recommended.***

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION, RISE AND REPORT

413. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

The following individuals were in attendance during the Open Session of the Regional Council meeting:

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Council: Regional Chair Partington; Acting Regional Chair Martin; Councillors Augustyn; Badawey; Baty; Bentley; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Garcia; Goulbourne, Greenwood, Heit; Henderson; Hodgson; Katzman; Lepp; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms; Trombetta; Zimmerman.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning; Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works; Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Bain, Regional Clerk; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Regional Clerk.

Staff
(Other): Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Dirks, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management and Planning; Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management; Lockyer, Associate Director, Financial Research & Strategy; Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality & Improvement; Colosimo, Director, Development Services; Ms. Papaiz, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director, Water & Wastewater Services.

Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:03 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor D'Angela followed by the singing of 'O Canada'.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

414. Moved by Councillor Hodgson
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That the rules of procedure in the Procedural By-law be suspended in order to permit the addition of Mr. Petrowski as a delegation to the Council Agenda.

Motion defeated as an affirmative vote of two-thirds
of the Members present was not achieved.

415. Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That the Council Agenda CL 12-2010, be approved and adopted as presented.

Carried.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Timms declared a pecuniary interest with respect to matters related to Regional Development Charges as his family owns a business that may be subject to development charges, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

PRESENTATIONS

417. Regional Chair's Golf Tournament Cheque Presentations

During the Regional Chair's tenure, he has long advocated for causes that support and engage our youth, and provide opportunities that will improve their quality of life.

One of the ways he has been able to do that over the past seven years has been through our annual Niagara Regional chair's Charity Golf Tournament and he was pleased to share some very good news with Regional Council.

On Thursday, September 9, the Annual Niagara Regional Chair's Charity Golf Tournament made history by raising over \$110,000 in this year's fundraising efforts.

In meeting this year's \$110,000 target, he was proud to announce that they have surpassed the tournament's goal of raising \$1 million as a cumulative total over its thirteen year history, an accomplishment in part due to the effort of former Regional Chair Zimmerman in establishing and carrying the tournament forward during her term of office.

As this year's tournament was his last, it was important for him to ensure that the proceeds of this year's tournament have a long-term impact on young adults in our great region.

This year's tournament proceeds will be used to establish two separate financial assistance funds at our two Ontario post-secondary institutions in Niagara, with this year's tournament proceeds of \$110,000 being used towards these two funds - \$55,000 to Brock University and \$55,000 to Niagara College, and matched, dollar for dollar, by the provincial government.

The Regional Chair extended his thanks to the two hundred and eighty-four golfers who participated in this year's tournament, to Legends on the Niagara for their contributions and support, as well as to RBC, our tournament sponsor, and the over sixty other businesses and corporations who supported our largest, most successful tournament to date.

Dr. Lightstone of Brock University and Dr. Patterson of Niagara College were in attendance and were presented with their cheques for \$55,000 each.

418. 2010 United Way Campaign

Wendy Stewart, Co-Chair and Bob Steele, Vice Chair, United Way Action Group appeared before Regional Council in support of the 2010 United Way campaign launch. They acknowledged and thanked both Council and senior management leadership within our Corporation which sets the positive tone for contributing to Niagara Region's charity of choice.

Ms. Stewart highlighted last year's goal, which was to raise \$180,000 and was surpassed by raising over \$190,000. The United Way Action Group, based on the success of last year's campaign has set an ambitious achievable goal of \$200,000 for the 2010 campaign & together we can do it!

United Way funding provides support for over 68 local agencies helping our communities achieve goals no one organization could accomplish, this type of community engagement helps individuals and families to succeed in life with sustainable futures. It aligns quite nicely with Councils' Business Plan (particularly Council's strategic objective for Community and Social Well-being) and the Niagara Region Prosperity projects.

Mr. Steele advised Regional Council that in addition to our campaign coordinators and the numerous, dedicated staff that form the Regional Employee Action Group, Councillor George Marshall has accepted the invitation to join the team and serve as our Councillor Canvasser for this year's campaign. We welcome Councillor Marshall's contribution to our collective efforts for the 2010 campaign. With the efforts of Councillor Marshall and staff volunteers, and the contributions of our fellow employees and Councillors, we are confident that, together, we can achieve our 2010 goal of \$200,000.

CHAIR'S REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMARKS

419. The Regional Chair thanked the members of Regional Council who participated in the Regional Chair Golf Tournament and supported this year's tournament and contributing to our \$110,000 goal.

The Regional Chair appreciates the Council's support in pursuing initiatives that would benefit the youth of Niagara Region, and this year we have really made it count through the creation of these two financial assistance funds at Brock University and Niagara College.

The Regional Chair noted that this meeting of Regional Council is the last before the 2010 Municipal Election on October 25, 2010, and therefore, wished all those seeking election to this Council in their respective municipalities a successful election campaign and the best of luck at the polls on the 25th

The Regional Chair at the November 4, 2010 Regional Council will be providing Council with more substantive remarks to conclude the 2006-2010 term of Niagara Regional Council.

The Regional Chair on behalf of Council thanked Colonial Florists Ltd. of St. Catharines for their generous donation of flowers in the Council Chamber. The flowers will be donated to Linhaven in St. Catharines.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Martin assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting as the Acting Regional Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

420. CL 11-2010

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That Report CL 11-2010, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, September 23, 2010 and Friday, September 24, 2010, be approved and adopted as presented.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

421. Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Communications C7590 and C7592 to C7594, be received and dealt with as noted in the Council Agenda and Addendum, which reads as follows:

C7590 A letter from Tim Hudak, MPP, Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition (September 8, 2010) expressing his thanks to Regional Chair Partington for meeting with him at AMO in August to discuss the issues of importance in the Niagara Region.

Received.

C7592 A letter from Frank Danch, Frank's Home Building Centre (September 22, 2010) respecting the by-law to ban parking on Main Street, Port Colborne.

Received and referred to the consideration of PWA 86-2010 respecting Parking Prohibition, Regional Road 3 (Main Street East) City of Port Colborne (Read by Councillor Saracino at the September 23, 2010 Council meeting, copy of the letter only received October 5, 2010)

C7593 A letter from Debbie Sevenpifer, President & Chief Executive Officer (October 14, 2010) providing Regional Council with background information to clarify information concerning the motion contained in the October 14, 2010 Council Agenda.

Received and referred to the consideration of Councillor Badawey's motion respecting the Niagara Health System.

C7594 A letter from Minister Rick Bartolucci, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (September 29, 2010) respecting the Municipal Performance Measurement Program.

Received.

Carried.

422. Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Communication C7591, A memorandum from Kevin Bain, Regional Clerk (October 5, 2010) respecting the 2011 Meeting Schedule, be received and approved subject to approval by the new Regional Council at the meeting to be held on December 16, 2010.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

423. Report 12-2010

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report 12-2010, being the minutes of the Integrated Community Planning Committee meeting of Wednesday, October 6, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved **as amended**.

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That the October 6, 2010 Integrated Community Planning minutes be amended to note that the representatives from Niagara Economic Development Corporation present during the Closed Session portion of the meeting, did not leave the meeting during the vote on the motion with respect to Report CAO 8-2010.

Carried.

Upon the vote being taken on the original motion respecting Report 12-2010 being the minutes of the Integrated Community Planning Committee meeting of Wednesday, October 6, 2010, the Acting Regional Chair declared the motion **as amended**, carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

424. Report 12-2010

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report 12-2010, being the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 5, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

425. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Correspondence Item PWC 35-2010, a Letter from Mr. Richard Wilson, Planner Niagara Region Re: Preliminary Regional and Provincial Review Comments Official Plan Amendment Application, 5523 Townline Road (North Side – East of Melrose Drive) North of Highway 405 Applicant: MHBC Planning Owner: Queenston Quarry Reclamation Company (QQRC) Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be lifted and dealt with separately at this time.

Carried.

426. Letter from Mr. Richard Wilson, Planner Niagara Region
Re: Preliminary Regional and Provincial Review Comments
Official Plan Amendment Application 5523 Townline Road
(North Side – East of Melrose Drive) North of Highway 405
Applicant: MHBC Planning
Owner: Queenston Quarry Reclamation Company (QQRC)
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
PWC 35-2010

Following a discussion, the original motion in Report 12-2010 being the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 5, 2010, respecting PWC 35-2010, was **amended** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Correspondence Item PWC 35-2010, a Letter from Mr. Richard Wilson, Planner Niagara Region Re: Preliminary Regional and Provincial Review Comments Official Plan Amendment Application, 5523 Townline Road (North Side – East of Melrose Drive) North of Highway 405 Applicant: MHBC Planning Owner: Queenston Quarry Reclamation Company (QQRC) Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received; and

That the applicant's presentation "The Residences at Queenston Quarry", be received, and

That the proposed development concept be supported in principle, subject to Staff's review and analysis, and

That Staff be directed to complete this review and provide a comprehensive report respecting the Regional Policy Plan Amendment Application and the adopted Niagara-on-the-Lake Official Plan Amendment No. 45, 5523 Townline Road (North Side – East of Melrose Drive) North of Highway 405 Applicant: MHBC Planning Owner: Queenston Quarry Reclamation Company (QQRC) Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to the January 11, 2011 Public Works Committee.

Carried.

Upon the vote being taken on the original motion respecting Report 12-2010 being the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 5, 2010, the Acting Regional Chair declared the motion **as amended**, carried.

427. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the rules of procedure in the Procedural By-law be suspended in order to permit the consideration of Report PWA 99-2010, Tender Award for 2010-T-124, Contract RN 10-24, Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 77 (Fourth Avenue) From Third Street Louth to Highway 406 in the City of St. Catharines, as 24 hours notice of this report involving an expenditure in excess of \$1 Million, was not given to members of Regional Council.

Carried.

428. Tender Award for 2010-T-124, Contract RN 10-24
Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 77 (Fourth Avenue)
From Third Street Louth to Highway 406
City of St. Catharines

PWA 99-2010

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Report PWA 99-2010, October 14, 2010, respecting Tender Award for 2010-T-124, Contract RN 10-24, Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 77 (Fourth Avenue) from Third Street Louth to Highway 406 in the City of St. Catharines, be received;

That approval be given to increase the gross budget for Project ZRC0227, Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 77 (Fourth Avenue) in the City of St. Catharines, in the amount of \$1,355,500.00, to reflect increase cost sharing from the City of St. Catharines and Niagara Health System;

That, subject to confirmation of cost sharing with the City of St. Catharines, 2010-T-124, (Contract RN 10-24), Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 77 (Fourth Avenue) from Third Street Louth to Highway 406 in the City of St. Catharines, be awarded to the low tenderer, Rankin Construction Inc., at a bid price of \$6,694,078.80;

That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$300,000 be provided for this contract;

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to extend the engineering agreement with the firm of Delcan Corporation for contract administration and inspection of this project, with the total engineering fees being calculated on a time plus disbursement basis, estimated at \$327,000;

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 October 14, 2010;

That all project costs be charged against Capital Works Project ZRC0227/RC0227, Reconstruction and Widening of Regional Road 77 (Fourth Avenue) in the City of St. Catharines.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

429. Report 12-2010

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report 12-2010, being the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting of Wednesday, October 6, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved; and

That the Regional Chair is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, to execute and enter into the "Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership Program" Agreement having an effective date of April 1, 2010 with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

430. Report 12-2010

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report 12-2010, being the minutes of the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 5, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

431. Report 13-2010 and Report 14-2010

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Reports 13-2010 and 14-2010, being the minutes of the 40th Anniversary Committee meetings of Wednesday, September 1, 2010 and Wednesday, September 22, 2010, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

432. Councillor Casselman declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Councillor Badawey's motion respecting the Niagara Health System, as it refers to giving direction to the Ontario Medical Association, as her husband is a member of the Ontario Medical Association, she therefore left the room and took no part in the discussion of or voting on this matter.

Councillor Forster declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Councillor Badawey's motion respecting the Niagara Health System, as she is a staff member with the Ontario Nurses Association, and she therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

MOTIONS

433. Motion with respect to the Niagara Health System

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

WHEREAS under the Hospital Improvement Plan the Niagara Health System will maintain services for a period of two years following the conversion to the 24/7 Urgent Care Centre;

WHEREAS the Niagara Health System has committed to retaining a mutually agreed upon third party to evaluate services provided before any further changes are implemented;

WHEREAS the City of Port Colborne has brought forward a blueprint for a rural/small community Emergency Centre through discussions with area doctors, the LHIN, NHS and Ministry;

WHEREAS the City of Port Colborne has been successful at introducing allied health professionals into the community, recruiting new medical professionals, including 3 new doctors and several specialists, establishing new enhanced Community Based Primary Health Care, providing consistent health education and establishing partnerships, such as with the Degroote School of Medicine;

WHEREAS our blueprint includes a *Physician-Directed Collaborative Care Model of Emergency Care* and a key component of our model is to ensure a funding model be put in place that recognizes the value of the Emergency Physicians creating fair and equitable access to health care which is sustainable well into the future;

WHEREAS the Public Health Department of the Regional Municipality of Niagara most recently released Report PHD 49-2010 stating that Niagara Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continues to face challenges with offload delays in Niagara's local Emergency Departments;

WHEREAS the offload delay issue remains the primary public safety challenge with Niagara EMS. Since the restructuring of hospital emergency departments and the resultant increase in patient arrivals by ambulance to the remaining three ED sites, offload delays have increased significantly and have now surpassed the previous peak of 7,075 unit hours set in 2008;

WHEREAS there continues to be a shortage of beds within the Niagara Health System, in particular, south Niagara.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That collaborative efforts immediately establish a funding model recognizing Emergency Physicians at the Port Colborne site; and

THAT the Niagara Health System begin the process of adding ancillary services as per the blueprint introduced by the City of Port Colborne; and

That the Niagara Health System and the City of Port Colborne retain a mutually agreed upon third party to evaluate and measure the performance of the Hospital Improvement Plan as it relates to the conversion to the 24/7 Urgent Care Centre, including the impacts the conversion has across the region before any further changes are implemented; and

That a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be established with the Niagara Health System to recognize and move forward with the aforementioned.

Upon being asked the Regional Clerk advised Regional Council that the reference to “including the impacts the conversion has across the region before any further changes are implemented” would be a reconsideration of a decision made by Regional Council, it was therefore:

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Regional Council reconsider the Council resolution with respect to the Niagara Health System as referenced in Minute Item 399 of the Council Minutes of September 23 and 24, 2010 meeting in order to allow for the inclusion of the words “including the impacts the conversion has across the region before any further changes are implemented” in the aforementioned motion.

Motion defeated as an affirmative vote of two-thirds
of the Members present was not achieved.

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

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Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That the motion be amended to include the following clause after NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Regional Council recommends to the Niagara Health System that the following actions be taken:

Carried.

Upon a recorded vote being requested on the aforementioned motion **as amended**, the members were divided as follows:

Voting for the Motion:

Councillor Badawey	Councillor Henderson	
Councillor Bentley	Councillor Hodgson	
Councillor Cordiner	Councillor Saracino	
Councillor D'Angela	Councillor Smeaton	
Councillor Gabriel	Councillor Timms	
Councillor Garcia	Councillor Trombetta	
Councillor Greenwood	Councillor Zimmerman	(14)

Voting Against the Motion:

Councillor Augustyn	Councillor Katzman	
Councillor Baty	Councillor Lepp	
Councillor Bylsma	Councillor McMullan	
Councillor Burroughs	Councillor Puttick	
Councillor Goulbourne	Councillor Rigby	(11)
Councillor Heit		

Upon the recorded vote being taken, the Acting Regional Chair declared the aforementioned motion, **as amended**, carried.

434. Motion to Consider Improvements to the Effectiveness and Transparency of the Bidding Process for Public Works Projects

Moved by Councillor Katzman
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That a committee be struck for the next term of Council to reassess the current criteria that exists for awarding Public Works projects. This committee shall assess and re-evaluate our existing grading, weighting, and scoring matrix for all Public Works Projects and provide recommendations to improve the effectiveness and transparency of the bidding process.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

435. Homelessness

Moved by Councillor Puttick
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That staff prepare a report on Homelessness in Niagara Region addressing the funding allocations for Niagara Region for submission to the new Council.

Carried.

BY-LAWS

436. Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That the following Bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 123

A By-Law To Provide For The Regulation of Traffic on Regional Highways In the City Of Port Colborne

Bill 124

A By-Law To Authorize Long-Term Financing (1-10 Years) In The Amount of \$1,200,000 For Project ZPO0706 Radio/Data System Infrastructure & Equipment

Bill 125

A By-Law To Amend By-Law 18-2006, Being A By-Law To Establish Fees And Charges For Services And Activities Provided By The Regional Municipality of Niagara And For The Use Of Its Property

Bill 127

A By-Law To Accept, Assume And Dedicate Part Of Lot 8, Concession 9, In The City of St. Catharines As Part of Regional Road No. 89 (Glendale Avenue)

Bill 128

A By-Law To Accept, Assume And Dedicate Part of Lot 25, Plan M-13, In The Town of Lincoln As Part of Regional Road No. 73 (Fly Road)

Bill 129

A By-Law To Provide For The Regulation of Traffic On Regional Highways In The City Of St. Catharines

Bill 130

A By-Law To Define The Purchasing Policies And Procedures For The Regional Municipality of Niagara, And To Repeal By-Law 56-2009

Carried.

437. Moved by Councillor Garcia
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That the following Bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 126 Amended

A By-Law To Provide For The Adoption Of Amendment 1-2008 To The Official Plan For The Niagara Planning Area To Provide A Site Specific Policy To Permit The Expansion of The Pleasantview Memorial Gardens Cemetery In The City Of Thorold, as Amended.

Carried.

438. Moved by Councillor Hodgson
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the following Bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 132

A By-Law to Amend By-Law 91-2010, A By-Law to Establish the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee.

Carried.

Councillor Hodgson on behalf of Regional Council congratulated the following members of the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee - Allan Andrews; John Bald; David Barrett; John Bice; Bob Hildebrandt; Margo Pinder and Alex Susic.

439. Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the following Bills be now read and do pass:

Bill 133

A By-Law to Expropriate Lands Required for Municipal Purposes

Carried.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

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

That the following Bill be now read and do pass:

Bill 131

A By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Actions of Regional Council at its Meeting held on the 14th of October, 2010.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Peter Partington
Regional Chair

Doug Martin
Acting Regional Chair

Janet Pilon
Deputy Regional Clerk

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk