

# THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

### REPORT CL 1-2001

The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, January 18, 2001, commencing at 6:40 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

Council: Councillors Zimmerman, Regional Chair; Adams, Andreychuk, Badawey, Bailey, Bentley, Brickell, Burroughs, Collins, Davidson, Eke, Forster, Gabriel, Harry, Hildreth, Konkle, Marshall, Martin, McMullan, Muir, Nicholson, Redekop, Saracino, Smeaton, Thomson, Timms.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Bacchus, Director of Corporate Services; Cambray, Director of Planning; Hollick, Regional Clerk; Neville, Director of Public Works; Nicol, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Reid, Director, Community Services Department; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Niagara Regional Police Chief Nicholls; Ms. Gilroy, Assistant Clerk.

### 1. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Adams  
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That this Council do now meet in Closed Committee of the Whole for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to personnel and legal matters.

Carried.

### 2. Relocation of OPP Detachment

Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Andreychuk

That the Council of the Region of Niagara urges the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to consider alternate sites in Niagara, rather than moving their detachment outside of the Region.

Carried.

### 3. CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT

Moved by Councillor Smeaton

Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That this Council do now rise with report.

Carried.

Following the closed session Council met in regular session, commencing at 7:30 p.m. with an Invocation by Councillor Badawey and the singing of 'O Canada'.

4.

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Brickell declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Minute Item 14, Municipal Traffic By-laws, in Report PW 1-2001, as he owns a condo near the site of a proposed all-way stop control, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on this matter.

Councillor Martin declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Minute Item 8, Official Plan Amendment 39, "Open Space" and "Highway Commercial" redesignations, Thompson Road and Garrison Road, Town of Fort Erie, in Report PS 1-2001, as he owns an establishment in another mall in the Town, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on this matter.

Councillor McMullan declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the matter of Minute Item 5, Official Plan Amendment 10, Agri-Tourism Policies, City of St. Catharines, in Report PS 1-2001, as he owns a farm in west St. Catharines, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on this matter.

Councillor Nicholson declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters related to the location of the Provincial Offences Act offices, as he has an interest in the building used for the Welland location, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting, on these matters.

Councillor Smeaton declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to all matters related to Homes for Seniors as he is employed in a Seniors Home and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

Councillor Thomson declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to any matters related to CUPE Local 1263, as a family member belongs to this Local, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

5. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That the Planning Services Committee minutes be moved forward on the agenda and be dealt with before the Corporate and Financial Services Committee minutes.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Council Agenda CL 1-2000, January 18, 2001 be adopted, as amended.

Carried.

6. **CHAIR'S REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMARKS**

Regional Chair Zimmerman and members of Council extended a warm welcome to Councillor Adams, who was back to the Council Chamber after his recent illness. Councillor Adams expressed his appreciation to Council, staff, and the public, for their expressions of kindness and best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Regional Chair Zimmerman advised that she had made a presentation on January 16, 2001, to the Federal Shipbuilding Forum in support of shipbuilding and the marine industry in the Niagara area, and focused on its economic impact to the Region. This panel visited Port Weller Dry Docks and will be travelling across Canada to gather information that will be condensed into a report with recommendations for the development of a Federal Shipbuilding Policy.

Regional Chair Zimmerman advised that she has been invited to participate on Team Canada 2001 on a trade mission to China with the Prime Minister and his staff in February.

Regional Chair Zimmerman advised that the Community of Walkerton had sent an exquisite pewter Christmas ornament with the inscription "Thank you for Helping During the Walkerton E-coli Crisis". The ornament, which has been framed, was circulated to Councillors to see, and will hang in the foyer outside the Council Chamber. She also advised that a plaque of appreciation had been received from Niagara College.

Moved by Councillor Thomson  
Seconded by Councillor Andreychuk

That the Regional Chair be authorized to participate in Team Canada 2001 – Trade Mission to China.

Carried.

7. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Council Report 21-2000

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report 21-2000, being the minutes of the Proceedings of Council of Thursday, December 21, 2000, be approved and adopted.

Carried.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Communications were received and dealt with as follows:

C4687 Card of thanks from Corwin Cambray, Director of Planning Services, and family, for the kind donation to Bethlehem Place in memory of his father-in-law Mr. George Ernest Langmuir Smith.

Received.

C4688 Martin Cauchon, Minister of National Revenue (December 22, 2000) to Regional Chair Zimmerman advising of the announcement to hire 70 additional customs officers to process border traffic at the Niagara Falls and Fort Erie crossings.

Received.

C4689 The Honourable Michael D. Harris, Premier of Ontario (December 20, 2000) to Regional Chair Zimmerman extending congratulations in the municipal elections and personal wishes for success in serving the community and province.

Received.

C4690 The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (December 13, 2000) to Regional Chair Zimmerman extending congratulations and best wishes in the election and thoughts about challenges over the next three years.

Received.

C4691 E-mail to Regional Council (January 2, 2001) from Robert P. Green, Canadian Sailor, Port Colborne, which includes a copy of a letter to the Editor of the Tribune, asking for Council's support for the Canadian Sailors of the Niagara Region.

Received.

C4692 Card of thanks from Susan Eliason, Confidential Secretary, Office of the Regional Chair, for the kind donation to the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara in memory of her father Mr. Raymond Payne.

Received.

C4693 Card of thanks from Regional Councillor Roy Adams expressing his appreciation for the poinsettia plant, cards, good wishes and prayers for his recovery, received during his recent illness.

Received.

C4694 The Honourable Michael D. Harris, Premier of Ontario (December 12, 2000) to Regional Chair Zimmerman expressing thanks for her letter regarding the Land Ambulance Services and advising that a response is forthcoming.

Received.

C4695 Card of thanks from Sandra LeGarde, an employee in the Corporate Services Department, and family, for the kind donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of her father Mr. Herbie Plumb.

Received.

C4696 Memorandum from Shirley Cordiner, Chairperson, Niagara Police Services Board (January 8, 2001), requesting approval of an attached Employment Applications, Fees By-law 188-2000 passed by the Board at its meeting on December 14, 2000.

Moved by Councillor Adams  
Seconded by Councillor Muir

That the Employment Applications, Fees By-law 188-2000 from the Niagara Police Services Board be approved.

Carried.

C4697 Memorandum from Thomas R. Hollick, Regional Clerk, (January 11, 2001), providing information with respect to By-law 03-2001, A By-law to Appoint an Acting Regional Chair.

Received.

C4698 Memorandum from Thomas R. Hollick, Regional Clerk, (January 12, 2001), requesting Council to confirm the appointment of Councillors Davidson and Harry to the Ad Hoc Committee on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform.

Receive and approved.

Moved by Councillor Gabriel  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Communications C4687 to C4698, be received and dealt with as noted in these minutes.

Carried.

## PRESENTATION

9. Nations in Bloom  
Wainfleet's First Place Finish

Messrs. Patrick Robson, Councillor, Township of Wainfleet, and Don Hetherington, a resident of Wainfleet, attended Council to announce Wainfleet's First Place Finish in the "Nations in Bloom" contest. With the assistance of Al Guiler, Clerk-Treasurer, a video and power point presentation was shown highlighting community life in the Township. It included the Marshville Festival, which exemplifies the community's pride in preserving its heritage. Many innovative ways have been developed by the Township to deliver services to the public that are environmentally safe and cost effective (e.g. road repairs and the marking of rural mailboxes with sunflowers) and these were depicted on the screens, and detailed by the presenters.

Regional Chair Zimmerman, on behalf of Council, thanked Messrs. Robson, Hetherington, and Guiler for their presentation, and congratulated Wainfleet on this prestigious award.

## PLANNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

10. Report 1-2001

Moved by Councillor Smeaton  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report 1-2001, being the minutes of the Planning Services Committee meeting of January 10, 2001 be approved and adopted.

Carried.

11. Appointment to the Transportation Steering Committee

Moved by Councillor Nicholson  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

That Councillor Timm's name be added to the Transportation Steering Committee.

Carried.

12. Bill 02

Councillor Konkle asked that Bill 02 be read a first time only, to allow time for the parties to reach consensus prior to its final reading. (Please refer to Minutes Item 23, page CL 11.)

CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

13. Report 1-2001

Councillor Martin, Chair, Corporate and Financial Services Committee, advised that the Budget Review Committee had finalized its review of the departmental budgets and the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2001, would be distributed to Councillors for information at Committee meetings next week. He advised that the Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. and a budget package will be distributed to Councillors the week prior to this date.

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Report 1-2001, being the minutes of the Corporate and Financial Services Committee meeting of January 10, 2001 be approved and adopted, with the addition of Councillor Muir's name to the attendance.

Carried.

14. CAC Appointments

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

That the Community Members who applied to participate on the Community Advisory Committee to the Ad Hoc Committee of Council on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform, be appointed to the Committee.

Carried.

COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

15. Report 1-2001

Moved by Councillor Adams  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report 1-2001, being the minutes of the Community and Health Services Committee meeting of January 8, 2001 be approved and adopted.

Carried.

Samples of the cigarette packages containing new Canadian Tobacco warnings were circulated for Councillors' information.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

16. Report 1-2001

Moved by Councillor Nicholson  
Seconded by Councillor Andreychuk

That Report 1-2001, being the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of January 9, 2001 be approved and adopted.

Carried.

17. Niagara Regional Police Services Board Appointment

Councillor Nicholson, Human Resources Committee Chair, announced that Mr. Larry Iggulden had been selected as the Citizen Appointee to the Niagara Regional Police Services Board, for a term ending November 30, 2003.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

18. Report 1-2001

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report 1-2001, being the minutes of the Public Works and Utilities Committee meeting of January 9, 2001 be approved and adopted.

Carried.

19. Waste Management Advisory Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Thomson

Seconded by Councillor Martin

That Councillor Eke's name be added to the Waste Management Advisory Committee.

Carried.

20. Discussion of Waste Management

A general discussion of waste management included the following items:

- the availability of tickets for the Glenridge Landfill site
- the addition of a bin for computer monitors to the HHW depot on Schmon Parkway
- electronic disposal and what is included
- illegal dumping, including construction waste
- whether illegal dumping will increase after the Glenridge Landfill site closes
- an investigation into the feasibility of establishing transfer stations
- a review of alternative services for recyclable and household waste
- how to address the issue of reduced "life" at those landfill sites accepting additional waste because the Line 5 Landfill is closed

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Adams

That staff prepare a report which addresses the waste management issues outlined during discussion.

Carried.

21. **AD HOC COMMITTEE ON  
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION REFORM**

Moved by Councillor Martin  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That Report 1-2001, being the minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee on Property Assessment and Taxation Reform meeting of January 10, 2001 be approved and adopted.

Carried.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

22. CAO 1-2001  
Workplan Progress Reporting

Moved by Councillor Harry

Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Report CAO 1-2001 be received and members provide feedback on the proposed reporting format.

Carried.

23.

**BY-LAWS**

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Brickell

That the following bills be now read and do pass:

**Bill 01**

A By-law to Establish Blocks 24 and 25, Plan 30M-290, in the City of St. Catharines, as Part of Regional Road No. 38 (Martindale Road)

**Bill 03**

A By-law to appoint an Acting Regional Chair.

**Bill 04**

A By-law to appoint an Acting Clerk for the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

**Bill 05**

A By-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Regional Council at its meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Konkle  
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Bill 02, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of Amendment 150 to the Official Plan for the Niagara Planning Area to permit the extension of a sanitary sewer line in the Town of Lincoln, be read a first time.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Hildreth  
Seconded by Councillor Konkle

That the following bill be now read and do pass:

Bill 06

A by-law to authorize Debenture Financing in the amount of \$477,590 net from the 2001 Roads Capital Budget for Capital Works Project ZRC9920 (previously R99-20, Sub-Ledger RC9920), Reconstruction of Regional Road 81 (King Street) from Queen Street to Aberdeen Road, Town of Lincoln

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff Directions were received as follows:

- Councillor Gabriel requested information on "Brownfields" (Mr. Cambray to provide when available.)
- Councillor Timms asked that copies of Correspondence PWC 4-2001 regarding the QEW widening through St. Catharines, and PWC 9-2001, regarding the extension of the 406, be circulated to Councillors for information (Clerk's Office)
- Councillor Eke requested a copy of the Bicycling Network Policy (with a copy to Councillor Burroughs) (Mr. Cambray to provide.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Debbie M. Zimmerman  
Regional Chair

Pam Gilroy  
Assistant Clerk

Thomas R. Hollick  
Regional Clerk