

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL
OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

April 26, 2001

The Regional Council met at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, with Chair Fisch presiding.

The following were present at this Meeting:

Mayor:	Bell, Black, Emmerson, Jackson, Jones, Taylor and Young.
Regional Councillor:	Barrow, Di Biase, Frustaglio, Hogg, Humeniuk, Landon, Scarpitti, Wheeler and Wong.
Staff:	Carlyle, Cartwright, Davidson, Eastwood, Harrison, Jaczek, Norton and Wells.

MINUTES

- 103** It was moved by Regional Councillor Barrow, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12th day of April, 2001, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

104 **Award for Achievement**

Mr. Robert Correll, Partner, KPMG, presented the Region with an award for achieving the high program standards for Canadian Government accounting and financial reporting. He presented the award on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Chair Fisch, Mayor Jones, as Vice-Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer, and various members of the Finance Department accepted the award on behalf of the Region.

105 **Make-A-Wish Foundation**

Ms. Kim Sokolowski, Manager of Communications and Development for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Mr. Scott Stover, Transportation and Works Department, joined in recognizing the charitable work of a number of Regional staff in making a wish come true for Ali of Kirkland Lake.

Ali, who is 14 years old, received a laptop computer as the result of the participation of certain Regional staff in a fundraising event.

Chair Fisch, Chief Administrative Officer Alan Wells, and the Riders of the Mountain Bike Poker Run Committee accepted a plaque from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, on behalf of the Region.

106 York Regional Police Helicopter

Deputy Chief of Police Terence Kelly made a presentation regarding the use of the York Regional Police helicopter.

Deputy Chief Kelly provided an overview of how the helicopter became operational. He summarized the positive feedback received from the public on the various uses of the helicopter. The Police helicopter is based in Hare Field, East Gwillimbury, and is operated four hours a night, six days a week. 716 calls for service were received between June and December 2000, including calls for 18 missing persons, 59 driving complaints, 56 impaired drivers and 40 drug related investigations.

Detective Constable David Saunders, a flight observer, and Jay McMackin, a pilot with the York Regional Police, described the manner in which complaints are handled and presented videos made during helicopter rescue flights.

Council received the presentations and congratulated the York Regional Police Force on the overwhelming success of the helicopter project and their excellent work.

It was moved by Mayor Black, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that the three presentations be received.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

107 Federal Grant - Farmers of Canada

Association of Municipalities of Ontario, March 30, 2001, forwarding a resolution adopted by the Council of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford at its meeting on March 26, 2001. The resolution requested the Federal Government to grant the Farmers of Canada the one billion dollars that was promised by the Government prior to the last federal election.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, seconded by Regional Councillor Barrow, that this communication be received and the resolution be endorsed.

Carried.

108 2001 Property Tax Ratios

Mr. Bill MacWilliam, Chairman, National Golf Course Owner's Association of Ontario's Tax Committee, April 25, 2001, regarding the 2001 property tax ratios for York Region, and requesting deputant status.

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Mayor Bell, that this communication be received and deputant status be granted.

Carried.

109 Don Watershed Regeneration Council

J. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, requesting The Regional Municipality of York to appoint an elected representative to sit on the Don Watershed Regeneration Council, as well as staff liaison persons from appropriate departments.

It was moved by Mayor Bell, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that this communication be received and that Regional Councillor Hogg be appointed as the Region's elected representative on the Don Watershed Regeneration Council.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

110 National Golf Course Owner's Association of Ontario and 2001 Property Tax Ratios

Mr. Bill MacWilliam, Chairman, National Golf Course Owner's Association of Ontario's Tax Committee, addressed Council regarding the 2001 property tax ratios for York Region. These are referred to in Clause 7 of Finance and Administration Committee Report No.5.

Mr. MacWilliam outlined the difficulties that golf courses are having with significant increases in taxes as a result of Provincial tax policy. He read a draft letter of the National Golf Course Owner's Association of Ontario, that he intends to present to the Province. A copy of this letter is on file with the Regional Clerk.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Mayor Jones, that this deputation be received.

Carried.

111 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regional Councillor Hogg, presented the following reports for the consideration of Council:

Report No. 5 of the Finance and Administration Committee
Report No. 4 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee

It was moved by Regional Councillor Hogg, seconded by Regional Councillor Wong, that the reports be received and that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider them.

Carried.

Chair Fisch chaired the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole rose after making the following recommendations:

Report No. 5 of the Finance and Administration Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment;

Clause No. 8, Item 3 be amended to provide that:

The resolution of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville regarding the Study of Carruthers Creek and Duffins Creek Watershed Areas be received and endorsed.

Report No. 4 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

It was moved by Mayor Jackson, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that Council adopt the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

112 BY-LAWS

It was moved by Mayor Young, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that certain Bills be introduced and approved in the form as noted on the Agenda and enacted as By-laws.

By-law No. A-0288-2001-036 A By-law to adopt a revised Regional Emergency Plan

By-law No. A-0289-2001-037 A by-law to establish tax ratios and to specify the percentage by which tax rates are to be reduced for prescribed property subclasses

MOTION

113 Appointment To Police Services Board

It was moved by Mayor Black, seconded by Regional Councillor Barrow, that:

WHEREAS the Council of The Regional Municipality of York is required under the *Police Services Board Act* to appoint certain members to the York Region Police Services Board and;

WHEREAS on January 18, 2001, the Regional Council appointed Victor Charles Wilson as citizen appointment to the Police Services Board with a term ending June 30, 2001;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council re-appoint Victor Charles Wilson as citizen member of the Police Services Board for a term ending November 30, 2003 or until his successor is appointed.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

114 Presentation on Light Rail Rapid Transit for the GTA

Regional Councillor Scarpitti proposed that a presentation be made to Regional Council regarding Light Rail Rapid Transit for the GTA. Chair Fisch advised that a presentation will be made before the GTSB Transportation Committee on May 11, 2001, and it is anticipated that a presentation could subsequently be made to Regional Council.

PRIVATE SESSION

- 115** It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that Council convene in Private Session for the purpose of considering a labour relations matter, a personnel matter and a legal matter.

Carried.

Council met in Private Session at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened in Council at 11:45 a.m.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that Council rise and report from Private Session.

Carried.

116 Labour Relations Matter

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Mayor Jones, that Council adopt the recommendation from the Commissioner of Human Resources and approve the resolution to a labour relations matter.

Carried.

117 Appointments to Solid Waste Management Public Liaison Committee

In considering this matter, Council had before it communications from the following municipalities relating to appointments of elected and public representatives to the Solid Waste Management Public Liaison Committee:

Town of Aurora (February 14, 2001);
Town of East Gwillimbury (March 26, 2001);
Town of Georgina (February 2, 2001);
Township of King (February 22, 2001);
Town of Markham (April 6, 2001);
Town of Newmarket (January 30, 2001)
Town of Richmond Hill (February 15, 2001);
City of Vaughan (February 16, 2001); and
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (February 8, 2001).

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that:

WHEREAS the Region has established the Solid Waste Management Public Liaison Committee composed of representatives of the Regional and area municipal Councils and members of public; and

WHEREAS the area municipalities were requested to provide their respective choices for council and public representation on the Committee; and

WHEREAS responses have been received from all area municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Councillor Gordon Landon be appointed Chair of the Solid Waste Management Public Liaison Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following appointments be made to the Solid Waste Management Public Liaison Committee in accordance with the information received from the respective area municipalities:

Town of Aurora	Councillor George Timpson And a member of the public to be named later
Town of East Gwillimbury	Councillor and a member of the public to be named later
Town of Georgina	Councillor Ross Jamieson And a member of the public to be named later

Township of King	Councillor Leah Werry And a member of the public to be named later
Town of Markham	Regional Councillor Tony Wong Councillor Erin Shapero Damian Bassett
Town of Newmarket	Councillor Dave Kerwin Jack Zangari
Town of Richmond Hill	Councillor David Cohen Mark Brown
City of Vaughan	Councillor Mario Ferri Aurelia Bertocchi
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	Councillor Steve Pliakes Dave Probert

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chair of Regional Council be authorized to appoint members upon receipt of information from area municipalities which have not named their full representation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any municipality wishing the Region to appoint more than one elected representative and one member of the public may request the Region to do so.

Carried.

118 Regional Clerk

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, be commended for his excellent work at the Greater Toronto Services Board.

Carried.

119 SERVICE RECOGNITION

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, that the recipients of Service Recognition for Service Levels of 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years be recognized in the Minutes for their many years of work on behalf of York Region.

10 Year Employees

The following employees were recognized for having completed 10 years of service with the Regional Municipality of York:

Ana Abreu, Lilian Baxter, Jayne Blackburn, Paul Bottomley, Cynthia Bhulai, Anne Bragg, Penelope Brathwaite, Phyllis Carlyle, Duane Carson, Edward Chan, Marc Charbonneau, Paul Chartrand, William Clark, Shelley Coupal, Robert Cribbett, George Davidson, Mary-Ann Dawson, Sybil Dearling, David Dion, Holly Dyson, Scott Edwards, Susan Egan, Dana Elcome, Nancy Evans, Grace Francis, Jeffrey Flewelling, Sik Fan (Stephen) Fung, Michael Giddings, Carole Gionet, Lynne Gough, Mary Lou Gunn, Guy Hall, Wayne Ham, Kathleen Hands, Edward Hankins, Dianne Harper, Nancy Hodgson, Jennifer Hopkinson, Allan Howes, Michael Horne, Carol Karner, Darlene Keates, Lisa Kerek, Joe Lamarca, Andre Lapointe, Janice Lee, Gail Lemieux, Wanda Levesque, Margaret McCaffey, Anne McMahan, Krystyna McMeekin, Valerie McMenemy, Joseph Mancuso, Shelifa Manji, Elaine Maynard-Lloyd, David Melton, Edmund Miecznikowski, Michelle Nesbitt, Dale Nikkanen, Doris Noels, Yoshiko Nonoyama, Kim Norton, Anne Ossowski, Nancy Paterson, Murray Pattenden, Karen Perrott, Marco Ramunno, Carol Richards, Faye Robinson, David Rupke, Catherine Saul, Janice Sargent, Anne Sawyers, Doreen Schaffner, Sonya Schmoll, Cynthia Scythes, Mahadeo Singh, John Slingerland, Jill Slykhuis, Brenda Smith, Judith Stock, Joelle Stuart, Mary Tallidis, Patricia Thiessen, Wendy Thompson, Dorina Vial, Ingrid Whittaker, Elizabeth Wilson, Josephine Wong.

15 Year Employees

The following employees were recognized for having completed 15 years of service with the Regional Municipality of York:

Bonnie Alexander, Shirley Allen, Sheline Armstrong, Leslie Beatty, Janice Cairns, Linda Durand, Roseanne Fenwick, Lisa Ferenc, Ruth Glidden, Heather Hobbs, Judy Holmes, Ross Kenney, Guylaine Lehoux, Rebecca Metcalfe, Robin Milani, Susan O'Gorman, Anthony Olivier, Marjanna Palmer, Brenda Rae, Gwenneth Robinson, Darlene Rasmussen, Bruce Rose, Larry Ross, Rhonda St. John, Patricia Sowerby, Sherry Stewart-Pindera, Dan Sedore, Joanne Snider, Wendy Soden, Colleen Traynor, Kathleen Van Stam, Janice Wetmore, Marilyn Woolhead.

20 Year Employees

The following employees were recognized for having completed 20 years of service with the Regional Municipality of York:

Kelvin Armata, Ann Blackman, Milagros Botts, Carole Carter, Barbara Clarke, Gary Cosgrove, Luciana Della Pia, Irene Farquhar, Bruce Fierheller, Rose Henn, Ken Hill, Carol Krieger, Diane Milos, Cindy Milligan, Linda Nolan, John Rowlandson, Elaine Stewart, Maureen Streeter, Ramona Visser, Cheryl Waller.

25 Year Employees

The following employees were recognized for having completed 25 years of service with the Regional Municipality of York:

Marlene Battle, Teresa Donkers, John Eder, Jane Foster, Danny Howells, Dianne Jarvis, Leslie Kerr, Paul Luey, Edna Muizelaar, Robert Partridge, Kevin Quinn, Donald Stronge, Alan Wells.

30 Year Employee

The following employee was recognized for having completed 30 years of service with the Regional Municipality of York :

Betty Cillis.

25+ Club

The following employees were recognized for being members of the 25+ Club for more than 25 years of service with the Regional Municipality of York:

Douglas Anderson, Joseph Bondi, Marlene Burgess, Colleen Byrne, Uta Cachia, William Cooper, Gary Crone, Brian Cross, Earl Darker, William Goode, Elizabeth Gordon, John Gunn, Larry Harrison, David Jones, Paul Jones, Donald Le Blanc, Paul Liney, Venita Lovelace, Graeme McBride, Joseph McCarnan, Gary Morton, Susan Makrakis, John Miller, Donald Moses, Katherine Newton, Barry Norton, Marlene Parsons, Yvonne Patrick, Dennis Reed, Leonard Wells, Edward Wright.

Original 30 Year Employees

The following employees were recognized for being original 30 Year Employees:

Donald Bunker, Frederick Hamill, Robert Harrison, Dale Mainprize, Jack Morton, Dennis Phillips, Brian Pollon, Carson Rye, Robert Scott.

Carried.

120 Long Service Member of Council

Mayor Lorna Jackson was recognized for her 20 years of service as a Member of Regional Council.

121 Commitment to Excellence Corporate Award for Outstanding Achievement 2001

The Commitment to Excellence Corporate Award for Outstanding Achievement for 2001 was awarded to Cheryl Shuttle and Don Fines. The Award is the Region's most prestigious employee recognition award. It is given annually to employees who exemplify and embody the spirit of corporate values.

Ms. Shuttle is Supervisor of Child Care Services in the Family and Children's Services Division of the Community Services and Housing Department. She has demonstrated an extraordinary level of skill in implementing the Child Care Management System in York Region.

Mr. Fines is Job Development Counsellor in the Social Services Division of the Community Services and Housing Department. He is being recognized for his leadership, innovation and extraordinary skill in the development of the computerized matching system for the Ontario Works program.

122 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

It was moved by Mayor Young, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that the following by-law be enacted to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council.

By-law No. M-0662-2001-038 To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on April 26, 2001.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 10th day of May, 2001.

Regional Chair