

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

October 25, 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, Cousens, Emmerson, Holec, Jones and Young.
Regional Councillor:	Barrow, Di Biase, Hogg, Humeniuk, Landon, O'Donnell, Scarpitti, Wheeler and Wong.
Staff:	Cartwright, Close, Jaczek, Schipper, Simmons, Tuckey, Wells and Wilson.

215 MINUTES

It was moved by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11th day of October, 2001, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

216 PRESENTATION

9-1-1 Service

(Clause 7 of Report No. 9 of the Finance and Administration Committee)

Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer, made a presentation updating Council on the status of 9-1-1 Service. He indicated that Bell Canada is withdrawing from the 9-1-1 call answer business. He then noted that Council has endorsed direct provision of 9-1-1 call answering by York Regional Police and cited a number of advantages to this arrangement. New staff would be hired effective April 1, 2002 to provide for an orderly transition. Mr. Wells outlined the proposed staffing of the 9-1-1/Police Communications Centre and how the costs of this would compare favourably to other Regions.

(A copy of the presentation materials is on file with the Regional Clerk.)

COMMUNICATIONS

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

217 GO Transit Development Charges

Tanya Carinci, Director of Policy, Urban Development Institute (UDI)/Ontario, October 22, 2001, and requesting Neil Rodgers, President of UDI/Ontario and Fraser Nelson, Chair of UDI York Chapter be granted deputant status.

218 Jim Murphy, Director, Government Relations, Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association, October 23, 2001, and requesting deputant status.

It was moved by Mayor Bell, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that these communications be received.

Carried.

219 It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that the representatives of the Urban Development Institute and the Greater Toronto Homebuilders' Association be granted deputant status.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

220 GO Transit Development Charges

Council heard the following deputations:

1. Neil Rodgers, President of the Urban Development Institute/Ontario
2. Fraser Nelson, Chair of the Urban Development Institute/York Chapter.
3. Jim Murphy, Director, Government Relations, Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association.

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that the deputations be received and referred to Council's consideration of Report No. 2 of the Commissioner of Finance.

Carried.

221 Council then proceeded to consider Report No. 2 of the Commissioner of Finance.

Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance, provided comments regarding the Development Charge By-law relating to GO Transit.

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that Council adopt the recommendations contained in Report No. 2 of the Commissioner of Finance.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Mayor Bell that:

1. consideration of Report No. 2 of the Commissioner of Finance be deferred for two weeks for staff to report back and
2. any by-law reflecting the Commissioner's recommendation for a 5% reduction in the calculated development charge rate be subject to a Memorandum of Understanding being signed before the by-law is passed.

Carried.

The main motion carried, as amended.

222 COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Mayor Bell, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following reports:

Report No. 9 of the Finance and Administration Committee

Report No. 2 of the Fire Services Committee

Report No. 8 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee

Carried.

Chair Fisch chaired the Committee of the Whole.

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

Report No. 9 of the Finance and Administration Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

Item 3 of Clause 8 be referred to staff and brought back to the next Council meeting—see Minute No. 224

Report No. 2 of the Fire Services Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 8 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

Item 1 of Clause 5 be received and the York Region No Smoking By-law be amended to change the square footage allowed for designated smoking areas in bingo halls from 25% to 50% of the occupiable public space

In considering this matter, Council had before it the following communications:

1. *Jack Heath, Councillor, Ward 5, Town of Markham, October 24, 2001, with supporting documentation, including a resolution that the Town of Markham Council adopted unanimously on October 23, 2001;*
2. *Constantine Kalkanis, Vice-President, Mayfair Richmond Hill Bingo Pooling Association, October 24, 2001; and*

3. R. R. (Richard) Schwan, General Manager, Bingo Country, October 24, 2001, addressed to Markham Bingo Charity Association.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Mayor Jones, that Council adopt the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

223 BY-LAWS

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

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| By-law No. R-1262-2001-085 | To acquire certain lands and interest in lands for or in connection with the widening and reconstruction of Islington Avenue (YR 17) from Highway 7 (YR 7) to Rutherford Road (YR 73), in the City of Vaughan |
| By-law No. D-0153-2001-086 | To authorize the issue of instalment debentures in the amount of \$2,956,000.00 for the purposes of The Corporation of the Township of King |
| By-law No. D-0154-2001-087 | To authorize the issue of instalment debentures in the amount of \$27,962,000.00 for the purposes of The Regional Municipality of York |
| By-law No. D-0155-2001-088 | To authorize the borrowing of the aggregate of the sums authorized by By-laws Nos. D-0153-2001-086 and D-0154-2001-087 in the aggregate amount of \$30,918,000.00 and the issuing of one series of instalment debentures therefor |
| By-law No. A-0295-2001-089 | A by-law to authorize adjustments between The Regional Municipality of York and the area municipalities in respect of the capping of property tax increases for the 2001 taxation year |
| By-law No. L-0123(a)-2001-090 | A by-law to amend By-law No. L-0123-2001-050 |
| By-law No. A-0296-2001-091 | A by-law to establish a Land Securement Reserve Fund |

Carried.

224 MOTION

(Item 3 of Clause 8 of Finance and Administration Committee)

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Mayor Emmerson that:

WHEREAS public infrastructure is the backbone of a successful, dynamic economy; and

WHEREAS Federal and Provincial financial support is essential for public infrastructure upgrades, replacement and expansion; and

WHEREAS the current slowing of the economy combined with the tragic events of September 11, 2001 have created substantial uncertainty in the Canadian economy, particularly in Ontario; and

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of York welcomes the Ontario Government's renewed commitment towards supporting public infrastructure with its recent announcement of financial assistance for public transit and roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS the current Federal share of the Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario is significantly less than that of the Province and municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Regional Municipality of York calls on the Federal Government to follow the Ontario Government's lead and commit itself to a higher level of funding for public infrastructure; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Regional Municipality of York calls on both the Federal and Provincial Governments to speed up the existing infrastructure funding process under the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program (COIP) and SuperBuild in order to provide a much needed economic stimulus in the face of the current economic downturn; and

FURTHER THAT The Regional Municipality of York supports the call from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Federal and Ontario Governments to return to a straightforward 1/3-1/3-1/3 funding formula for COIP and SuperBuild funded projects;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to York Region's M.P.'s and M.P.P.'s; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Judy Sgro, M.P., Chair of the Prime Minister's Task Force on Urban Issues; The Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance; The Honourable David Collenette, Minister of Transport; The Honourable Lucienne Robillard, President of Treasury Board; and The Honourable Brian Tobin, Minister of Industry.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler that the matter be referred to staff and be brought back to the next Council meeting.

Carried.

225 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Mayor Cousens, that the following by-law be enacted to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council.

By-law No. M-0671-2001-092 To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on October 25, 2001.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12.06 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 8th day of November, 2001.

Regional Chair