

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

December 6, 2001

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

The following were present at this Meeting:

Mayor: Bell, Black, Cousens, Emmerson, Holec, Jackson, Jones, Taylor and Young.

Regional Councillor: Barrow, Di Biase, Frustaglio, Humeniuk, Landon, O'Donnell, Scarpitti, Wheeler.

Staff: Carlyle, Cartwright, Davidson, Jaczek, Schipper, Simmons, Tuckey and Wells.

**DECLARATION**

**255 Official Plan Amendment No.12, Town of Newmarket**

Mayor Taylor declared an interest in Clause No. 1 of Report No.10 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, the letter dated December 5, 2001 from Dean T. Rogers and an e-mail and letter dated December 5, 2001 from John C. Norquay. He made his declaration due to the fact that his son and son-in-law have a financial interest in the subject property and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, these items. (*See Minute Nos. 264 and 265.*)

**PRESENTATIONS**

**256 All Terrain Vehicles – Regional Forest**

Mr. Chris Reid, Product Manager, Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd., presented two all terrain vehicles to the Region for use in the Regional Forest. Mr. Reid indicated that it is a privilege for Yamaha to partner with the Region, given the Region's plans for long-term sustainability and management of its forests. Len Munt, Regional Forester, indicated that the vehicles will be used for forest monitoring and quick access for Regional staff and police in emergency situations.

Mr. Reid presented the keys to the vehicles to Regional Chair Fisch, Mayor Bell, Chair of the Transportation and Works Committee, Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer, and Kees Schipper, Commissioner of Transportation and Works.

**257 Land Donation – Greening Strategy**

Regional Chair Fisch advised Council that Dorothy Izzard, a resident of King Township, had recently donated 22 acres of forest land to the Region. The donation is connected to the Region's commitment to protecting the natural environment as set out in its Greening Strategy.

Mr. Robin Fraser, a member of the Board of Directors of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, indicated that the gift was presented to the Region as part of its ongoing partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada. He thanked Ms. Izzard for this donation of a very significant natural area.

Ms. Izzard responded that she was very confident in the management of this piece of property by York Region and in the ownership of the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Regional Chair Fisch was joined by King Township Mayor Black and by Mr. Robin Fraser in presenting a plaque to Ms. Izzard in appreciation for her donation that will benefit this and future generations.

**258 2001 United Way Campaign**

Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance and Chair of the Region's 2001 United Way Campaign, indicated that there have been many Region events in support of the United Way. In addition, 109 more Regional staff had signed up for pledges this year. The result was that donations had gone up from \$35,000 to \$55,000 this year. Staff Sergeant Rodney Sine, Chair of the 2001 United Way Campaign for York Regional Police indicated that the Police also had participated heavily in the Campaign with events ranging from a barbeque to a fashion show and mini-golf challenge.

Ms. Cartwright then thanked all the staff who led the 2001 York Region Campaign—Bernice Slight, Bessie Mallia, Cathy Walsh, Deb Olive, Elizabeth Wilson, Franca Dominicis, Janece Kristman, Joanne Armstrong, Joanne Ridley, Kelley Mitchell-Tugwell, Lisa Kerek, Lynne Spackman, Mark McKnight, Suzanne Powell, Jill Bunker, Kathryn O'Reilly, Marysia Hopkins, Margaret McCaffrey and Leslie Beatty. She and Staff Sergeant Sine thanked those who led the Police component of the campaign—Deputy Chief Kelly, Deb Baber and Lois Cooper.

**259 Youth Advisory Committee**

*(Clause 9 of Planning and Economic Development Committee Report No. 10)*

Matthew Cloutier, a student at Newmarket High School, made a presentation regarding the proposed 'Youth Advisory Committee' and thanked all of those who have guided him and other youth representatives to this point. He indicated that the purpose of the Youth Advisory Committee would be to provide the Regional Chair with advice on matters affecting youth in the Region. Two members would be chosen by each area municipality in order to give access to a diversity of views.

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

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that the presentation by Matthew Cloutier be received and Clause 9 of Planning and Economic Development Committee Report No. 10 be brought forward for discussion.

Carried.

It was then moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that Council adopt the recommendations in Clause 9 of Planning and Economic Development Committee Report No. 10 relating to the formation of a Regional Youth Advisory Committee.

Carried.

## MINUTES

- 260** It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Mayor Black, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 22nd day of November, 2001, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

**261** Great Lakes 2000 Cleanup Fund

David Anderson, P.C., M.P., Minister of the Environment, November 14, 2001, regarding the funding support from the Great Lakes 2000 Cleanup Fund (Great Lakes Sustainability Fund.)

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that this communication be received and that staff be requested to investigate the possibilities for funding.

Carried.

**262** Sanitary Sewer Servicing in King City

Chris Somerville, Clerk, Township of King, November 27, 2001, forwarding a Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of King at its meeting on November 26, 2001.

It was moved by Mayor Bell, seconded by Regional Councillor Barrow, that this communication be received.

Carried.

**263 Sanitary Sewer Servicing in King City**

Mr. R. J. Martin, resident of King Township, December 3, 2001, requesting deputant status.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that this communication be received

Carried.

It was moved by Mayor Taylor, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that deputant status be granted.

Lost.

**264 Official Plan Amendment No. 12, Town of Newmarket**

*(Clause 1 of Planning and Economic Development Committee Report No. 10)*

Dean T. Rogers, December 5, 2001, attaching a copy of the deputation he made to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on November 28, 2001 and of an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the implementing zoning by-law

John C. Norquay, e-mail, December 5, 2001 requesting deputant status, and letter December 5, 2001

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that the communications be received and deputant status be granted.

Carried.

*(Council was advised by Mr. Rogers that Mr. Norquay was unable to attend to make a deputation. Mr. Rogers offered to answer any questions in lieu of making a deputation. No questions were asked.)*

**265 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

It was moved by Mayor Jackson, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that the following reports be received and that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider them:

Report No. 6 of the Community Services and Housing Committee

Report No. 10 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report No. 10 of the Transit Committee

Report No. 15 of the Transportation and Works Committee

Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legal Services

Report No. 7 of the Chief Administrative Officer

Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Commissioner of Finance

Report No. 2 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Commissioner of Finance

Report No. 8 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works

Report No. 9 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works  
Report No. 10 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works

Carried.

Regional Chair Fisch chaired the Committee of the Whole.

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

Report No.6 of the Community Services and Housing Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 10 of the Planning Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*Recommendation 2 in Clause 4 be amended to indicate that the recommendations in the report (November 15, 2001) from the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services be adopted.*

Report No. 10 of the Transit Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 15 of the Transportation and Works Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legal Services, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 7 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Commissioner of Finance, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Commissioner of Finance, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 8 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, be adopted with the following amendment:

*Recommendation 1 in Clause 1 be amended to provide that the Steering Committee be comprised of the Regional Chair, the Mayors of Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan and the Chair of the Transit Committee, or their designates.*

Report No. 9 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 10 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, be adopted, without amendment;

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

Carried.

## 266 BY-LAWS

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

By-law No. R-1266-2001-105	To provide for restricted loads on certain Regional Roads
By-law No. A-0299-2001-106	To establish fees for the use of the Regional Waste Transfer Station in the Town of Georgina
By-law No. RD-0498-2001-107	To dedicate certain lands for the purposes of public highways
By-law No. TR-0001(j)-2001-108	A by-law to authorize a minor exception to By-law No. TR-1-91-154
By-law No. W-0138-2001-109	To establish charges for the 2002 uniform water service rate
By-law No. W-0139-2001-110	To establish charges for the 2002 uniform wastewater service rate
By-law No. A-0300-2001-111	To govern the proceedings of Council and its Committees.
By-law No. R-0393(as)-2001-112	To amend By-law No. R-393-76-66 respecting turning movements on Regional Roads

Carried.

## MOTIONS

### 267 Public Infrastructure

*(deferred from Council's meeting of November 22, 2001)*

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that:

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

WHEREAS an equal and adequate funding commitment from both the Federal and Provincial Governments is essential for public infrastructure upgrades, replacement and expansion; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$3.0 Billion towards financing public infrastructure over a 10-year period with its recent announcement of financial assistance for public transit and roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS the Federal share of the Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario is estimated at \$681 Million over a 6-year period; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Regional Municipality of York calls on the Federal and Ontario Governments to commit to a higher level of funding for public infrastructure, in particular public transit; 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 BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Regional Municipality of York calls on both the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide clearly defined processes relating to applying for infrastructure funding covered under their respective programs based upon a fair and equitable formula accessible by all municipalities within Ontario; 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 provide 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; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Chair of the Prime Minister's Task Force on Urban Issues; the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Finance; the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Transport; President of the Federal Treasury Board; the Federal Minister of Industry; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the President and CEO of SuperBuild.

Carried.

**268 Transit Funding**

*(Clause 4 of Transit Committee Report No. 10)*

It was moved by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, seconded by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, that:

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of York assumed the responsibility for operating transit on January 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of York continues to be the most rapidly growing area in the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the need to improve transit service substantially to York Region residents and businesses is recognized by Regional Council; and

WHEREAS significant additional funds are required to operate York Regional Transit and to provide for major capital improvements including the introduction of rapid transit and other transit initiatives for regional and inter-regional transit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that York Region Council advise the Minister of Transportation that funds previously levied by the GTSB for the purposes of GO Transit shall be committed to the operating and capital expenditure requirements of the York Regional Transit system, or in contribution to other transit initiatives benefiting this regional municipality.

Carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **269 Police Services Board**

Mayor Black indicated that she was resigning as Chair and member of the York Region Police Services Board effective after the January 23, 2002 Police Services Board meeting. Mayor Black thanked all of the members of the Board and staff who had helped her over the past four years. She cited various accomplishments of the Board over this period. Mayor Black indicated that her decision is based on the need to devote all of her time and efforts to King Township.

Both Regional Chair Fisch and Regional Councillor Barrow, as other members of the York Region Police Services Board, thanked Mayor Black for her leadership and excellent work.

It was moved by Mayor Taylor, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that Council accept Mayor Black's resignation.

Carried.

## **PRIVATE SESSION**

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that Council convene in Private Session, for the purpose of considering a legal matter.

Carried.

Council met in Private Session at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened in Council at 12:34 p.m. Council then reported out on the following matters:

**270 Solid Waste Transfer and Processing Facilities**

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Mayor Jones, that:

1. Regional staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with Miller Waste Systems to advance up to \$100,000 plus GST to complete the final design of the Bales Drive facilities;
2. the requirements of the Purchasing By-Law No. A-0276-2000-041, as it relates to the hiring of consultants, be waived, and that the Commissioner of Transportation and Works be authorized to make the appropriate contractual arrangements to retain Environmental Strategies Limited for the contract administration and commissioning of the facilities on Bales Drive for \$203,943 including GST; and
3. Regional Chair Fisch continue negotiations with the Town of East Gwillimbury and there be a report back to the January 24, 2002 meeting of Regional Council.

Carried.

**271 Settlement**

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Mayor Taylor, that:

1. The Commissioner of Finance be authorized to issue a credit in the amount of \$377,744.71 to the Town of Richmond Hill as final settlement for disputed wastewater billings for the period ending December 31, 1996; and
2. the settlement be funded from the Rate Stabilization/Capital Replacement Reserve-Wastewater.

Carried.

**272 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

It was moved by Mayor Taylor, 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-0674-2001-113                      To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on December 6, 2001.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 24th day of January, 2002.

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Regional Chair