

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

January 18, 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:	Black, Cousens, Emmerson, Jones, Taylor and Young.
Regional Councillor:	Barrow, Di Biase, Frustaglio, Hogg, Humeniuk, Landon, O'Donnell, Scarpitti, Wheeler and Wong.
Staff:	Carlyle, Cartwright, Davidson, Jaczek, Schipper, Simmons, Tuckey and Wells.

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

**11     Retail Business Holidays Act  
Pacific Mall, 4300 Steeles Avenue East**

Notice having been given, Council held a public meeting under the *Retail Business Holidays Act* to consider an application by the Pacific Mall, 4300 Steeles Avenue East, for an exemption allowing it to remain open on statutory holidays.

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

1. Resolution from the Town of Markham dated September 26, 2000, endorsing the application for an exemption;
2. Letter dated January 3, 2001 from Alfred Szeto, Architect, requesting permission to make a deputation in support of the application;
3. Colour brochure depicting the Pacific Mall filed by Alfred Szeto, Architect; and
4. Report No. 1 from the Regional Commissioner of Corporate and Legal Services.

Mr. Alfred Szeto, Architect, made a brief deputation to Council.

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, that the correspondence, deputation and Report be received, that Council grant the Pacific Mall's application for an exemption under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, and that the Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law to grant the exemption.

Carried.

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## MINUTES

- 12 It was moved by Mayor Taylor, seconded by Mayor Black, that the Minutes of the Council meetings held on November 23, 2000 and December 14, 2000, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.
- Carried.

## PRESENTATIONS

13 **Ministry of the Attorney General**

Ms. Brenda Kritzer, Manager of Court Operations, Ministry of the Attorney General, January 9, 2001, thanked the Region, on behalf of Attorney General James Flaherty and the Ministry of the Attorney General, for the Region's agreeing to the use of the Council Chambers and offices for civil court purposes. The Ministry needed these facilities between July 4, 2000 and December 14, 2000 due to an emergency at the Court House at 50 Eagle Street.

Ms. Kritzer presented a plaque to Regional Chair Fisch as a token of the Province's appreciation.

14 **York Region Transit**

Mr. Don Gordon, General Manager, Transit, presented an update on York Region Transit. He outlined the various accomplishments in the transit area since the amalgamation of transit services -- including the transfer of staff, buses and transit contracts. He also outlined the various agreements pending with the area municipalities and various goals and objectives for transit in York Region in 2001.

A copy of Mr. Gordon's presentation is on file with the Regional Clerk.

15 **Social Housing Transfer**

Mr. Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer, presented an update on the Social Housing Transfer. He outlined the various actions taken since the transfer of Social Housing to the Region on December 16, 2000. These included holding the first meeting of the York Regional Housing Corporation, assuming the assets and liabilities of the York Region Housing Authority, acquisition of start-up funding from the Province, and putting various organizational and management structure changes into effect.

Mr. Wells thanked Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community Services and Housing, and Sylvia Patterson, Director of Housing and Residential Services, for their efforts in bringing such large changes into effect. Ms. Patterson introduced the Managers in the Housing and Residential Services Division.

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

It was moved by Mayor Young, seconded by Regional Councillor Hogg, that the presentations be received.

Carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

### **16 Gratitude - Use of the Council Chambers and Office Space**

The Honourable Mr. Justice J. Bryan Shaughnessy, Regional Senior Justice, Superior Court of Justice, December 21, 2000, forwarding a letter of gratitude for the use of the Council Chambers and office provided to the Superior Court.

It was moved by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that this communication be received and that the Regional Chair forward a letter to the Attorney General requesting the Province's assistance in providing additional Justices of the Peace for the Region's court facilities

Carried.

### **17 Gratitude - Use of the Council Chambers and Office Space**

The Honourable Patrick J. LeSage, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice, January 2, 2001, thanking the Regional Council for its kindness, courtesy and assistance during the period the Superior Court's courtrooms were closed.

It was moved by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that this communication be received and that the Regional Chair forward a letter to the Attorney General requesting the Province's assistance in providing additional Justices of the Peace for the Region's court facilities.

Carried.

### **18 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, January 3, 2001, forwarding congratulations to Council on its new mandate and outlining a number of priorities to be addressed together by the Province and municipalities.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Barrow, that the Minister's letter be received and that the Regional Chair send a letter at an appropriate time requesting a meeting with the Minister.

Carried.

### **19 King City Sanitary Sewer System**

Ms. Chris Somerville, Clerk, Township of King, December 22, 2000, forwarding motions passed by the Council of the Township of King regarding the King City Sanitary Sewer System.

It was moved by Mayor Black, seconded by Mayor Jones, that this communication be received and referred to the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and to the Medical Officer of Health for a report to Council.

Carried.

**20 Highway 427 Extension Committee**

Mr. J. D. Leach, City Clerk, City of Vaughan, December 22, 2000, forwarding Item 26 Report No. 82 of the Committee of the Whole, regarding the Highway 427 Extension Committee and requesting Regional Council to make a political and senior staff appointment to the Committee.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that this communication be received, that Regional Chair Fisch be appointed to the Committee and that he bring whatever staff are necessary to the Committee meetings.

Carried.

**21 1. Indexing - Residential Development Charges**

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3. Mr. Fraser Nelson, Metrus Development Inc., on behalf of the Urban Development Institute York Chapter, January 16, 2001, regarding the proposed indexing of residential development charges and requesting deputant status.

It was moved by Mayor Taylor, seconded by Regional Councillor Hogg, that this communication be received and deputant status be granted.

4. Carried.

**22 5. OPA - Township of King**

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7. Mr. Jeff Laidlaw, January 15, 2001, regarding the approval of OPA 60, Hamlet of Laskay, Township of King.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that this communication be received.

8. Carried.

**23 Appointment - The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**

Ms. Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham, December 14, 2000, requesting that Councillor Erin Shapero be appointed as the York Region representative on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that this communication be received and referred to the discussions about the appointments to Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

9. Carried.

**24 Appointment - Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority**

Mr. R. Panizza, Town of Aurora, January 17, 2001, forwarding an extract from the Council meeting of the Town of Aurora held on January 16, 2001, requesting that Councillor John West be appointed as the delegated representative of the Town of Aurora to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, that this communication be received and referred to the discussions about the appointments to Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

10. Carried.

**DEPUTATIONS**

Council received the following deputations :

**25 Development Charges**

Mr. Fraser Nelson, Metrus Development Inc., made a deputation on behalf of the York Chapter of the Urban Development Institute regarding the proposed indexing of residential development charges referred to in Clause 2 of Report No. 1 of the Finance and Administration Committee.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Hogg, seconded by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, that this deputation be received and considered in conjunction with Clause 2 of Report No. 1 of the Finance of the Finance and Administration Committee.

Carried.

**26 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Regional Councillor Barrow presented the following reports for the consideration of Council:

- Report No. 1 of the Finance and Administration Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Transportation and Works Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer
- Report No. 2 of the Chief Administrative Officer
- Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legal Services
- Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services
- Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works

It was moved by Regional Councillor Barrow, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, 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. 1 of the Finance and Administration Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*Clause 2 be referred back to the Committee's next meeting to review the indexing methodology and an invitation be extended to the Urban Development Institute to attend at that time.*

Report No. 1 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

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

Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Corporate & Legal Services, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, be adopted, without amendment;

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

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

Carried.

## **BY-LAWS**

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

By-law No. RD-0493-2001-002 To dedicate certain lands for the purposes of public highways

By-law No. LI-0008(f)-2001-003 To amend By-law No. LI-8-95-76 to permit retail business establishments to be open on holidays

- By-law No. R-0629(av)-2001-004 To amend By-law No. R-629-79-109 to authorize the erection of stop signs
- By-law No. R-549(fk)-2001-005 To amend By-law No. R-549-77-112 to prescribe maximum rates of speed on certain Regional Roads
- By-law No. B-0037-2001-006 To authorize the temporary borrowing of monies to meet the current expenditures of The Regional Municipality of York for the year 2001
- By-law No. L-0122-2001-007 To levy against the area municipalities on an interim basis the sums of monies required during the year 2001 for the purposes of The Regional Municipality of York
- By-law No. R-1238-2001-008 To acquire certain lands for or in connection with the construction of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34) from Stouffville Road (Y.R. 14) to Bloomington Road (Y.R. 40) and the reconstruction of Stouffville Road (Y.R. 14) from approximately 350 metres west of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34) to 350 metres east of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34), Town of Richmond Hill
- By-law No. R-1239-2001-009 To acquire certain lands for or in connection with the widening and reconstruction of Wellington Street East (Y.R. 15) from Yonge Street to Leslie St. (Y.R. 12), Town of Aurora

Carried.

## **28 PRIVATE SESSION**

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that Council resolve to meet in private session to consider a personal matter and a litigation matter.

Carried.

Council met in private session at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened in public at 11:58 a.m.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that Council rise from private session.

Carried.

**29 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that the following appointments be made by Regional Council to External Agencies, Boards and Commissions for the term of Council:

**Canadian National Exhibition Association**

Mayor James Young

**Duffins and Carruthers Creek Watersheds Task Force**

Regional Councillor Tony Wong  
Barb Jeffrey, Planning and Development Services (as Alternate)

**Humber Watershed Alliance**

Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase

**Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority**

Mayor Margaret Black to be replaced by Harry Vander Kooij, Councillor, Township of King

Mayor Wayne Emmerson to be replaced by Steve Pliakes, Councillor, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Mayor Jeff Holec to be replaced by Margaret Jordan, Councillor, Town of Georgina

Mayor Tim Jones to be replaced by John West, Councillor, Town of Aurora

Mayor Tom Taylor to be replaced by George Richardson, Resident, Town of Newmarket

Mayor Jeff Holec (Regional Appointment)

**Rouge Park Alliance Executive Committee**

Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti  
(Chair of Planning and Economic Development Committee)

Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase  
(Vice-Chair of Planning and Economic Development Committee & Alternate)

**Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board**

James Mortson

**Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**

Mayor Margaret Black to be replaced by Linda Pabst, Councillor, Township of King

**York Region Agricultural Advisory Liaison**

Mayor Margaret Black  
Mayor Wayne Emmerson  
Mayor James Young

**Children and Family Services for York Region**

Regional Councillor Brenda Hogg  
Regional Councillor Tony Wong  
Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community Services and Housing

**Markham Stouffville Hospital**

Regional Councillor Gordon Landon

**Simcoe York District Health Council**

Regional Councillor Tony Wong  
Dr. K. Helena Jaczek, Commissioner of Health Services

**Southlake Regional Health Centre**

Mayor Jeff Holec  
Mayor Tom Taylor  
Mayor Tim Jones (ex-officio)  
Mayor James Young (ex-officio)

**York Central Hospital**

Regional Councillor David Barrow  
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio

**Spadina York Subway Extension Committee**

Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase  
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio

**Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance**

Mayor Tim Jones

**Greater Toronto Services Board**

Regional Councillor Gordon Landon (alternate)

**Yonge Subway Task Force**

Mayor William Bell  
Mayor Don Cousens  
Mayor Lorna Jackson  
Regional Councillor David Barrow  
Regional Councillor Gordon Landon  
Regional Councillor Bill O'Donnell  
Councillor Susan Kadis, City of Vaughan  
Regional Chair Bill Fisch (ex-officio)

AND THAT the following appointments also be made by Regional council for the term expiring December 31, 2002

**Human Services Planning Coalition Management Board**

Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio  
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti  
Regional Chair Bill Fisch (ex officio)

AND THAT the following appointment also be made by Regional Council for the term expiring June 30, 2001:

**York Regional Police Services Board**

Victor Charles Wilson (Region's Citizen Appointment)

AND THAT the Regional Chair be authorized to make any additional appointments that are appropriate to External Agencies, Boards or Commissions and report to Council on those appointments.

It was moved in amendment by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, that Erin Shapero be appointed to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority as a replacement for Regional Councillor Bill O'Donnell.

The amendment was declared by the Chair to be lost.

The main motion then carried unanimously.

**Committees**

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that the following appointments be made by Regional Council to its Committees for the term of Council:

**Audit Committee**

Mayor Margaret Black  
Mayor Tim Jones  
Mayor Tom Taylor  
Regional Councillor Bill O'Donnell  
Regional Chair Bill Fisch (ex officio)

**9-1-1 Operating Committee**

Mayor Tim Jones  
Mayor Tom Taylor  
Mayor James Young  
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio  
Regional Councillor Gordon Landon  
Regional Chair Bill Fisch (ex officio)  
Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer  
Bruce Herridge, York Regional Police  
Brian Hook, Emergency Measures  
Brad Meekin, Acting General Manager, Emergency Medical Services  
John Molyneaux, Regional Fire Co-ordinator

Carried.

**30 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

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

By-law No. M-0656-2001-010      To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 18, 2001.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Regional Clerk

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

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Regional Chair