

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

March 8, 2001

The Regional Council met at 9:40a.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, Cousens, Emmerson, Holec, Jones and Young.

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

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

58 TRIBUTE - THE HONOURABLE AL PALLADINI, M.P.P.

Chair Fisch and Members of Council spoke to the sudden death yesterday of The Honourable Al Palladini, M.P.P. for Vaughan-King-Aurora. Mr. Palladini had many accomplishments, both in the private sector and in the public sector as an M.P.P. and Minister. His generosity, charitable works and willingness to help will be sorely missed in the community. Condolences were offered to his family and friends. The flags at the Administrative Centre were lowered to half-mast. A Moment of Silence was observed by Regional Council in honour of Mr. Palladini.

59 MINUTES

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21st day of February, 2001, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

60 PRESENTATION

Chair Fisch, Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer, and Kees Schipper, Commissioner of Transportation and Works and Chair of the Region of York's United Way Campaign, presented a cheque to Mr. Bob Ivers of the United Way in the amount of \$35,811.87.

Mr. Wells indicated that the Region's United Way Committee did an excellent job in raising almost \$8,000 more than last year. This was a case of York Region staff helping

others through their generosity and commitment. Chair Fisch congratulated all of the staff and Committee Members for their contribution of time, money and effort on behalf of the United Way. All of the Committee Members were presented with United Way Certificates of Appreciation for their good work.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

61 Humber Watershed Alliance

J. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto Region Conservation Authority, February 12, 2001, acknowledging the appointment of Regional Councillor Di Biase to the Humber Watershed Alliance and requesting the appointment of staff liaisons from the appropriate Departments.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that this communication be received and referred to staff for a reply relating to the appointment of staff liaisons.

Carried.

62 Red Cross Month

Devon Jones, Branch President, Canadian Red Cross, regarding recognition of March, 2001 as Red Cross Month and raising the Red Cross flag.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Mayor Black, that this communication be received, that Council recognise March as Red Cross Month and that Council approve the request to fly the Red Cross flag.

Carried.

63 Centralized Fire Services Communication Centre

A. Moore, Deputy City Clerk, City of Vaughan, February 27, 2001, forwarding a resolution adopted by the City of Vaughan Council at its meeting on February 12, 2001 regarding the Centralized Fire Services Communications Centre.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that: 1. this communication be received and referred to staff for a response and, 2. if a Fire Services Committee is re-formed, the correspondence be forwarded to the Committee for consideration and the Chief Administrative Officer and Fire Chief of the City of Vaughan be invited to discuss this matter with the Committee.

Carried.

64 Deadline – Delegation of Tax Ratio Setting

The Honourable James M. Flaherty, Minister of Finance, February 20, 2001, regarding the delegation of tax ratio setting authority under the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act, 2001 (Bill 140) and indicating that the deadline for Council's decision on delegation will be April 30, 2001.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that this communication be received and forwarded to the Finance and Administration Committee for review.

Carried.

**65 Vaughan--Official Plan Amendment No. 601
Kleinburg-Nashville Community Plan**

Mr. Frank A. Greco, March 7, 2001, requesting a deferral of Council's consideration of Official Plan Amendment No. 601.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, that this letter be referred to the Planning Committee for a report from staff.

Carried.

66 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Holec presented the following reports for the consideration of Council:

Report No. 2 of the Community Services and Housing Committee
Report No. 2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee
Report No. 2 of the Transit Committee
Report No. 3 of the Transportation and Works Committee
Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Finance
Report No. 1 of the 9-1-1 Operating Committee

It was moved by Mayor Holec, seconded by Mayor Jones, 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. 2 of the Community Services and Housing Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Planning and Development Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

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

Report No. 3 of the Transportation and Works Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

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

Report No. 1 of the 9-1-1 Operating Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

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

Carried.

67 MOTION

Fire Services in York Region

In considering this matter, Council had before it a proposed motion, moved by Mayor Emmerson and seconded by Mayor Jones, concerning the amalgamation of Fire Services in the Region.

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

WHEREAS in a series of reports dating back to March 1995, Regional Council and the area municipal Councils have supported improving Fire Services in York Region; and

WHEREAS a conclusion of the ARA study, as supported by the Regional Fire Services Advisory Committee, recommended a Joint Fire Service Board to implement an urban/rural Fire Service for York Region and immediate implementation of a Central Communication Dispatch System; and

WHEREAS an amalgamated Fire Service, in conjunction with Regional Police Services, Regional Ambulance Services and Regional 911 Dispatch Service would provide the citizens of York Region with a well co-ordinated Emergency Response System;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regional Council request staff to re-examine the advantages and disadvantages of amalgamating Fire Services in York Region, either as an urban/rural service or as a one-department service for all of York Region, combining the use of professional fire staff and volunteer services; and

THAT staff report back to Regional Council within 90 days; and

THAT the staff report be circulated to the area municipalities in order that the area municipalities can receive the information as soon as possible; and

THAT the Regional Chair set up a new Fire Services Review Committee as soon as possible and the staff report be forwarded to this Committee.

Carried.

68 BY-LAWS

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

By-law No. R-1240-2001-015 Parking on Keele Street (Y.R. 6), in the City of Vaughan

By-law No. R-1241-2001-016 To provide for restricted loads on certain Regional Roads

By-law No. R-1242-2001-017 Speed limits on Regional Roads

By-law No. R-1243-2001-018 To authorize the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to temporarily close a portion of Highway 9 (Y.R. 31) in the Town of Newmarket and Township of King

By-law No. A-0287-2001-019 To appoint by-law enforcement officers for the purposes of the Regional Tree By-law

By-law No. R-1244-2001-020 To stop up and close a portion of Green Lane East (Y.R. 19), in the Town of East Gwillimbury

By-law No. R-1245-2001-021 To authorize the widening and reconstruction of Dufferin Street (Y.R. 53) from Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73) to Major Mackenzie Drive West (Y.R. 25), in the City of Vaughan

By-law No. R-1246-2001-022 To authorize the widening and reconstruction of Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) from Highway 27 (Y.R. 27) to Kipling Avenue, in the City of Vaughan

Carried.

69 PRIVATE SESSION

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

Carried.

Council met in Private Session at 10:59 a.m. in Committee Room B.

It was moved by Mayor Bell, seconded by Mayor Cousens, that Council rise and reconvene in public session.

Carried.

Council reconvened in public session at 10:59 a.m. in Committee Room B.

Mayor Black declared an interest in any matter that may apply to the Oak Ridges Moraine, due to the fact that her spouse is an environmental engineer employed on projects on the Moraine. She did not take part in the consideration or discussion of or vote on any such matter and was not present during the Private Session.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that Council reconvene in private session for the purposes of discussing a legal matter.

Carried.

Council met in private session in Committee Room B at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened in public at 12:07 p.m. in Committee Room B.

It was moved by Mayor Holec, seconded by Mayor Bell, that Council rise and reconvene in public session.

Carried.

70 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

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

By-law No. M-0659-2001-023

To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 8, 2001.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 29th day of March, 2001.

Regional Chair