

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

May 10, 2001

The Regional Council met at 9:41 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, Cousens, Emmerson, Holec, Jones, Taylor and Young.

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

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

DECLARATIONS

123 Mayor Black declared an interest in Clause No. 1 of Report No. 4 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and the Presentation referred to in Minute No. 126. She made her declaration due to the fact that her spouse is an environmental engineer on projects on the Oak Ridges Moraine and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, these items.

124 Regional Councillor Frustaglio declared an interest in Clause 8 of Report No. 5 of the Transportation and Works Committee and the Communications and Deputations referred to in Minutes Nos. 131 and 132. She made her declaration due to the fact that her property abuts Langstaff Road and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, these items.

MINUTES

125 It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26th day of April, 2001, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

126 Canadian Cancer Society's 'Relay for Life'

Katie Atkinson, Relay for Life Coordinator, York Region Canadian Cancer Society, made a presentation regarding the Society's Relay for Life.

Ms. Atkinson presented a video and information on this fundraising initiative. She requested the Region's support for the initiative to raise funds, celebrate cancer survivorship and remember those who have lost their fight with cancer. The fundraiser takes place on June 15, 2001 and June 16, 2001 at the Markham Fairgrounds and she invited the Region to send along a team.

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

WHEREAS the Canadian Cancer Society is a national, community-based organization of volunteers, whose mission is the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life of people living with cancer, and

WHEREAS the Major Mackenzie Unit, the Holland River Unit, and the Markham Whitchurch-Stouffville Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society need funds to support the ongoing programs of Risk Reduction, Community Services and Research for the treatment and ultimately the cure of cancer;

WHEREAS the Canadian Cancer Society provides much needed patient services to the residents of York Region;

WHEREAS York Region has been chosen to host a "Relay for Life" to take place on June 15, 2001 and June 16, 2001;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of York recognizes the day of June 15, 2001 to be "Relay for Life Day" and urges all citizens of York Region to support this event to "help make cancer history"!

Carried.

127 Children's Water Festival

Mr. Douglas Wells, Chair of the 3rd Annual York Region Children's Water Festival, made a presentation regarding the event, which is to be held on May 22, 2001 to May 25, 2001, at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

He explained that the Children's Water Festival consists of interactive workshops on water conservation for over three thousand Grade 2-5 students from across York Region. These workshops are a very effective educational tool for conveying the importance of water as an important natural resource. Regional Councillor Scarpitti is the Honorary Chair of the Children's Water Festival.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that the presentation be received.

Carried.

128 Draft Oak Ridges Moraine Proposals for the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape

John Waller, Director, Long Range Planning, Planning and Development Services Department, made a presentation regarding the Draft Oak Ridges Moraine Proposals for the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape.

His presentation indicated the need for a clear future direction for the protection of, and management of growth on, the Oak Ridges Moraine. The draft Proposals have been prepared by staff from York Region, Peel Region and Durham Region. This has been with the assistance of nine Conservation Authorities, 5 Counties and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The four major components of the Proposals are hydrogeology, a natural heritage data system, policy and land securement. A symposium with key stakeholders will be held on Saturday June 23, 2001, followed by three public meetings in York Region and focus groups with key stakeholders.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Hogg, seconded by Mayor Jones, that the presentation be received.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

129 National Kids Day

Ramona Kaptyn, Executive Director, National Kids Day, February 26, 2001, requesting recognition of June 9, 2001 as National Kids Day.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Regional Councillor Wong, that this communication be received and Council recognize June 9, 2001 as National Kids Day.

Carried.

130 PRIDE Week 2001

Ian McCallum, President and Cheryle Cooke Harrington, Director, Gay and Lesbian Association of York Region, February 10, 2001, requesting recognition of June 10, 2001 through June 16, 2001 as PRIDE Week 2001.

It was moved by Mayor Holec, seconded by Mayor Jones, that this communication be received and Council recognize June 10, 2001 through June 16, 2001 as PRIDE Week 2001.

Carried.

131 Widening of Langstaff Road

Mrs. Franca Stirpe, May 9, 2001, submitting a proposed amendment and requesting deputant status.

L. C. Angelantoni, Vice-President, Wycliffe Ratepayers Association, May 9, 2001, requesting deputant status.

Ms. Nadia Magarelli, Weston Downs Ratepayers Association, May 9, 2001, requesting deputant status.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that these communications be received and deputation status be granted.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

132 Widening of Langstaff Road

Council heard the following deputations regarding the proposed widening and reconstruction of Langstaff Road, as set out in Clause 8 of Transportation and Works Committee Report No. 5:

- 1) Mrs. Franca Stirpe, resident;
- 2) Mr. L. C. Angelantoni, Vice-President, Wycliffe Ratepayers Association; and
- 3) Ms. Nadia Magarelli, Weston Downs Ratepayers Association.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Mayor Bell, that the deputations be received.

Carried.

133 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Report No. 3 of the Community Services and Housing Committee
- Report No. 4 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee
- Report No. 5 of the Transit Committee
- Report No. 5 of the Transportation and Works Committee

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, 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. 3 of the Community Services and Housing Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 4 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 5 of the Transit Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 5 of the Transportation and Works Committee, be adopted, without amendment.

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

Carried.

134 BY-LAWS

It was moved by Mayor Bell, seconded by Mayor Cousens, 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-0393(aq)-2001-039 | To amend By-law No. R-393-76-66 respecting turning movements on Regional Roads |
| By-law No. R-0549(fn)-2001-040 | To amend By-law No. R-549-77-112 to prescribe maximum rates of speed on certain Regional Roads |
| By-law No. R-1248-2001-041 | To authorize the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to temporarily close a portion of Park Road (Y.R. 18) in the Town of Georgina |
| By-law No. R-1249-2001-042 | A By-law to authorize the closing of a portion of Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38), Town of East Gwillimbury and Township of King |
| By-law No. R-1250-2001-043 | To authorize the reconstruction of intersections on Lloydtown/Aurora Road (Y.R. 16), in the Township of King |

By-law No. A-0290-2001-044	A by-law to approve the Joint Local Transfer Plan for Social Housing for The Regional Municipality of York
By-law No. R-1251-2001-045	To acquire certain lands and interest in lands for or in connection with the widening and reconstruction of Major Mackenzie Drive West (Y.R. 25) from Highway 400 to Weston Road (Y.R. 56), City of Vaughan
By-law No. R-1252-2001-046	To acquire certain lands for or in connection with the widening and reconstruction of Ninth Line (Y.R. 69) from the proposed Highway 407 to Main Street, Stouffville, in the towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

135 PRIVATE SESSION

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

Carried.

Council met in Private Session in the Councillors' Lounge, with Chair Fisch presiding, at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened in Public Session at 11.03 a.m.

It was moved by Mayor Taylor, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that Council rise and report from Private Session on the following matter.

Carried.

136 Public Meeting—Local Sewage Collection System for King City

In considering this matter, Council had before it Report No. 6 of the Transportation and Works Committee Meeting held on May 2, 2001.

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

1. The Regional Transportation and Works Committee hold a public meeting in the Regional Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on June 14, 2001, to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the assumption of the proposed local sewage collection system in King City as a Regional trunk sewer.
2. Regional staff be directed to advertise the date, time, location and purpose of the public meeting in the Tribune, the King Township Weekly and the King Township Sentinel, newspapers with general circulation in the Township of King.
3. In the event Regional Council approves the enactment of the by-law to assume the proposed local sewage collection system in King City as a Regional trunk sewer (*Attachment 1*):

- (a) The Regional Chair request the assistance of the Minister of Environment, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in ensuring the residents of King City are protected from potential health hazards identified in King City;
- (b) Regional staff be directed to issue a Revised Notice of Completion advising the public that the Region will proceed with the design and construction of the local sewage collection system in King City;
- (c) R. V. Anderson be instructed to complete the detailed design of the local sewage collection system pursuant to the contract between the Township and R.V. Anderson at an estimated cost of \$705,000, excluding goods and services tax, to be funded on an interim basis from the Region's sewer rate supported reserve;
- (d) The provisions of the Purchasing By-Law be waived and the contract with R. V. Anderson be amended to include additional geotechnical investigations and surveys for the local sewage collection system at an estimated cost of \$160,000, excluding goods and services tax, to be funded on an interim basis from the Region's sewer rate supported reserve;
- (e) The Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare a by-law at the time of authorizing construction of the extension of the YDSS and the local sewage collection system:
 - (i) providing the Township of King shall be chargeable with and shall pay to the Region the whole of the capital cost of constructing the extension of the YDSS to King City and the local sewage collection system; and
 - (ii) providing for imposing on and collecting from the Township of King a sewage service rate sufficient to pay the annual cost of maintenance and operation of the YDSS extension to King City and the local sewage collection system.
- (f) Regional staff be authorized to include in negotiations with the developers in King City the prepaid development charge financing of the growth-related cost to construct the local sewage collection system.

Carried.

MOTIONS

137 Regional Character Community Initiative

In considering this matter, Council had before it a draft resolution from the International Association of Character Cities. This draft Resolution contained a pledge by which the Region could become a Region of Character by promoting character in its schools, businesses, homes, churches, government, media and community groups, and urging leaders of each of these jurisdictions to do likewise.

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Mayor Jones:

WHEREAS the "Quest for Character" event held in York Region in April 2001 was an outstanding success, attracting GTA-wide and national attention, and

WHEREAS the Region of York and its member municipalities are committed to build upon our heritage and make our community a place where families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbours care about one another, and citizens are free to make wise choices for their lives and families,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council commit to developing a "Character Community" program by establishing a Steering Committee of elected officials and the public at large to bring forward to Regional Council a proposal for implementation of a Character Community Initiative in York Region; and

AND THAT the Steering Committee be chaired by Mayor Cousens, with Mayor Jones and Regional Councillor Wong as co-chairs and Regional Chair Fisch as an ex-officio member.

AND THAT these four people begin the process and report back on who should be on the Steering Committee and how the Steering Committee will conduct its business.

Carried.

138 Rescheduling of Regional Council Meeting

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Mayor Taylor, that the Regional Council meeting scheduled for June 28, 2001 commence at 1:00 p.m. and not at the usual starting time of 9:30 a.m.

Carried.

139 Fire Services Committee and Solid Waste Management Committee

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that a Committee of Council to be known as the Fire Services Committee be established, and that its membership be as follows:

Regional Councillor Barrow
Mayor Black
Mayor Emmerson
Regional Councillor Frustaglio
Mayor Jones
Regional Councillor Scarpitti
Mayor Taylor
Mayor Young
Chair Fisch (ex officio)

And

a Committee of Council to be known as the Solid Waste Management Committee be established, and that its membership be as follows:

Mayor Bell
Regional Councillor Di Biase
Mayor Emmerson
Regional Councillor Hogg
Regional Councillor Humeniuk
Regional Councillor Landon
Regional Councillor Wheeler
Chair Fisch (ex officio)

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

140 Vision 2026

Regional Chair Fisch indicated that a brochure relating to the Vision 2026 exercise has been mailed to homes in York Region. He encouraged Members of Council to involve the citizens in this very important exercise.

141 Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Regional Councillor Wheeler referred to a communication from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (May 7, 2001), requesting municipalities to make use of tax mitigation tools to reduce the impact of anticipated farm property tax increases arising from recent property assessments.

This matter was referred to the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer for a report to the Finance and Administration Committee.

142 Funding—Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Mayor Emmerson raised the matter of the Region's ongoing funding of the Lake Simcoe Environment Strategy in light of the level of funding being provided by Simcoe County and the City of Barrie.

The Chief Administrative Officer of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has been invited to the Finance and Administration Committee (June 14, 2001) to address this issue.

143 Highway 9

Regional Councillor Wheeler raised the matter of communications which have recently been forwarded to the Region about construction and accidents on Highway 9.

This matter has been referred to the Transportation and Works Committee.

144 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wong, seconded by Mayor Taylor, that the following by-law be enacted to confirm the proceedings of Council:

By-law No. M-0663-2001-047

To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on May 10, 2001.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 24th day of May, 2001.

Regional Chair