

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

February 8, 2001

The Regional Council met at 9:58 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, Hogg, Humeniuk, Landon, O'Donnell, Scarpitti and Wheeler.

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

31 TRIBUTE

Alma Walker

Council paid tribute to the late Alma Walker who recently died after a long illness. She had been involved throughout the Markham community and York Region for many years.

Mayor Cousens indicated that Alma Walker's career in politics began in 1953. She served on Markham Council, and then became Reeve of Markham Township. As Reeve, she sat on York County Council. She was the first female head of the Markham Fair Board, the first female Chair of the Markham Hydro Commission, the first woman to receive the prestigious "ACRA" award in Markham, the first "Woman of Distinction" in Markham, and always the Parade Marshal for the Town of Markham's Christmas Parade. Mayor Cousens paid tribute to her on behalf of all of the people of Markham and York Region.

At Chair Fisch's request, all in the Council Chamber joined in a moment of silence in tribute to the late Alma Walker.

MINUTES

- 32** It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 18th day of January, 2001, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

DEPUTATION

33 **Big Brothers of York**

In considering this matter, Council had before it a communication (February 1, 2001), from Mr. Rob Grossi, Executive Director, Big Brothers of York, requesting deputant status for the purpose of speaking to Council about Big Brothers of York's upcoming Bowl for Kids Sake Event.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that this communication be received and deputant status be granted.

Carried.

34 Mr. Rob Grossi then addressed Council and spoke of the work done by Big Brothers of York in supporting over 260 boys and girls. He encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Bowl for Kids Sake event, running from February 17, 2001 to March 4, 2001.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Mayor Cousens, that Council receive the deputation.

Carried.

PRESENTATIONS

35 **2001 Business Plan and Budget**

Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer and Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance, made a presentation regarding the 2001 Budget and Business Plan. They highlighted the Region's successes in 2000, various challenges relating to managing the Region's growth and major new initiatives and financial pressures for 2001. They also put forward a proposed Schedule for review of the 2001 Business Plan and Budget. A copy of the presentation is on file with the Regional Clerk.

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that the presentation be received and that the Schedule for consideration of the 2001 Business Plan and Budget be adopted.

Carried.

36 **King City Sanitary Sewage Servicing**

Dr. Helena Jaczek, Commissioner of Health Services and Medical Officer of Health, Kees Schipper, Commissioner of Transportation and Works, and Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance made a presentation regarding the King City Sanitary Sewage Issue. They outlined the health concerns in the area, the chronology of events relating to the Environmental Assessment for the extension of the York Durham Sewer System (YDSS)-- including the issuance of a Revised Notice of Completion by Regional staff in November, 2000. They also outlined the projected costs for the YDSS and a stand alone plant. A copy of the presentation is on file with the Regional Clerk.

During her part of the presentation, Dr. Jaczek noted that the words “may be” in the last point under 3.1 “Health Concerns” on page 2 of the Report should be changed to “are”. With this change, the paragraph now reads: “High levels of faecal contamination in the tributaries of the East Humber River are due to systemic failures of private sewage disposal systems in King City. Health concerns still remain.”

It was moved by Mayor Black, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that this presentation be received and considered in conjunction with the deputations on this matter and Report No. 1 of the Regional Commissioner of Transportation and Works and Commissioner of Health Services.

Carried.

(Please refer to Minutes Nos. 39, 40 and 41)

COMMUNICATIONS

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

37 Appointment-9-1-1 Operating Committee

Robert Middaugh, Chief of Police, York Regional Police, January 26, 2001, regarding the appointment of a York Regional Police representative to the 9-1-1 Operating Committee.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Mayor Cousens, that Superintendent John Girvan be appointed to the 9-1-1 Operating Committee, in place of Superintendent Bruce Herridge.

Carried.

38 Appointment-Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Stephen McDonald, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk, Town of East Gwillimbury, January 24, 2001, regarding the appointment of a representative from East Gwillimbury to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

It was moved by Mayor Young, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that Councillor Virginia Hackson be appointed to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, in place of Mayor Young.

Carried.

39 King City Sanitary Sewage Servicing

Council considered a number of communications relating to the King City Sanitary Sewage Servicing Study as follows:

Chris Somerville, Clerk, Township of King, February 6, 2001, forwarding a motion adopted by the Council of the Township of King on February 5, 2001;

Kathleen and G. Cameron Bell, February 3, 2001;

E. R. Eigelshoven, February 6, 2001;

Thomas Lederer, Davis & Company, February 7, 2001;

R.J. Martin, February 6, 2001, requesting deputant status;

Craig Rose, February 7, 2001, requesting deputant status;

Liina Peacock, February 7, 2001, requesting deputant status; and

Ron Coles, February 6, 2001, requesting deputant status.

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Mayor Taylor, that these communications be received and deputant status be granted for those requesting it.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

40 **King City Sanitary Sewage Servicing**

Council heard depositions from the following regarding the King City Sanitary Servicing Study:

Mr R. J. Martin;

Mr. Craig Rose, on behalf of various business owners in King City;

Ms. Liina Peacock; and

Mr. Ron Coles.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that Council receive the depositions and consider them in conjunction with Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Commissioner of Health Services.

Carried.

REPORTS

41 **King City Sanitary Sewage Servicing**

Council then proceeded to consider Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and Commissioner of Health Services, which recommended as follows:

1. Pursuant to the request and the actions taken in the Township of King resolution dated December 12, 2000, the Region defer further detailed design work relating to the connection of King City to the York Durham Sewer System; and
2. Staff report back to Council when the Township of King has completed its review of options to servicing King City.

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

WHEREAS Regional Council is cognizant of the respective authority of Council of the Township of King and Council of The Regional Municipality of York;

AND WHEREAS Regional Council recognizes that the new Council of the Township of King has initiated its own investigation of all septic and other sewage systems;

AND WHEREAS Regional Council also acknowledges that effective January 1, 1999, inspection, approval and responsibility for septic systems was transferred to the Township of King;

AND WHEREAS as a result of the most recent report and presentation before Regional Council today by the Regional Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Regional Commissioner of Health Services and Medical Officer of Health and as a result of the health issues that exist in King City:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Regional Council receives Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Commissioner of Health Services dated January 31, 2001 entitled “King City Sanitary Servicing.”
2. Regional Council ratifies the actions of Regional staff in issuing the Revised Notice of Completion for the King City Sanitary Sewage Servicing Study in November 2000 and instructs staff to continue with the Environmental Assessment process.
3. Given the health concerns that exist in King City, Regional Council not delay and instructs staff to proceed with the detailed design work relating to the connection of King City to the York Durham Sewer System.
4. Regional staff report back to Regional Council by June 15, 2001 with respect to the Township of King's review of options to servicing King City.
5. Regional Council requests the Minister of the Environment to intervene in this situation.
6. Regional staff provide a report to Regional Council on avenues to achieve a connection of King City to the York Durham Sewer System without the involvement of Council of the Township of King.
7. All reports and supporting documentation be given to the Regional Chair and that a letter be immediately forwarded by the Regional Chair to the appropriate Ministries and authorities making them aware of the health issues and the status of local and Regional initiatives in this matter. And further asking the appropriate Ministry to review and assess any health issues, advise both Council for the Township of King and the Region of York, and take appropriate action.

Carried.

A subsequent recorded vote on the adoption of the motion moved by Mayor Black, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, was as follows:

FOR: Bell, Black, Cousens, Di Biase, Emmerson, Holec, Humeniuk, Jones, Landon, O'Donnell, Scarpitti, Wheeler, Young (13)

AGAINST: Hogg (1)

Carried.

42 REPORTS

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

Report No. 1 of the Community Services and Housing Committee
Report No. 1 of the Transit Committee
Report No. 2 of the Transportation and Works Committee
Report No. 2 of the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services
Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance.

It was moved by Mayor Taylor, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, 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 Community Services and Housing Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Transit Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

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

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

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

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

Carried.

43 BY-LAWS

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

By-law No. R-1102(ad)-2001-011 To amend by-law No. R-1102-96-100 to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional Roads

By-law No. OP-0022-1001-012 To adopt Amendment No. 30 for the Official Plan for the Region of York

44 PRIVATE SESSION

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Mayor Taylor, that Council convene in Private Session, for the purpose of considering certain legal matters and a personal matter about an identifiable individual.

Carried.

Council met in Private Session at 1:02 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 2:10 p.m. in the Seminar Room.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, that Council rise and report from Private Session.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

45 York Region Abuse Program

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Mayor Cousens, that Regional Councillor Humeniuk be appointed as the Region's representative on the York Region Abuse Program's Board of Directors.

Carried.

46 Revised Council Schedule

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, that Council's meeting scheduled for February 22, 2001 be rescheduled to February 21, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Carried.

47 Greater Toronto Airports Authority

In considering this matter, Council had before it a letter (January 25, 2001) from R. Burkholder, President and CEO of the Markham Board of Trade, indicating that all of the York Region Chambers of Commerce are nominating Mr. Mac Cosburn as York Region's Business Representative on the Greater Toronto Airports Authority to replace Mr. Peter Gilchrist, whose term expires on April 5, 2001.

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that Mr. Mac Cosburn be approved as York Region's Business Representative on the Greater Toronto Airports Authority for the four-year term which ends in May 2005.

Carried.

48 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

It was moved by Mayor Black, 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-0657-2001-013 To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 8, 2001.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on February 21, 2001.

Regional Chair