

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

January 24, 2002

The Regional Council met at 9:37 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, 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, Tuckey, Wagle and Wells.

DECLARATION

1 Langstaff Road Truck Restriction

Regional Councillor Frustaglio declared an Interest in Clause 6 of Report No. 1 of the Transportation and Works Committee, and the Communications referred to in Minutes Nos. 10 and 15. She made her declaration due to the fact that her property abuts Langstaff Road and did not take part in consideration or discussion of, or vote on, these items.

PRESENTATIONS

2 Non-Conventional Transit Needs

Mayor Jones presented a cheque in the amount of \$16,577.77 to Council for the benefit of non-conventional transit needs - especially in the Aurora area. The proceeds were raised at the 2001 Timberlane Charity Classic Tennis Tournament.

Regional Chair Fisch thanked Mayor Jones and the Timberlane Athletic Club for this kind donation to a very worthy cause.

3 2002 Business Plan and Budget

(Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Finance)

Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer and Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance presented an overview and briefing on the 2002 Business Plan and Budget.

Mr. Wells indicated that the Region's 2002 Business Plan and Budget provides for gross expenditures of \$1.2 billion. Of this, about \$463 million is spent on each of the capital and operations budgets. About \$119 million is for police services. \$84.8 million is allocated to GTA pooling costs as directed by the Province.

Mr. Wells then turned to specific items in the 2002 Business Plan and Budget. The Region is reinvesting \$12 million of GO Transit savings to increase transit service to its growing ridership (7.6 million riders in 2001 with a 10% increase projected for 2002). It is spending \$150 million on roads capital projects to improve its transportation network. Likewise, the Region is spending \$260 million on capital projects for water and wastewater for its citizens and businesses. It is also increasing its funding for environmental issues as part of the Oak Ridges Moraine and Land Securement Strategy.

There will be two more ambulances and 22 more paramedics in 2002 to respond to a projected increase of 15% in emergency calls. The Region is providing additional funding for children's services and Long Term Care facilities. It will continue to provide social assistance to those in need and early intervention services for children. It will also fund a social housing network of 6,068 units for about 13,000 residents.

Mr. Wells indicated that the 2002 Business Plan and Budget provides for 30 more officers and 28 more civilians for York Regional Police in 2002. York Region's per capita cost of \$122 for police services compares favourably with other Regions in the Greater Toronto Area. The Region will be continuing with other corporate initiatives such as its Customer Service Strategy and hospital capital funding in the amount of \$7.3 million.

Sandra Cartwright then outlined the various components of the \$1.2 billion budget. She indicated that the budget had risen from \$404 million in 1996 due to Provincial downloading, increased responsibilities and growth as indicated by Mr. Wells. GTA Pooling at \$84.8 million is the second largest component after the Police Services budget of \$119.3 Million. She indicated that the Region's average net tax levy over the last five years was 1.7% during a time when the average population growth was 4.8%

Ms. Cartwright indicated that the Region's net tax levy increase for 2002 would be 2.3%, representing a \$32 tax increase for the average household.

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

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Mayor Taylor, that this presentation be received and referred to the discussion of Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance.

Carried.

3 MINUTES

It was moved by Mayor Black, seconded by Mayor Cousens, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on December 6, 2001, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

4 Infrastructure Funding

Judy Sgro, M.P., York West, Chair, the Prime Minister's Caucus Task Force on Urban Issues, December 18, 2001;

Elinor Caplan, MP, Thornhill, December 21, 2001;

Kim Butler, Federal Co-Chair, Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program, Industry Canada, January, 4, 2002; and

Hon. James Flaherty, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance, January 7, 2002.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Barrow, that these communications be received.

Carried.

5 New Municipal Act

Hon. Chris Hodgson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, January 9, 2002,

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

Carried.

6 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Roy Bridge, Chair, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, December 10, 2001, regarding the extension of the jurisdiction of the Conservation Authority to include the Township of Ramara.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, that this communication be received.

Carried.

7 Representative - Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

D. Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer, Secretary-Treasurer, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, January 14, 2002, regarding the resignation of Mr. George Richardson as the representative of the Region of York (Town of Newmarket); and

Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, January 16, 2002, in response, indicating that Regional Chair Fisch has appointed Mayor Taylor to fill the vacancy.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, that these communications be received.

Carried.

8 Parking Restrictions - High Street, Town of Georgina

(Clause 7 of Transportation and Works Committee Report No. 1)

Roland Chenier, Town Clerk, Town of Georgina, January 15, 2002, regarding Parking Restrictions - High Street, Town of Georgina, and requesting deferral of Clause No. 7 of Report No. 1 of the Transportation and Works Committee.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Mayor Bell, that this communication be received and referred to the discussion of Clause No. 7 of Report No. 1 of the Transportation and Works Committee and the discussion of the draft Bills.

Carried.

(See Minutes Nos. 15 and 17.)

9 2002 National Non-Smoking Week

Bruce Turner, Member, Council for a Tobacco-Free York Region, and Outreach Consultant, the Canadian Cancer Society, January 3, 2002, regarding the 2002 National Non-Smoking Week (January 21 - 27, 2002), and requesting deputant status.

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

Carried.

10 Langstaff Road Truck Restriction

(Clause 6 of Transportation and Works Committee Report No. 1)

Nadia Magarelli, President, Weston Downs Ratepayers Association, January 16, 2002;

Silvio DeGasperis, The National Estates Rate Payers Group, January 17, 2002; and

Michael Falcone, January 22, 2002.

It was moved by Mayor Bell, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that these communications be received and referred to discussion of Clause 6 of Report No. 1 of the Transportation and Works Committee.

Carried.

(See also Minutes Nos. 1 and 15.)

11 Highway No. 7 Road Widening

(Clause 9 of Transportation and Works Committee Report No. 1)

R. Irwin, January 23, 2002, and requesting deputant status.

It was moved by Regional Councillor DiBiase, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that this communication be received and deputant status be granted.

Carried.

12 York Region Police Services Board - Appointment

Connie Mahaffy, Executive Director, The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board, January 23, 2002, advising of Mayor Black's resignation as Chair and Member of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board and requesting Regional Council appoint a replacement.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that this communication be received and referred to Council's determination of a Member to replace Mayor Black.

Carried.

(See Minute No. 18)

DEPUTATIONS

Council heard the following deputations:

13 National Non-Smoking Week

Bruce Turner, Member, Council for a Tobacco-Free York Region, and Outreach Consultant, the Canadian Cancer Society, regarding the 2002 National Non-Smoking Week (January 21-27, 2002)

Mr. Turner was accompanied by:

Evelyn Johnston, Citizen Member, Council for a Tobacco-Free York Region

Jodi Hamilton, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

Niki Rauzon-Wright, York Region Heart Health Project

Nina Wong and Elizabeth Amorim, York Region Health Services

Mr. Turner, Ms. Johnston and Ms. Hamilton presented framed posters to Regional Chair Fisch, Mayor Cousens, Mayor Bell, Mayor Taylor, Mayor Jones, Mayor Emmerson, Mayor Black, Mayor Young, Regional Councillor Di Biase and Regional Councillor Wheeler--representing the Region and the nine local municipalities. They also presented a framed poster to Regional Councillor Frustaglio in recognition of her efforts to reduce smoking in

York Region. In addition, they left an information brochure from the Canadian Cancer Society with all Members of Council.

14 Highway No. 7 Road Widening

(Clause 9 of Transportation and Works Committee Report No. 1)

R. Irwin, relating to the proposed expropriation of part of his property.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that this deputation be received and referred to the discussion of Clause 9 of Transportation and Works Committee Report No. 1.

Carried.

15 COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Hogg, that Council convene in Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the following Reports:

- Report No. 1 of the Community Services and Housing Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Finance and Administration Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Fire Services 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 Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Transit Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Transportation and Works Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Finance
- Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer
- Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works
- Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Chief Administrative Officer

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 Finance and Administration Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

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

Report No. 1 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

Clause 6 be amended to add the following recommendations:

3. *That the area municipalities be requested to respond by February 28, 2002, in order that a report can be presented to Regional Council in March 2002.*
4. *That the report also be circulated to the bingo operators in York Region and the Markham Bingo Charity Association for feedback.*

In considering this matter, Council had before it additional material showing the locations of bingo halls and casino locations within one hour of central York Region and attendance at Markham Bingo in 2001-2002 and Delta Bingo Scarborough in 2001.

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

Report No. 1 of the Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Transit Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

Recommendation 1 in Clause 2 be amended to indicate that the proposal amount is \$168,846.

Report No. 1 of the Transportation and Works Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

Recommendation 2 in Clause 3 be amended to provide that the staff report also include information on the existing Pedestrian Refuge Island on Bathurst Street, south of Centre Street;

and

Clause 7 be deferred to the February or March 2002 meeting of the Transportation and Works Committee pending further information from the Town of Georgina.

Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance, be adopted, with the following amendment:

The following recommendations be added:

6. *A copy of the 2002 Business Plan and Budget be forwarded to all York Region MPP's;*
and
7. *Regional Council ask the Province for a report on what the \$84.8 million in Pooling funds is used for and, if the Province does not have the answer, on what assistance the Province can provide in obtaining an answer from the City of Toronto.*

Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be adopted, without amendment;
(See Minute No. 16)

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

Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Chief Administrative Officer, 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.

A recorded vote on the adoption of the 2002 Business Plan and Budget, as referred to in Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Finance, was as follows:

FOR: Barrow, Bell, Black, Cousens, Di Biase, Emmerson, Frustaglio, Hogg, Humeniuk, Jones, Landon, O'Donnell, Scarpitti, Wheeler, Wong, Young
(16)

AGAINST: **(0)**

Carried.

The recommendations of the Committee of the Whole carried.

16 MOTION

Character Community

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Mayor Jones, that Council adopt the recommendations contained in Report No. 1 of the Chief Administrative Officer, and adopt the following resolution to designate York Region as a Character Community:

WHEREAS the people of York Region wish to strengthen our citizens, families and community as a whole by encouraging excellence in character; and

WHEREAS we desire to build a Region 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; and

WHEREAS our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught, and rewarded, and where learning is encouraged; and

WHEREAS encouraging employees by recognizing positive character qualities has resulted in an increase in workplace morale, employee safety, and corporate profits; and

WHEREAS the emphasis of positive character qualities in every sector of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same; and

WHEREAS there is a need for positive role models among our young people to help foster a community culture where good character is praised and encouraged; and

WHEREAS people who demonstrate positive character qualities and moral choices improve the health, safety and welfare of their fellow citizens, resulting in a lower financial burden upon the taxpayers for the costs of services that protect and enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many current societal problems can be alleviated by citizens of this Region by embracing positive and constructive character qualities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the people of York Region pledge our commitment to character and designate ourselves as a Character Community in order to formally launch a Region-wide initiative to enhance character in our schools, businesses, government, media, families, community and multi-faith groups, and we urge the leaders of each of these organizations to support and contribute to this endeavour.

Carried.

17 BY-LAWS

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, 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. A-0301-2002-001 | To authorize the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to temporarily close portions of Bathurst Street (Y.R 38) and Green Lane West (Y.R. 19) during construction |
| By-law No. R-0393(at)-2002-002 | To amend By-law No. R-393-76-66 respecting turning movements on Regional Roads |
| By-law No. B-0038-2002-003 | A by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing of monies to meet the current expenditures of The Regional Municipality of York for the year 2002 |
| By-law No. L-0124-2002-004 | To levy against the area municipalities on an interim basis the sums of monies required during the year 2002 for the purposes of The Regional Municipality of York |

Carried.

(Bill No. 2 relating to parking restrictions on High Street, Town of Georgina, was deferred, pending further consideration by Transportation and Works Committee and Council—see Minute Nos. 8 and 15.)

OTHER BUSINESS

18 Appointment—York Region Police Services Board

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Mayor Black, that Regional Councillor Wheeler be nominated for appointment as one of Council's representatives on the York Region Police Services Board

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Regional Councillor Hogg, that nominations be closed.

Carried.

Regional Councillor Wheeler was then appointed as one of Council's representatives on the York Region Police Services Board, by a unanimous vote of the Members present.

PRIVATE SESSION

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

Carried.

Council met in Private Session at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened in Council at 12:25 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that Council rise and report from Private Session.

Carried.

20 Ontario Nurses Association (ONA), Local 16

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that Council adopt the recommendation contained in the Confidential Report from the Commissioner of Human Resources, and ratify the collective bargaining agreement with ONA Local 16 for 2001 and 2002 subject to the terms and conditions referred to in the Report.

Carried.

21 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

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

By-law No. M-0675-2002-005 To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 24, 2002.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 21st day of February, 2002.

Regional Chair