

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

March 28, 2002

The Regional Council met at 9:33 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, Emmerson, Holec, Jones, Taylor and Young.

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

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

**41 MINUTES**

It was moved by Mayor Holec, seconded by Mayor Bell, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2002, and the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002 be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**42 Save a Life Program**

York Regional Police Superintendent Eric Jolliffe gave Council an overview of the Region's Save a Life Program. Superintendent Jolliffe introduced Brian Harrison, Director, Transportation Operations, Sergeant Tom Carrique, York Regional Police, Sandra Vessel, Program Manager, Family and Community Health Division, and Zoran Postic, Supervisor, Traffic Manager – all of whom are involved in the implementation of this program.

The Save a Life Program is a joint effort of York Regional Police, the Region's Transportation and Works Department and the Region's Health and Emergency Medical Services Department. The Program began in January, 2002. Its mandate is to improve public safety on roadways through public education, engineering and enforcement.

Under the program, specific road sections are monitored for safety by the Transportation and Works Department. Then the police enforce speed limits on those roads. They also hand out educational brochures designed by Health and Emergency Medical Services staff to inform drivers of the benefits of safe driving. York Region is the first municipality in Ontario to have a road safety action plan of this nature.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Mayor Bell that the presentation be received and that Council endorse the Save a Life Program and the placement of the Save a Life logo on the Region's road signs.

Carried.

**43 9-1-1 Public Education Program**

Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced Red E. Fox, the mascot/ambassador for the 9-1-1 public education program being launched by the Region. The Region formally takes over responsibility for 9-1-1 on April 2, 2002.

Corporate Communication Services Account Specialist Joan Prentice gave a brief overview of the program. It is geared to assisting children in determining who and when to call 9-1-1 and what to say when the operator answers.

York Region is the first municipality in Canada to adopt this program. The Region has designed a Canadian version of the program that has been enjoyed by over two million children in 48 of the 50 states in the United States. The program will be rolled out to 210 schools in York Region, as part of the Grade 1 curriculum, beginning in September 2002.

Regional Chair Fisch, Mayor Jones, Regional Councillor Frustaglio and Regional Councillor Landon, as members of the Region's 9-1-1 Operating Committee, joined Chief Administrative Officer Alan Wells in welcoming Red E. Fox.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that Council receive the presentation and welcome Red E. Fox to York Region.

Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

**44 2003 York Regional Police Capital Budget**

Regional Councillor David Barrow, Chair, Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board, March 19, 2002, requesting an increase in the 2003 York Regional Police Capital Budget.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Barrow, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that this communication be received; Council approve the project to rebuild the No. 2 District Headquarters beginning in 2002; and an additional amount of \$3,512, 000 be placed in the 2003 Capital Budget for completion of the project.

Carried.

**45 Privatization of Hydro Corridors**

John Leach, City Clerk, City of Vaughan, March 18, 2002, forwarding a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting on March 18, 2002, regarding the potential privatization of hydro corridors.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that this communication be received and referred to Council's discussion of the motion on the Agenda that relates to this matter.

Carried.

*(See Minute No. 59.)*

**46 Tax Policy—Childcare Programs**

*(Clause 1 of Finance and Administration Committee Report No. 3)*

Susan Frame, Executive Director, Centered on Children Child Care Centre, March 11, 2002, regarding a tax rebate and requesting deputant status for herself and Lisa Macey, Coordinator, The Community Network of Childcare Programs.

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

Carried.

**47 Town of Newmarket**

Nancy Wright-Laking, Town Clerk, Town of Newmarket, March 4, 2002, forwarding a resolution adopted by the Town of Newmarket, at its meeting on February 25, 2002, regarding assumption of waste collection and fire and emergency services by the Region and regarding financial and other assistance from the Province of Ontario.

It was moved by Mayor Taylor, seconded by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, that this communication be received and referred to the Fire Services Committee, the Solid Waste Management Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration.

Carried.

**48 Canadian Red Cross**

Bryan Thorne, Branch Manager, Region of York Branch, Canadian Red Cross, February 20, 2002, regarding recognition of March as Red Cross Month, the importance of first aid training and requesting deputant status.

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

Carried.

**49**     **Solid Waste Haulage and Disposal Services**  
*(Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works)*

Blair McArthur, Vice President, Miller Waste Systems, March 25, 2002, regarding Solid Waste Haulage and Disposal Services and requesting deputant status.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Mayor Bell, that this communication be received.

Carried.

**50**     **Solid Waste Haulage and Disposal Services**  
*(Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works)*

David Rettell, Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill Inc., March 25, 2002, regarding Solid Waste Haulage and Disposal Services and requesting deputant status.

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

Carried.

**51**     **No-Smoking By-law**  
*(Clause 1 of Health and Emergency Services Committee Report No. 3)*

Bruce Turner, Community Outreach Consultant, Canadian Cancer Society, South Central Region, and requesting deputant status.

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

Carried.

**DEPUTATIONS**

Council heard the following deputations:

**52**     **Tax Policy—Childcare Programs**  
*(Clause 1 of Finance and Administration Report No. 3)*

Susan Frame, Executive Director, Centered on Children Child Care Centre, and Lisa Macey, Coordinator, the Community Network of Childcare Programs.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that this deputation be received and discussion referred to the consideration of Clause 1 of Finance and Administration Committee Report No. 3.

Carried.

**53 Canadian Red Cross**

Bryan Thorne, Branch Manager, Region of York Branch, Canadian Red Cross, regarding Canadian Red Cross services such as First Aid training and emergency services, and requesting Regional Council to designate the month of March as Red Cross Month.

It was moved by Mayor Holec, seconded by Mayor Young, that this deputation be received and that Council recognize the month of March as Red Cross Month.

Carried.

**54 Solid Waste Haulage and Disposal Services**  
*(Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works)*

David Rettell, General Manager of Onyx Arbor Hills Landfill Inc.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that this deputation be received.

Carried.

**55 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Report No. 1 of the Audit Committee
- Report No. 3 of the Community Services and Housing Committee
- Report No. 3 of the Finance and Administration Committee
- Report No. 3 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee
- Report No. 3 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee
- Report No. 4 of the Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee
- Report No. 3 of the Transit Committee
- Report No. 3 of the Transportation and Works Committee
- Report No. 1 of the Regional Chair
- Report No. 2 of the Chief Administrative Officer
- Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Mayor Taylor, 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 Audit Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*The Report to indicate that Regional Councillor O'Donnell was present at the scheduled starting time of 11:00 a.m.*

Report No. 3 of the Community Services and Housing Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 3 of the Finance and Administration Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*Clause 1 be amended to add a further Recommendation 8 as follows:*

8. (a) *that the request made by Centred on Children Child Care Centre be referred to staff for a report in May 2002 on how many child care centres in York Region are similarly affected; what the impact would be of giving them a 100% property tax rebate; and the amount of subsidies given to parents of children in child care centres through the tax base; and*
- (b) *that the Region request MPAC to review the treatment of child care centres that are in schools, churches or other exempt properties as opposed to those that are in taxable properties.*

Report No. 3 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*Clause 1 be amended to include the following:*

*That the No-Smoking By-law be amended to increase the designated smoking area in bingo halls from 25% to 50% and staff report back to the Committee on the by-law's application to restaurants.*

*(See Minute No. 56.)*

Report No. 3 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 4 of the Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 3 of the Transit Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 3 of the Transportation and Works Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*Clause 11 be amended to provide that staff report back on the total cost relating to the study of the migration of the salamander.*

Report No. 1 of the Regional Chair, be adopted, without amendment;

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

Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*Clause 1 be amended to include a further recommendation 3 as follows:*

3. *Regional staff review the Ontario market after Year 3 of the contracts to determine if there are new and cost-effective Ontario-based disposal systems available before committing to any landfill services contract renewal.*

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

A recorded vote on the adoption of the amendment to Clause 1 of Health and Emergency Medical Services Report No. 3 relating to the increase to designated smoking areas in bingo halls from 25% to 50% was as follows:

FOR: Barrow, Bell, Di Biase, Jones, Landon, O'Donnell, Scarpitti, Wheeler, Wong (9)  
AGAINST: Black, Emmerson, Frustaglio, Hogg, Holec, Humeniuk, Taylor, Young (8)  
Carried.

A recorded vote on the adoption of all other recommendations of the Committee of the Whole regarding Clause 1 of Health and Emergency Services Committee Report No. 3 was as follows:

FOR: Barrow, Bell, Black, Di Biase, Emmerson, Frustaglio, Hogg, Holec, Humeniuk, Jones, Landon, O'Donnell, Scarpitti, Taylor, Wheeler, Wong, Young (17)

AGAINST: Nil

Carried.

## **56 ADDITIONAL ITEM**

### **No-Smoking By-law**

It was then moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Wong, that Council permit the introduction of a Bill to amend the No-Smoking By-law to increase the designated smoking areas in bingo halls from 25% to 50%.

The motion lost due to the fact that less than two-thirds of the Members present voted in favour of the Bill being introduced.

**57 BY-LAWS**

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

By-law No. R-0549(fr)-2002-014 To amend By-law No. R-549-77-112 to prescribe maximum rates of speed on certain Regional Roads

By-law No. R-1102(ah)-2002-015 To amend By-law No. R-1102-96-100 to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional Roads

By-law No. R-1102(ai)-2002-016 To amend By-law No. R-1102-96-100 to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional Roads

By-law No. R-1270-2002-017 To authorize the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to temporarily close portions of Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73) and Teston Road (Y.R. 49) during railway crossing repairs

By-law No. A-0302-2002-018 A by-law to establish tax ratios and to specify the percentage by which tax rates are to be reduced for prescribed property subclasses for 2002

By-law No. L-0125-2002-019 A by-law to set and levy the rates of taxation for regional general purposes for the year 2002

By-law No. A-0303-2002-020 To provide a tax rebate for certain eligible organizations

By-law No. R-1271-2002-021 To acquire certain lands for or in connection with the widening and reconstruction of Bathurst Street (YR 38) and Green Lane West (YR 19), in the Towns of East Gwillimbury and Newmarket and the Township of King

Carried.

## MOTIONS

### 58 Province of Ontario

#### **Small Business Enterprise Centre Program**

*(Clause 6 of Planning and Economic Development Committee Report No. 3)*

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that:

WHEREAS the Small Business Enterprise Centre Program is part of the Province of Ontario's business support network that focuses on providing assistance and support to start-ups and small to medium-sized enterprises; and

WHEREAS entrepreneurial activity and new business start-ups play a vital role in the Region's economy; and

WHEREAS the operation of an Enterprise Centre in York Region will strengthen the business climate for small enterprise creation and growth in all the area municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario will provide start-up funding and operation subsidy for the operation of a Small Business Enterprise Centre in York Region,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Regional Municipality of York expresses its full support for the Small Business Enterprise Centre Program both in principle and financially, and that the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the Letter of Agreement with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade for the delivery of the program.

Carried.

### 59 **Hydro Corridors**

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

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced its intention to privatize Hydro One; and

WHEREAS Hydro One currently owns some or all of the hydro corridors throughout the Greater Toronto Area and elsewhere in the Province; and

WHEREAS the hydro corridors are of strategic importance, now and in the future, for public uses such as transit, transportation, parks, recreation etc., henceforth referred to as "Public Uses:

It is hereby resolved that the Government of Ontario be requested to:

- Ensure that the privatization of Hydro One does not in any way preclude, complicate, reduce choices or increase the costs to taxpayers of current and future Public Uses of the hydro corridors
- Consider retaining public ownership of the hydro corridors to ensure that the above objective can be met now and in the future; or failing that, retain majority public ownership and full control of decisions effecting Public Uses
- Incorporate necessary mechanisms into privatization agreement(s) to ensure that any private use of the hydro corridors requires approvals from Provincial, Regional and/or local authorities
- Consult with the Regional Municipality of York and other GTA municipalities prior to the privatization of Hydro One to ensure that all key public policy issues are fully addressed and that public interest continues to be protected.

Carried.

## **60 PRIVATE SESSION**

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Mayor Bell, that Council convene in Private Session, for the purpose of considering a property matter.

Carried.

Council met in Private Session at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened in Council at 12:52 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that Council rise from Private Session and reconvene in Public Session with no report out.

Carried.

## **61 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

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

By-law No. M-0678-2002-022                      To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 28, 2002.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 18th day of April, 2002.

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Regional Chair