

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

November 22, 2001

The Regional Council met at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, with Regional Chair Fisch presiding.

The following were present at this Meeting:

Mayor: Bell, Black, Cousens, Emmerson, Holec, Jones, Taylor and Young.

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

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

**MINUTES**

- 245** It was moved by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, seconded by Regional Councillor O'Donnell, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 8th day of November, 2001, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**246** **Presentation of the 2001 RAP (Remedial Action Plan) Award of Excellence**

Regional Chair Fisch indicated that the Region had received the 2001 RAP (Remedial Action Plan) Award of Excellence from the Waterfront Regeneration Trust for the Tri-Regional (Regions of Durham, Peel and York) Partnership's work on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

The award was presented to Regional Chair Fisch at the Clean Waters for Toronto's Waterfront – Clean Water Summit on Saturday, November 17, 2001. The award recognizes the Region's outstanding contribution to protecting water in its watershed. It was largely as a result of the Region's leadership that the Province was able to take action to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Regional Chair Fisch and Regional Councillor Scarpitti, Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Committee presented the award to the staff of the Planning and Economic Development Services Department, as represented by John Waller, Director of Long-Range Planning and Dianne Pomeroy, Planner.

**247 Draft 2002 Business Plan and Budget**

*(Report 3 of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance; Clause 12 of Finance and Administration Report No. 10)*

Mayor Cousens, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, introduced the Draft 2002 Business Plan and Budget, stating the goal was to keep costs under the level of inflation. In doing so, the Region is being sensitive to the community at large and to the hard times that many businesses are experiencing. He commended Regional Chair Fisch and Regional staff for their hard work in meeting this goal.

Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer, then provided an overview of the 2002 Business Plan and Budget. and a summary of the Region's requirements. The Region's projected gross expenditures for 2002 would total \$1.1 Billion. The operating budget (41.3%) and the capital programs (39.2%) would continue to account for about the same percentages of the overall budget. Police Services (9.9%), Pooling (7.7%), Property Assessment (0.9%), Hospital Funding (0.7%) and Conservation Authorities (0.3%) would account for the remainder of the budget.

Only 38.2% of the expenditures would be funded from taxes while the rest would come from sources such as development charges, Provincial subsidies, debt financing and user fees. The Region's portion of residential property taxes would be about 44% while its portion of commercial and industrial property taxes would be about 20%.

Mr. Wells outlined a number of financial and resources pressures linked to managing the Region's growth. He also outlined the impacts of Provincial programs and new enhanced services being offered by the Region in the areas of housing, transit and emergency dispatch.

The projected net tax levy increase from the Region would be 2.6% or about \$35 to \$38 per average household. Mr. Wells indicated that the 2002 Business Plan and Budget would be considered by the Region's Standing Committees between January 9, 2002 and January 17, 2002, and by Council on January 24, 2002.

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

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Mayor Bell, that the presentation be received and referred to Report No. 3 of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance.

Carried.

**248 COMMUNICATIONS**

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

**World AIDS Day**

1. Marie Iromoto, Chair - AIDS Committee of York Region, November 15, 2001, regarding December 1 as the World AIDS Day and requesting deputant status.

**Parking Restrictions/School Bus Loading Zone**

*(Clause No. 10 of Transportation and Works Committee Report No. 13.)*

2. Carolyn Lance, Committee Secretary, Town of Georgina, November 20, 2001, regarding the Parking Restrictions/School Bus Loading Zone Sign Removal, Glenwoods Avenue, Georgina, and forwarding a resolution adopted by the Town of Georgina at its meeting on November 19, 2001.

**Community Safety Village**

3. Marc Neeb, Vice-Chair, Community Safety Village, November 21, 2001, regarding the Community Safety Village of York Region and requesting deputant status.

**Infrastructure Funding**

*(Report No. 4 of the Regional Commissioner of Finance)*

4. Bryon Wilfert, MP, Oak Ridges, November 1, 2001, regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario - Resolution on Infrastructure Funding. *(See also Minute Nos. 251 and 253.)*

It was moved by Mayor Taylor, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that the communications be received; deputant status be granted in relation to Items 1 and 3; and that items 2 and 4 be referred to the relevant reports.

Carried.

**DEPUTATIONS**

**249 World AIDS Day**

1. Marie Iromoto, Chair - AIDS Committee of York Region, requesting December 1 be recognized by York Region as World AIDS Day.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, seconded by Mayor Holec, that the deputation be received and that December 1, 2001 be recognized by Council as World AIDS Day.

Carried

**250 Community Safety Village**

2. Marc Neeb, Vice-Chair, Community Safety Village, provided a brief description of the Community Safety Village project and requested the support of Regional Council.

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that the deputation be received.

Carried.

## 251 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Report No. 3 of the Audit Committee  
Report No. 10 of the Finance and Administration Committee  
Report No. 9 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee  
Clause No. 10 of Report No. 13 of the Transportation and Works Committee  
Report No. 14 of the Transportation and Works Committee  
Report No. 6 of the Chief Administrative Officer  
Report No. 3 of the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services  
Report No. 3 of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legal Services  
Report No. 3 of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance  
Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Finance  
Report No. 5 of the Commissioner of Finance

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that the reports be received and that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider them.

Carried.

Regional Chair Fisch chaired the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole rose after making the following recommendations:

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

Report No. 10 of the Finance and Administration Committee, be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 9 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services, be adopted with the following amendment:

*Clause No. 3 Recommendation 1 be amended to include:*

*“and that the package include a comprehensive letter to the Mayors and Members of Council of the area municipalities that do not have a licensing by-law requiring food premises to post their most recent inspection reports as a condition of obtaining or maintaining a license.”*

Clause No. 10 Report No. 13 of the Transportation and Works Committee, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*That Item 3 contained in the letter from the Town of Georgina (November 20, 2001) be referred to staff for a report to the Transportation and Works Committee.*

Report No. 14 of the Transportation and Works Committee, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 6 of the Chief Administrative Officer, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*Recommendation 2 be replaced with the following:*

*"2. Regional Council endorse and support the York Region Character Community kick-off event at a time to be determined in the Great Hall of the Regional Administrative Centre."*

Report No. 3 of the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 3 of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legal Services, be adopted, with the following amendment:

*that the Report also be forwarded the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, York Region M.P.P.'s, AMO and the area municipalities*

Report No. 3 of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Finance, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 5 of 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.

## **252 BY-LAWS**

It was moved by Mayor Black, 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(ag)-2001-099 To amend By-law No. R-1102-96-100 to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional Roads

By-law No. R-0356(e)-2001-100 To amend By-law No. R-356-75-173 designating school bus loading zones

By-law No. R-1264-2001-101 To authorize the widening and reconstruction of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34) from Wellington Street East (Y.R. 15) to Mulock Drive (Y.R. 74) in the Towns of Aurora and Newmarket

By-law No. R-1265-2001-102 To authorize the widening and reconstruction of Weston Road (Y.R. 56) from Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73) to Teston Road (Y.R. 49) in the City of Vaughan

By-law No. R-0549(fg)-2001-103 To amend By-law No. R-549-77-112 to prescribe maximum rates of speed on certain Regional Roads

Carried.

It was further moved by Mayor Bell, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that Bill No. 105, relating to heavy truck restrictions on Langstaff Road between Weston Road and Islington Avenue, be referred to staff for a report to the January 2002 meeting of the Transportation and Works Committee.

Carried.

## 253 MOTION

### Infrastructure Funding

*(Report No. 4 of the Regional Commissioner of Finance)*

In considering this matter, Council had before it a draft motion forwarded by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, deferred by Council at its meetings of October 25, 2001 and November 8, 2001.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase, that the draft motion forwarded by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be referred back to staff for the preparation of an appropriate motion for Council's meeting of December 6, 2001.

Carried.

*(Please see also Minute Nos. 248 and 251.)*

## 254 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

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

By-law No. M-0673-2001-104 To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on November 22, 2001.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Denis Kelly  
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Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 6th day of December, 2001.

Bill Fisch  
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Regional Chair