

Introduction of Chair and Special Guests

The Presiding Officer then introduced Chair Bill Fisch and two special guests assisting with the Inaugural Program -- The Honourable Regional Senior Justice J. Bryan Shaughnessy of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and Father John Borean, Chaplain, York Regional Police. Father John Borean led everyone in a Prayer of Invocation.

1 Election of Regional Chair

The Presiding Officer advised that it was now in order to proceed with the first item of business which was the election of the Regional Chair. He indicated that under the *Regional Municipalities Act*, Regional Council was to elect as Chair one of the Members of Regional Council, or any other person, to hold office for the term of Council and until his or her successor is appointed or elected. Mr. Kelly then provided a brief overview of the procedure that would be followed for the election of the Chair of Council.

Nominations

The Presiding Officer declared nominations to be open for the Office of Chair.

Mayor Bell, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, nominated Bill Fisch for the Office of Regional Chair. The Presiding Officer asked if there were any further nominations.

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It was moved by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, that nominations for the Office of Regional Chair be closed.

Carried.

Election—Bill Fisch

It was then moved by Regional Councillor Diane Humeniuk, seconded by Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, moved that Bill Fisch be elected as Regional Chair.

Carried Unanimously.

2 Oath and Declarations

The Honourable Regional Senior Justice J. Bryan Shaughnessy, Ontario Superior Court of Justice administered the required Oath of Allegiance, Declaration of Qualification and Declaration of Office to Mr. Bill Fisch.

The Regional Clerk declared Mr. Bill Fisch to be the Chair of Council for the term of Council and until his successor was appointed or elected in accordance with the *Regional Municipalities Act*. He extended congratulations to Mr. Fisch and placed the Chain of Office on the new Regional Chair.

3 Introductions by Regional Chair

Regional Chair Fisch assumed the chair and addressed Council. The Regional Chair introduced each Member of Council and many of the dignitaries in attendance, including the following:

The Honourable Regional Senior Justice J. Bryan Shaughnessy
Father John Borean
Retired O. P. P. Senior Constable Neil Hurtubise
Pipe Major York Regional Police Constable Peter Fleming
The York Regional Police Venturers
Chair Emil Kolb, Peel Region
Chairman Joyce Savoline, Halton Region
Chair Roger Anderson, Durham Region
Former Regional Chair Eldred King (1984 - 1997)
Acknowledgement of Former Regional Chair, the late Tony Roman (1984)
Former Regional Chair Bob Forhan (1979 - 1984)
Former Regional Chair Garfield Wright (1971 - 1978)
Chief of Police Robert Middaugh
Deputy Chief of Police Armand LaBarge
Deputy Chief of Police Terence Kelly
Regional Fire Coordinator John Molyneux

Regional Chair Fisch also introduced a number of former Members of Regional Council in attendance, including Ralph Aselin, Carole Bell, Margaret Britnell, John Cole, Stan Daurio, Al Duffy, Ken Dunphy, Bob Featherstonhaugh, Robert Grossi, Lois Hancey, Dick Illingworth, William Lazenby, Ron Moran, Angus Morton, Jim Mortson, John Rogers, Gordon Rowe, Fran Sainsbury, Bob Scott and George Timpson.

4 Appointments to Committees

Regional Chair Fisch called for a motion regarding appointments to the Region's Committees.

It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Regional Councillor Landon, that the following appointments be made to Regional Committees:

Community Services and Housing Committee

Regional Councillor Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Hogg
Mayor Holec
Regional Councillor O'Donnell
Mayor Taylor
Regional Councillor Wong
Regional Chair Fisch (ex officio)

Finance and Administration Committee

Mayor Bell
Mayor Black
Mayor Cousens
Mayor Emmerson
Mayor Jackson
Mayor Jones
Mayor Taylor
Regional Chair Fisch (ex officio)

Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee

Mayor Black
Regional Councillor Frustaglio
Mayor Holec
Regional Councillor Humeniuk
Regional Councillor Wong
Mayor Young
Regional Chair Fisch (ex officio)

Planning and Economic Development Committee

Regional Councillor Barrow
Regional Councillor Di Biase
Regional Councillor Hogg
Regional Councillor O'Donnell
Regional Councillor Scarpitti
Regional Councillor Wheeler
Mayor Young
Regional Chair Fisch (ex officio)

Transit Committee

Regional Councillor Barrow
Regional Councillor Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Humeniuk
Mayor Jones
Regional Councillor Landon
Regional Councillor Scarpitti
Regional Chair Fisch (Ex officio)

Transportation and Works Committee

Mayor Bell
Regional Councillor Di Biase
Regional Councillor Humeniuk
Mayor Jones
Regional Councillor Landon
Regional Councillor O'Donnell
Regional Councillor Wheeler
Regional Chair Fisch (ex officio)

Appointments—Boards and Authorities

It was moved by Mayor Cousens, seconded by Mayor Taylor, that the following appointments be made by Regional Council to External Boards and Authorities for the term of Council:

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Mayor Black
Mayor Emmerson
Mayor Holec
Mayor Jones
Mayor Taylor
Mayor Young

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Regional Councillor Barrow
Mayor Black
Regional Councillor Di Biase
Regional Councillor O'Donnell
Regional Councillor Scarpitti

Greater Toronto Transit Authority (GO Transit)

Regional Chair Fisch

York Region Police Services Board

Regional Councillor Barrow
Mayor Black

6 Introductions by Members of Council

Each Member of Council then introduced his or her guests and made a few remarks regarding commitments and challenges facing the Region during the coming term.

7 Regional Chair's Inaugural Address

Regional Chair Fisch then made his Inaugural Address to Council. He outlined the numerous achievements of the Region during the last term. He also addressed the various challenges confronting the Region, including transportation and transit infrastructure and funding, amalgamation and service integration, waste reduction, Provincial downloading and protection of the environment.

8 Chief Administrative Officer's Remarks and Introduction of Senior Staff

Mr. Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer, congratulated Regional Chair Fisch. He then introduced the Senior Management Group consisting of the following: Jim Davidson, Commissioner of Human Resource Services; Phyllis Carlyle, Commissioner of Corporate and Legal Services and Regional Solicitor; Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer; Kees Schipper, Commissioner of Transportation and Works; Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services; Dr. Helena Jaczek, Commissioner of Health Services and Medical Officer of Health; and Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community Services and Housing.

9 Council and Committee Schedule

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that the 2001 Council and Committee Schedule be approved.

Carried.

10 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

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

By-law No. M-0655-2000-001 To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on December 14, 2000.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 18th day of January, 2000.

Chair

