

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

November 23, 2000

The Regional Council met at 9:45 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, Grossi, Jones, Mortson and Taylor.

Regional Councillor: Aselin, Barrow, Humeniuk, Landon, Scarpitti, Wheeler and Wong.

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

**DECLARATION**

- 259** Mayor Black declared an interest in Clauses 5 of Planning Report No. 11, relating to the application by James Elder, the correspondence and deputations set out in Minute Nos. 246 and 250 relating to the Elder application. She also declared an interest in Clause 8 of Planning Committee Report No. 11 relating to Richmond Hill Official Plan Amendment No. 185. These items had been considered at the Regional Council meeting of October 26, 2000, which she was unable to attend. She made her declarations due to the fact that her spouse is an environmental engineer on these projects and she did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, these items.

**260 MINUTES**

It was moved by Mayor Grossi, seconded by Mayor Mortson, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 26th day of October, 2000, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**261 Special Olympics**

The Honourable David Tsubouchi, Solicitor General, and Mr. Glenn MacDonnell, Executive Director, Ontario Special Olympics, presented a cheque in honour of the Special Olympics. They noted the contributions of York Region, and specifically Chair Fisch, Police Chief Robert Middaugh, and Lina Bigioni, Executive Assistant to the Chair, in

making the Special Olympics such a success. Chair Fisch and Mr. MacDonell thanked the Solicitor General for his support of this good cause.

**262 Water Environment Federation Award  
“Water for Tomorrow” Program**

Alan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer, made a presentation regarding the Water Environment Federation award received by Debbie Korolnek, Director, Water and Wastewater Branch. She received this award on behalf of the Region at the Federation’s Annual Conference held in Anaheim on October 17, 2000. The Federation is comprised of over 40,000 water quality experts from around the world.

The Region won the award for its Student Activity Book relating to its “Water for Tomorrow” Program.

Ms. Korolnek presented the award to Chair Fisch, Mayor Bill Bell, Chair of the Transportation and Works Committee, and Kees Schipper, Commissioner of Transportation and Works. She thanked Council for being so supportive of innovative programs such as “Water for Tomorrow”.

**263 Community Safety Village of York Region**

Councillor Steve Hinder, Town of Aurora, and Staff Sergeant Rodney Sine, York Regional Police, made a presentation and thanked Chair Bill Fisch for his sponsorship of a \$25,000 contribution from his Annual Golf Tournament to the Community Safety Village.

**COMMUNICATION**

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

**264 Protocol for the Sharing of Information**

Ms. Connie Mahaffy, Executive Director, The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board, October 26, 2000, forwarding the first draft Protocol for the Sharing of Information between The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board and The Regional Municipality of York, to be considered by Regional Council.

It was moved by Mayor Black, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that this communication be received and referred to staff for a report to the Finance and Administration Committee in January or February, 2000.

Carried.

**265 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Report No. 4 of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legal Services

Report No. 6 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works

It was moved by Regional Councillor Humeniuk, seconded by Mayor Black, 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. 4 of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legal Services, be adopted, without amendment;

Report No. 6 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, be adopted, without amendment;

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

Carried.

## **266 BY-LAWS**

It was moved by Regional Councillor Aeslin, 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-1017(b)-2000-109      To amend By-law No. R-1017-93-112 which prohibits heavy trucks on Regional Roads

By-law No. A-0286-2000-110      A By-law to authorize the execution of a termination agreement between the Minister of Natural Resources and The Regional Municipality of York

Carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **267 Presentation and Remarks by Regional Chair Fisch**

Chair Fisch made a presentation to each of the outgoing Members of Council - Mayor Robert Grossi, Mayor Jim Mortson, Regional Councillor Ralph Aeslin and Regional Councillor Janet Mabley - thanking them for their service to the Council and their communities.

Chair Fisch also spoke to the many and varied accomplishments of Council over the past three years. He congratulated Members of Council for their dedication and hard work in being part of these important achievements.

Among other things, Chair Fisch noted the incredible gains in the Region's economy over the past three years - including 3,000 new businesses, 52,000 jobs created, a 100,000 increase in the population and \$6 Billion worth of construction, including \$1.5 Billion worth of construction in the industrial/commercial sector. He indicated that the Region leads the entire country in residential construction. He further noted that the Region has the highest average household income in the GTA

Chair Fisch also stated that the Region had increased its capital roads budget by over 250 per cent, to \$108 Million annually, during this period. He indicated that the Region had still managed to increase its reserves by \$360 Million and that it has maintained and enhanced services despite almost \$250 Million in downloading from the Province. He drew attention to the fact that the Region has won a number of international awards for its services and programs. He also indicated that the Region had increased its Moody's credit rating to Triple "A" during this period.

Chair Fisch continued by stating that on another front, welfare loads were down by over 1,000 clients during the term of Council. He indicated that Regional staff had screened 140,000 local school children in its dental program, had visited over 10,000 clients in the Healthy Babies/Healthy Children program, and had conducted over 30,000 food inspections during this period. York Region was the only Ontario municipality chosen to lead the Early Years pilot project.

The Region has also started the Newmarket Health Centre, broken ground on its new 80,000 square foot facility in the southern part of the Region, and dramatically fine-tuned its emergency response capabilities.

Chair Fisch cited some of the other accomplishments that occurred over the past three years. Among these was the taking over of the land ambulance service and having improved the service through the addition of ambulances and the training of staff. There was also the passing of the Region No-Smoking By-law, the unification of Transit Services, the adoption of a Human Services Strategy, the addition of 130 front-line Police Officers, and taking over the Provincial Offences Courts.

Council has also worked hard at addressing the needs of the homelessness and completing the housing studies, the studies of the environment and the Regional Report Card. It has opened the Maple Health Centre and two new household hazardous waste facilities. It has sponsored the "Water for Tomorrow" program that saves over seven million litres of water every day.

Chair Fisch further indicated that Council had launched the Transportation Master Plan, started the Georgina Water Supply System, and was the first municipality in North America to have its sewer system ISO 9001 registered.

Chair Fisch thanked all of Council and staff for their contributions in making the last three years such a resounding success.

A number of Councillors thanked Chair Fisch for his leadership over the past three years and thanked the other Members of Council for their contribution to the Region's success. They commented on the accomplishments of Council, and thanked staff for their role in the Region's success.

**268 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

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

By-law No. M-0654-2000-111      To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on November 23, 2000.

Carried.

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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Regional Clerk

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