

**COUNCIL
OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

February 17, 2011

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:	Bevilacqua, Dawe, Emmerson, Hackson, Pellegrini, Scarpitti and Van Bynen
Regional Councillor:	Di Biase, Heath, Hogg, Jones, Landon, Li, Rosati, Schulte, Spatafora, Taylor and Wheeler
Staff:	Davidson, Hulton, Kurji, Llewellyn-Thomas, Macgregor, Mahoney, Marshall, Tuckey and Urbanski

43 MINUTES

It was moved by Mayor Van Bynen, seconded by Mayor Dawe that Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 27, 2011 in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried

COMMUNICATIONS

Council considered the following communications:

44 2011-2014 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner of Community and Health Services, February 17, 2011, regarding Appointments to the 2011-2014 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Spatafora, seconded by Mayor Dawe that Council receive the communication and approve the confidential proposed membership list for public appointment at the March 24, 2011 Regional Council meeting, subject to the successful completion of reference checks.

Carried

(See Minute No. 55.)

45 Red Cross Month

Yash Kapur, Branch President, Canadian Red Cross, January 19, 2011, regarding recognition of March 2011 as Red Cross Month.

It was moved by Mayor Hackson, seconded by Mayor Emmerson that Council receive the communication and recognize March 2011 as Red Cross Month.

Carried

46 Grade-Separated Pedestrian Underpass Crossings of Leslie Street and St. John's Sideroad, Town of Aurora

(Clause 5 of Transportation Services Committee Report No. 2)

Klaus Wehrenberg, resident, Town of Aurora, February 14, 2011, regarding Grade-Separated Pedestrian Underpass Crossings of Leslie Street and St. John's Sideroad, Town of Aurora and requesting deputant status.

It was moved by Mayor Dawe, seconded by Regional Councillor Hogg that Council receive the communication and grant deputant status.

Carried

47 Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Strategy

(Clause 6 of Environmental Services Committee Report No. 2)

Danielle Chin, Municipal Government Advisor, Building Industry and Land Development Association, February 16, 2011, regarding Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Strategy.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Di Biase, seconded by Mayor Bevilacqua that Council receive the communication and refer it to consideration of Clause 6 of Environmental Services Committee Report No. 2.

Carried

DEPUTATION

Council then heard the following deputation:

48 Grade-Separated Pedestrian Underpass Crossings of Leslie Street and St. John's Sideroad, Town of Aurora

(Clause 5 of Transportation Services Committee Report No. 2)

Klaus Wehrenberg, resident, Town of Aurora, February 14, 2011, regarding Grade-Separated Pedestrian Underpass Crossings of Leslie Street and St. John's Sideroad, Town of Aurora.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Mayor Dawe that Council receive the deputation and refer it to consideration of Clause 5 of Transportation Services Committee Report No. 2.

Carried

49 COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Regional Councillor Jones, seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following reports:

Report No. 1 of the Audit Committee
Report No. 2 of the Community and Health Services Committee
Report No. 2 of the Environmental Services Committee
Report No. 2 of the Finance and Administration Committee
Report No. 2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee
Report No. 2 of the Transportation Services Committee
Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services

Carried

Regional Chair Fisch chaired the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole rose and recommended that Council adopt the recommendations in the following reports with amendments as noted:

Report No. 1 of the Audit Committee
Report No. 2 of the Community and Health Services Committee
Report No. 2 of the Environmental Services Committee
Report No. 2 of the Finance and Administration Committee
Report No. 2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee

Clause No. 6, 407 Transitway Environmental Assessment - Project Update, was referred to the March 2, 2011 meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee for further consideration, with a request that a letter be sent to the Minister of the Environment requesting that he delay making a decision on this transit project assessment process pending Council's consideration of the further report from the Committee on March 24, 2011.

Report No. 2 of the Transportation Services Committee
Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Corporate Services

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

Carried

A recorded vote on the adoption of the referral motion pertaining to Clause No. 6 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee Report No. 2 was as follows:

For: Bevilacqua, Dawe, Di Biase, Emmerson, Hackson, Heath, Hogg, Pellegrini, Rosati, Spatafora, Van Bynen, Wheeler (12)

Against: Jones, Landon, Li, Scarpitti, Schulte (5)

Carried

50 BY-LAWS

It was moved by Regional Councillor Spatafora, seconded by Mayor Scarpitti that Council introduce and approve certain Bills in the form as noted on the Revised Agenda and enact them as By-laws.

By-law No. 2011-6 To acquire certain lands for or in connection with constructing the Toronto York Spadina Subway Extension, in the City of Vaughan

Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

51 World Habitat Day

Mayor Dawe informed Council that October 3, 2011 has been declared World Habitat Day in the Town of Aurora and encouraged all municipalities to follow Aurora's decision to support this day. World Habitat Day encourages all to reflect on the state of our towns and cities and the basic right of all to adequate shelter.

52 February 24, 2011 Council Workshop

Regional Chair Fisch indicated that there will not be a Council Workshop on Thursday, February 24, 2011.

(See Minute No. 36, January 27, 2011.)

53 York Region Transit – Possible Strike

Commissioner Llewellyn-Thomas updated Council on the status of the negotiations between Veolia Transportation and the Amalgamated Transit Union. Veolia, one of York Region Transit's contractors, provides service in southwest York Region, and its employees rejected the proposed settlement reached by the Union and the contractor that averted a strike earlier this

week. Negotiations are continuing and Veolia will again be in a legal strike position this Monday, February 21, 2011.

The Commissioner indicated that extra buses will be deployed and many York Region staff members have volunteered to assist with customer service in the event of a strike. It was noted that in the event of a strike many routes will still be operational and that YRT's website (www.yorkregiontransit.com) and call centre (1-866-MOVE-YRT) will be updated to provide passengers with the latest information.

54 PRIVATE SESSION

It was moved by Regional Councillor Jones, seconded by Mayor Pellegrini that Council convene in Private Session for the purpose of considering the following:

1. Private Attachment - Commissioner of Community and Health Services – Appointments to the 2011-2014 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee – Personal Information
2. Private Report of the Community and Health Services Committee – Affordable Housing Development Opportunity - Request for Proposal Results – Security of Property and Proposed or Pending Acquisition of Land

Carried

Council met in Private Session at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened in Council at 11:42 a.m.

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

Carried

55 Appointments to the 2011-2014 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

See Minute No. 44 for receipt of the confidential attachment.

56 Affordable Housing Development Opportunity Request for Proposal Results

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Regional Councillor Spatafora that Council adopt the confidential direction to staff and the recommendations contained in the private report of the Community and Health Services Committee dated February 9, 2011 as follows:

1. Staff be directed to complete a Value Engineering and Contract Negotiations process with Fairwood Homes for the potential purchase of a +/- 92 unit apartment building located on the southeast corner of The Queensway South and Church Street in Keswick in the Town of Georgina and secure a best and final offer from the proponent.
2. Regional Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to award the contract to Fairwood Homes, should an agreement fulfilling the requirements of the Region be reached at a value not to exceed the bid amount.
3. Regional Council recommend to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the Fairwood Homes proposal receive capital funding under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program, should new funding become available.
4. Regional Council allocate up to \$20 million for this project from *Investing in Ontario Act*, 2008 funding.

Carried

57 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Regional Councillor Heath that Council enact the following by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council.

By-law No. 2011-7	To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 17, 2011.
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Carried

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on March 24, 2011.

Bill Fisch
Regional Chair