

**COUNCIL
OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

February 22, 2007

Regional Council met at 9:33 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: Barrow, Black, Emmerson, Grossi, Morris, Scarpitti, Van Bynen and Young

Regional Councillor: Heath, Hogg, Jones, Landon, Spatafora, Taylor, Wheeler and Wong

Staff: Davidson, Garrett, Hulton, Kurji, Macgregor, Russell, Simmons, Tuckey.

34 MINUTES

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 25th of January 2007, be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried

35 PRESENTATIONS

Bruce Macgregor, Commissioner of Transportation and Works, indicated to Council that the Region had recently won the following awards:

Ontario Public Works Association - Bruce Brunton Award

The Region was acknowledged for its efforts in engaging the public at open houses in May 2006. The following staff members were specifically thanked for their role in the implementation of the activities and program: Bonnie Alexander, Sandra Malcic, Edward Skarjak, Jay Silverstein, Sabrina Ker, Michelle Herder, Michael Kemp and Heather Holland.

Ontario Public Works Association - Project of the Year Award - St. John's Sideroad McKenzie Wetland Project

The Region won the Project of the Year Award in the Environment Category for Projects having a value of greater than \$10 Million. The Region was recognized for its environmental efforts in reconstructing St. John's Sideroad in a manner that was sensitive to preserving the adjacent McKenzie Marsh Wetlands.

Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation Award - York Durham Sanitary System

The Region won the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation Award for its construction of the York-Durham System Interceptor Project. The award recognized the Region for four accomplishments: 1) introducing the “constructive engagement” process; 2) use of environmentally- friendly technologies such as the Earth Pressure Balance Tunneling Machine; 3) training to ensure compliance and sensitivity to the environment; and 4) adding environmental consciousness to municipal infrastructure.

Mary-Frances Turner, Vice-President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, indicated that the Region had also won the following award:

Ontario Public Works Association - Project of The Year Award - VIVA Bus Rapid Transit Project

The Region won the Project of the Year Award for Projects in the Transportation Category having a value of greater than \$10 Million. The award specifically focused on the Region’s VIVA bus rapid transit system’s technologies and success.

Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community Services, Housing and Health Services, indicated that the Region had recently won the following award:

The Heather Crowe Award – Recognizing York Region’s Ongoing Commitment to a Smoke-Free Ontario

This award was presented to the Region by the Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Health Promotion, during National Non-Smoking Week. The award was created by the Provincial Government to recognize individuals and organizations across Ontario who have made significant contributions to tobacco control efforts on a local level. The Region was recognized as a pioneer in tobacco control and education efforts. Regional Chair Fisch expressed appreciation to Dr. Kurji and Health Services staff for their commitment to this project.

Regional Chair Fisch congratulated all staff members who were involved in these projects for their excellent work.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that the presentations be received.

Carried

(See Minute No. 39.)

36 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Report No. 1 of the Audit Committee
Report No. 2 of the Community Services and Housing Committee
Report No. 2 of the Finance and Administration Committee
Report No. 2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee
Report No. 1 of the Joint Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee and the Transit Committee
Report No. 2 of the Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee
Report No. 2 of the Solid Waste Management Committee
Report No. 2 of the Transit Committee
Report No. 2 of the Transportation and Works Committee
Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Community Services, Housing and Health Services and the Regional Solicitor
Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works

It was moved by Mayor Black, seconded by Regional Councillor Jones, 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. 1 of the Audit Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Community Services and Housing Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Joint Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee and the Transit Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Solid Waste Management Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Transit Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 2 of the Transportation and Works Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Community Services, Housing and Health Services and the Regional Solicitor be adopted with the following amendment:

Clause 1 relating to Bill 140, Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2006, be amended by adding the following recommendation:

3. *Staff be directed to send a letter to the Premier, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and York Region MPP's relating to concerns with issues of Directors' and Officers' liability.*

Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works be adopted without amendment.

It was moved by Mayor Scarpitti, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that Council adopt the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried

37 BY-LAWS

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

By-law No. RD-0532-2007-021	To dedicate certain lands for the purposes of public highways
By-law No. R-1455-2007-022	To rename Markham By-pass "Donald Cousens Parkway"
By-law No. R-1456-2007-023	A by-law to appoint the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to temporarily close Regional Roads to through traffic to accommodate railway crossing improvements
By-law No. R-1457-2007-024	To authorize the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to temporarily close part of certain Regional Roads
By-law No. R-1435(a)-2007-025	To amend by-law no R-1435-2006-014, being a by-law to provide for restricted loads on certain Regional Roads
By-law No. L-0137-2007-026	To levy against the Town of Georgina for the purposes of the Tile Drainage Act

Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

38 Meeting of Joint Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee and Transit Committee – March 8, 2007

Mayor Emmerson inquired as to the status of the York Region Transit user costs and also whether there would be a special meeting of Council relating to the 2007 Rapid Transit and York Region Transit capital budgets.

Regional Chair Fisch advised Members of Council that a special meeting of the Joint Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee and Transit Committee was being scheduled for March 8, 2007, following the Finance and Administration Committee meeting and that all members of Council were welcome to attend.

PRESENTATION

39 2006 Ontario Mainstreet Accessibility Award

John Kiru, Executive Director, and Sue Mitchell, Administrator, Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas, presented York Region Council with the first 2006 Ontario Mainstreet Accessibility Award. The award recognizes the efforts of small business people to identify, prevent and remove barriers for people with disabilities. The Region received the award for its outstanding leadership and vision in improving accessibility within diverse communities.

Regional Chair Fisch thanked Regional Councillor Wheeler and Regional Councillor Frustaglio, Commissioner Simmons and all members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for their contributions. Regional Chair Fisch, Regional Councillor Wheeler and Commissioner Simmons accepted the award on behalf of Council.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Mayor Van Bynen, that the presentation be received.

Carried

PRIVATE SESSION

40 It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Mayor Van Bynen, that Council convene in Private Session, for the purpose of considering one labour relations matter, one personal matter about identifiable individuals and one property matter.

Carried

Council met in Private Session at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened in Council at 11:25 a.m.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Hogg, seconded by Mayor Black, that Council rise and report from Private Session with no report out.

Carried

41 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

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

By-law No. M-0737-2007-027

To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 22, 2007.

Carried

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 29th of March, 2007.

Regional Chair