

**COUNCIL
OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

January 25, 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, Jackson, Morris, Scarpitti, Van Bynen and Young.

Regional Councillor: Ferri, Frustaglio, Heath, Jones, Landon, Rosati, Spatafora, Taylor, Wheeler and Wong.

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

PRESENTATION

19 2007 Business Plan and Budget

Lloyd Russell, Commissioner of Finance, and Tony Haddad, Director, Business Planning and Budgets, made a presentation regarding the draft 2007 Business Plan and Budget.

The presentation outlined the current proposed increases in the capital, operating and water and wastewater rate budgets and a number of financial pressures on the Region, both in 2007 and in the longer term. The current proposed net tax levy increase in the draft business plan and budget is 5.3% and the year-to-year blended rate increase in water and wastewater rates is 6.2%. The draft business plan and budget will be considered by the Region's Committees in February and March with Council approval of the final business plan and budget scheduled for April 19, 2007.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Ferri, seconded by Mayor Emmerson, that the presentation be received and referred to the Standing Committees for review as per the schedule provided.

Carried

20 MINUTES

It was moved by Regional Councillor Heath, seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 14th of December, 2006 be confirmed in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried

(See Minute No. 29.)

COMMUNICATIONS

Council proceeded to consider the following communications:

21 Federal Environmental Programs

Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham, forwarding a resolution adopted by the Town of Markham at its meeting on November 28, 2006, supporting a City of Vaughan resolution regarding Cancelled Federal Environmental Programs.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Frustaglio, seconded by Mayor Scarpitti, that Regional Council receive and endorse the City of Vaughan resolution as adopted by the Town of Markham.

Carried

22 Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review

Association of Municipalities of Ontario, received December 18, 2006, regarding the First Meeting of the Political Table of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review, December 2006.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Mayor Grossi, that the communication be received.

Carried

23 Red Cross Month

John Chan, Branch President, Canadian Red Cross, January 10, 2007, regarding recognition of March, 2007 as Red Cross Month.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Spatafora, that the communication be received and that Council recognize March, 2007 as Red Cross Month.

Carried

24 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Report No. 1 of the Community Services and Housing Committee

Report No. 1 of the Finance and Administration Committee

Report No. 1 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee

Report No. 1 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report No. 1 of the Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee
Report No. 1 of the Solid Waste Management Committee
Report No. 1 of the Transit Committee
Report No. 1 of the Transportation and Works Committee

It was moved by Regional Councillor Jones, seconded by Mayor Morris, 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 Community Services and Housing Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted with the following amendment;

Clause 2 regarding Provision for Self-Insured Transit Claims be referred back to the Committee for consideration in conjunction with the 2007 Business Plan and Budget.

Report No. 1 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee be adopted without amendment;

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

Report No. 1 of the Solid Waste Management Committee be adopted without amendment;

Report No. 1 of the Transit Committee be adopted without amendment; and

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

Carried

25 BY-LAWS

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

By-law No. R-1453-2007-006	To stop up and close a portion of Teston Road (Y.R. 49) in the City of Vaughan
By-law No. RD-0531-2007-007	To dedicate certain lands for the purposes of public highways
By-law No. A-0386-2007-008	A by-law to authorize the General Manager, Roads to approve traffic control signal designs and installations
By-law No. S-0069-2007-009	A by-law to assume the Weldrick Road Relief Sanitary Sewer in the Town of Richmond Hill
By-law No. A-0378(a)-2007-010	A by-law to amend By-law No. A-0378-2006-031 being a by-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program
By-law No. R-1454-2007-011	To authorize the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to temporarily close part of Davis Drive (Y.R. 31), in the Town of Newmarket
By-law No. R-1337(b)-2007-012	A By-law to amend By-law No. R-1337-2002-139 being a by-law to prescribe maximum rates of speed on Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65)
By-law No. R-1327(d)-2007-013	A By-law to amend By-law No. R-1327-2002-129 being a by-law to prescribe maximum rates of speed on 2 nd Concession (Y.R. 34)
By-law No. R-0629(aac)-2007-014	To amend by-law no. R-629-79-109 to designate through highways
By-law No. R-1102(bg)-2007-015	To amend By-law No. R-1102-96-100 to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional Roads
By-law No. R-1102(bh)-2007-016	To amend By-law No. R-1102-96-100 to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional Roads
By-law No. R-1102(bi)-2007-017	To amend By-law No. R-1102-96-100 to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional Roads
By-law No. L-0136-2007-018	To levy against the lower-tier municipalities on an interim basis the sums of monies required during the year 2007 for the purposes of The Regional Municipality of York
By-law No. R-1107(x)-2007-019	To amend By-law No. R-1107-96-126 being a By-law to set out all the roads in the Regional Road System

Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

26 Changes to Committee Memberships

Regional Chair Fisch advised Council that he had made the following changes to Committee memberships:

1. Audit Committee add Mayor Black
2. Transit Committee add Regional Councillor Hogg
delete Mayor Black

27 Province of Ontario Non-Smoking Week

Regional Councillor Frustaglio advised Council of a visit to the Region by the Hon. Jim Watson, Minister of Health Promotion in honour of the Province of Ontario's Non-Smoking Week. Regional Councillor Frustaglio advised of the Region's receipt of the Heather Crowe Award in recognition of the Region's efforts regarding its Non-Smoking by-law and Smoking Cessation Education programs.

28 Southlake Regional Health Centre Board

Mayor Grossi requested that the Regional Clerk determine the process for Council to be entitled to an additional Director on the Board of the Southlake Regional Health Centre (for a total of three Directors).

29 Character Communities Steering Committee

Regional Councillor Taylor requested that his membership on the Character Communities Steering Committee, as referred to in the Minutes of Council's meeting of December 14, 2006, be changed to reflect his position of "Regional Councillor" rather than "Mayor".

MOTIONS

Council approved the introduction of the following item by a two-thirds majority vote:

30 Issuance of Transportation Services Pass

It was moved by Mayor Grossi, seconded by Mayor Jackson, that York Region issue a free pass to access any transportation service offered by York Region, upon request by any individual resident who reaches the age of 100.

Carried

31 PRIVATE SESSION

It was moved by Regional Councillor Spatafora, seconded by Regional Councillor Wheeler, that Council convene in Private Session, for the purpose of considering certain legal and land acquisition matters.

Carried

Council met in Private Session at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened in Council at 11:33 a.m.

It was moved by Mayor Barrow, seconded by Mayor Young, that Council rise and report from Private Session.

Carried

32 North Leslie OMB Decision

It was moved by Regional Councillor Heath, seconded by Mayor Young, that Council adopt the following recommendations contained in a confidential report, January 25, 2007, from the Regional Solicitor:

1. Staff be authorized to attend at any motion for leave to appeal Ontario Municipal Board (the “OMB”) decision No. 3289 issued November 23, 2006 and to represent the Region’s position on the granting of leave to appeal and if necessary, to appear at any hearing of the appeal and represent the Region’s position on the granting of such appeal;
2. Staff be authorized to make submissions to the OMB opposing the granting of any review or rehearing of OMB decision 3289 issued November 23, 2006 pursuant to s.43 of the *Ontario Municipal Board Act* (“the “OMB Act”) and if necessary to attend at any rehearing of the matter and oppose the designation of the lands east of Tributary 2 for residential uses; and
3. The Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute any Minutes of Settlement or any other documents required to give effect to recommendations in 1 and 2.

Carried

The balance of the report to remain confidential under the provisions of the *Municipal Act* as it contains information relating to litigation or potential litigation.

33 CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

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

By-law No. M-0736-2007-020

To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 25, 2007.

Carried

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

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on the 22nd of February 2007.

Regional Chair