

**COUNCIL
OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

October 20, 2011

Regional Council met at 9:31 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, Bevilacqua, Dawe, Emmerson, Grossi, Hackson, Pellegrini, Scarpitti and Van Bynen
Regional Councillor:	Heath, Hogg, Landon, Li, Rosati, Schulte, Spatafora, Taylor, and Wheeler
Staff:	Davidson, Hughes, Hulton, Kurji, Llewellyn-Thomas, Macgregor, Mahoney, Urbanski and Waller

157 MINUTES

It was moved by Mayor Grossi, seconded by Regional Councillor Heath that Council confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on September 22, 2011 in the form supplied to the Members.

Carried

158 Passing of Former York Region Chair Eldred King

Regional Chair Fisch expressed his condolences on behalf of York Regional Council, staff and residents on the passing of former York Region Chair Eldred King. The Regional Chair provided Council with an overview of Mr. King's career and accomplishments.

Transitioning from school trustee to Councillor, and then from Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville to Chairman, Mr. King grew from a concerned resident into a respected leader. He was Regional Chair for thirteen years and in that time he was a mentor to many and a friend to all. His sense of humour, patience, vision and honesty were admired. Regional Chair Fisch indicated that Mr. King interacted well with others, engendered trust with all and always remembered where he came from. He would work on his farm early in the morning and then put on his suit and tie to assume his role as Regional Chair when the normal work day began.

Mr. King led the Region through a period of great change. When he became Regional Chair the population was 300,000 and when he retired, 13 years later, it had doubled to more than 650,000 residents. The Region's budget also rose significantly during this period. Mr. King had a tremendous command of the issues and was also very pragmatic. As York Region's Chairman, he sat on all Regional Committees and also served as Chairman of GO Transit. He was also a member and Chair of the Police Services Board.

During his tenure, Mr. King oversaw a number of significant initiatives including the adoption of the first York Region Official Plan, the establishment of the York Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation, extension of the Blue Box recycling program and the achievement of a Triple-A credit rating. Mr. King was also involved when provincial downloading of services began. Regional Chair Fisch indicated that Mr. King steered the Members of Council, as he would his tractor, on the straight and narrow.

Regional Chair Fisch concluded that the community has been diminished by the loss of Mr. King and was a way better place because of him.

All Members of Council and staff and those present in the audience then stood to observe a minute of silence in Eldred King's memory.

PRESENTATION

Council then received the following presentation:

159 Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) Excellence in Planning Award and the OPPI and Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario's Healthy Communities Award

Sue Cumming, Immediate Past President, Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI), presented Regional Council with two awards:

1. the OPPI Excellence in Planning Award in the Municipal Statutory Planning Studies, Reports and Documents category in recognition of the high calibre of excellence in planning; and
2. the Healthy Communities Award, bestowed jointly with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario for the numerous ways that the York Region Official Plan will create and foster communities that are healthier and more sustainable.

Regional Chair Fisch, Regional Councillor John Taylor, Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Committee and John Waller, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development Services received the awards on behalf of the Region.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Taylor, seconded by Mayor Hackson that Council receive the presentation.

Carried

COMMUNICATIONS

Council considered the following communications:

160 Upper York Sewage Solutions Project Update – Project 74270
(*Clause No. 1 of Environmental Services Committee Report No. 8*)

It was moved by Mayor Grossi, seconded by Mayor Van Bynen that Council receive the following communications and refer them to consideration of Clause No. 1 of Environmental Services Committee Report No. 8.

1. Carolyn Lance, Administrative Assistant to Town Clerk, Town of Georgina, October 12, 2011, forwarding a motion passed by the Council of the Town of Georgina at its meeting on October 11, 2011.
2. Jane Zednik, Resident, October 19, 2011.
3. Debbie Schaefer, King Township Councillor, Ward 5, October 19, 2011.
4. Jeff Laidlaw, Resident, October 19, 2011.

Carried

(*See Minute No. 163.*)

161 Toastmasters Month

Rosario Dizon, Vice-President Public Relations, Toastmasters - Region of York, September 20, 2011, requesting that the Region recognize October 2011 as “Toastmasters Month”.

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Regional Councillor Heath that Council receive the communication and recognize October as “Toastmasters Month”.

Carried

DEPUTATION

Council then heard the following deputation:

162 Queen’s York Rangers

Former Commanding Officer and Chair of Regimental Council, Kirk Corkery, and Darrell Bricker, Honorary Colonel, updated Council on the Queen’s York Rangers. This regiment is the largest reserve unit in Canada with 256 citizen soldiers — most of whom live or work in York Region.

It was noted that the Queen's York Rangers were historically responsible for building Fort York, the first Parliament Building in Upper Canada and both Yonge and Dundas Streets as well as other primary infrastructure throughout Ontario and were also involved in the War of 1812. The regiment's Commanding Officer, John Graves Simcoe, became the first Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada. More recently, the regiment has served in the Canadian army in peacekeeping missions and the war in Afghanistan, assisted with disaster relief efforts and participated in domestic search and rescue operations.

The Regiment will be honouring its soldiers with a parade in Aurora on November 6th. Additionally, a new armoury for the regiment is scheduled to open in Aurora in 2012.

It was moved by Mayor Dawe, seconded by Mayor Van Bynen that Council receive the deputation.

Carried

163 COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Mayor Van Bynen, seconded by Regional Councillor Hogg that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following reports:

Report No. 3 of the Audit Committee
Report No. 8 of the Community and Health Services Committee
Report No. 8 of the Environmental Services Committee
Report No. 8 of the Finance and Administration Committee
Report No. 8 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee
Report No. 8 of the Transportation Services Committee
Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Community and Health 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. 3 of the Audit Committee
Report No. 8 of the Community and Health Services Committee
Report No. 8 of the Environmental Services Committee

Clause 1 – Upper York Sewage Solutions Project Update – Project 74270

Consideration of this report and the staff recommendations be deferred for two months pending results of the public information centre to be held in Georgina.

Report No. 8 of the Finance and Administration Committee

Clause 1 – Water and Wastewater Delivery in York Region

Committee Recommendation 1 be amended to read as follows:

- 1a) The Region conduct a detailed water and wastewater service delivery analysis by September 2012 to fully assess the benefits, risks and financial outcomes associated with moving to single-tier service integration; and*
- b) the analysis be done in consultation with the nine local municipalities.*

Report No. 8 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee
Report No. 8 of the Transportation Services Committee
Report No. 1 of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services

It was moved by Regional Councillor Heath, seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati that Council adopt the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried

164 BYLAWS

It was moved by Regional Councillor Li, seconded by Mayor Pellegrini that Council introduce and approve certain Bills in the form as noted on the Revised Agenda and enact them as Bylaws.

Bylaw No. 2011-54	To amend Bylaw No. R-1102-96-100 to prohibit or regulate parking and stopping on Regional Roads
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Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

165 Regional Council Workshop – October 27, 2011 – Vision 2051

Regional Chairman Fisch reminded Council Members of the Council Workshop on Vision 2051 scheduled for October 27, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Administrative Building, Seminar Room.

166 PRIVATE SESSION

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

1. Private Report of the Finance and Administration Committee – Lease – York Region Rapid Transit Corporation – Land Acquisition
2. Private Attachments to Clause 5 of the Finance and Administration Committee Report 8 – Compensation for Expropriation, Vivanext H2: Highway 7 West, Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, City of Vaughan – Land Acquisition
3. Private Attachments to Clause 8 of the Finance and Administration Committee Report 8 – Compensation for Expropriation, Widening and Reconstruction of Ninth Line, Town of Markham and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville – Land Acquisition
4. Private Briefing by the Commissioner of Transportation Services – Transit Update – Labour Relations
5. Private Briefing by the Director, Internal Audit – Financial Processes – Security of Municipal Property
6. Private Presentation and Report of the Finance and Administration Committee – Personnel Matter

Carried

Council met in Private Session at 11:11 a.m. and reconvened in Council at 12:54 p.m.

It was moved by Regional Councillor Landon, seconded by Regional Councillor Hogg that Council rise and report from Private Session.

Carried

167 Lease – York Region Rapid Transit Corporation

It was moved by Regional Councillor Heath, seconded by Mayor Barrow that Council adopt the recommendations contained in the private report of the Finance and Administration Committee, as follows:

1. The Region be authorized to lease 5,720 square feet of additional office space located at 3601 Highway 7 East in Markham for the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) for three years with 1602978 Ontario Inc., commencing January 1, 2012, on the same terms and conditions as the floors currently leased by the Region, with an option to renew for an additional two years at the rental rate indicated in this report.
2. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to sign the lease subject to review by Legal Services and with the concurrence of the Regional Treasurer.
3. Council approve a one-time leasehold improvement for the lease space based on the current industry standard of \$60 per square foot.

4. Council approve a one-time furniture allowance of \$30 per square foot to furnish the leased space.
5. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to renew the lease for an additional period of up to two years, if deemed necessary.

Carried

168 Compensation for Expropriation, Vivanext H2: Highway 7 West, Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, City of Vaughan – Land Acquisition
(Clause 5 of Finance and Administration Committee Report No. 8)

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Mayor Scarpitti that Council receive the private attachments.

Carried

169 Compensation for Expropriation, Widening and Reconstruction of Ninth Line, Town of Markham and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
(Clause 8 of Finance and Administration Committee Report No. 8)

It was moved by Mayor Emmerson, seconded by Mayor Scarpitti that Council receive the private attachments.

Carried

170 Transit Update

It was moved by Regional Councillor Spatafora, seconded by Mayor Dawe that Council receive the private briefing of the Commissioner of Transportation Services.

Carried

171 Financial Processes

It was moved by Mayor Barrow, seconded by Mayor Hackson that Council receive the private briefing of the Director of Audit Services.

Carried

172 Planning and Development Services Department and Forestry Realignment of Functions

It was moved by Regional Councillor Spatafora, seconded by Mayor Barrow that Council adopt the recommendations contained in the private report of the Finance and Administration Committee dated October 6, 2011, as follows:

1. The functions currently in the Planning and Development Services Department be realigned as follows:

- a) Economic Strategy and Tourism, Geomatics and Long Range and Strategic Planning to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
 - b) Community Planning to the Transportation Services Department; and
 - c) Infrastructure Planning to the Environmental Services and Transportation Services Departments;
2. The Forestry function currently in the Transportation Services Department be realigned to the Environmental Services Department;
 3. The Transportation Services Department be renamed the Transportation and Community Planning Department; and
 4. The reporting structure remain the same i.e. through Planning and Economic Development Committee.

Carried

173 CONFIRMATORY BYLAW

It was moved by Regional Councillor Spatafora, seconded by Regional Councillor Taylor that Council enact the following bylaw to confirm the proceedings of this meeting of Council.

Bylaw No. 2011-55 To confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on October 20, 2011.

Carried

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Minutes confirmed and adopted at the meeting of Regional Council held on November 17, 2011.

Regional Chair