

8. CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

- 1110-09 Correspondence from Honourable John R. O'Toole, MPP Durham regarding the *Good Government Act, Bill 212* and enclosed summary of legislation with regards to matters associated with municipal elections.
- 1124-09 Correspondence from Mr. Alan Latourelle, CEO for Parks Canada in response to a letter sent September 22 regarding "It's All About the Water", the report of the panel on the Future of the Trent-Severn Waterway.
- 1137-09 Correspondence from Ms. Jan Bate, Principal of Port Perry High School regarding the Port Perry High School Commencement Exercises 2009 and their appreciation for the *Fore Scugog Youth Bursaries*.
- 1140-09 Minutes of the Scugog Memorial Public Library Board Meeting held, Thursday October 22, 2009.
- 1145-09 Correspondence from Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk for the City of Vaughan regarding a Task Force on Democratic Participation & Renewal: Final Report and advised that the attached extracts for Item 1, Report No. 48, of the Committee of the Whole adopted without amendment and Item 1, Report No. 49 of the Committee of the Whole adopted, as amended by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of November 24, 2009.
- 1146-09 Correspondence from FCM advising that at one of its meetings held in November 2009, FCM's National Board of Directors approved a resolution on municipal leadership in climate change action:

Re: Leadership on Climate Change Action

"WHEREAS a global reduction in the emissions of carbon dioxide (CO²) and its significant contribution to the creation of greenhouse gases (GHG) is necessary to slow climate change and reduce the risks to our economy, human health, the physical environment and quality of life;

WHEREAS human activities have caused a dramatic increase in the amount of carbon dioxide (CO²) in the earth's atmosphere. Since the mid 1700s, the concentration of CO² has risen from about 280 parts per million (ppm) to reach 387 ppm in 2009. This amount is likely the highest concentration in the atmosphere in the past 20 million years;

WHEREAS evidence presented in the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC) November 2007 report indicates that "Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice and rising global average sea level" and "Most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic GHG concentrations. It is likely that there has been significant anthropogenic warming over the past 50 years averaged over each continent (except Antarctica)";

WHEREAS reducing greenhouse gases makes economic sense. New and improved infrastructure, renewable energy technologies, energy efficiency, energy conservation, waste reduction, building retrofits, transit, walking, cycling, water conservation, better fleet management, more effective wastewater treatment and distribution, etc., can reduce short-term and/or long-term municipal operating costs and help maintain community services, while having a positive impact on the environment;

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change as well as the responsibility for mitigation will fall primarily on municipalities;

WHEREAS municipalities are leaders among governments in Canada when it comes to making climate change a priority;

WHEREAS in December, national governments from around the world will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark to negotiate terms and conditions of a new global climate agreement;

WHEREAS local community based emission reductions can be lower cost compared to many other approaches, while also providing important social, economic, and environmental benefits to citizens and businesses;

WHEREAS mayors and municipal leaders responsible for the well-being of communities across Canada have urged federal and provincial/territorial governments to make climate protection a priority;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) continues to support the 2005 World Mayors and Municipal Leaders Declaration on Climate Change committing municipal governments, each according to their individual circumstances and abilities, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent from 1990 levels by 2020 and by 80 percent by 2050;

WHEREAS the FCM has climate change as a strategic priority and has numerous programs and committees such as the Green Municipal Funds and the Partners for Climate Protection Program, that support municipal leadership on climate change action;

WHEREAS Minister Baird re-affirmed the Government of Canada's position in the House of Commons on November 18, 2009 when he said, "We need to have real and meaningful action. We need to have all the big players on board. Canada is committed to doing our part to make a deal happen in Copenhagen."

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities support the Government of Canada's commitment to achieve a deal with real and meaningful action in Copenhagen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the federal government to recognize the important role that municipalities play in providing practical local solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the federal government to partner with and support municipalities in undertaking emission reduction projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the Government of Canada to seek the re-inclusion of references to the role of and support for local government climate change action in the latest negotiating text of the Conference of the Parties, leading up to the Copenhagen meetings in December 2009.

1153-09 Minutes of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Meeting held November 17, 2009.

1163-09 Correspondence from P.M. Madill, AMCT, CMM III, Regional Clerk for the Regional Municipality of Durham advising that Council adopted the following recommendations of the Planning Committee at a meeting held on November 25, 2009:

Re: Further Delegation of Approval Authority to Approve Area Municipal Official Plan Amendments Adopted Under Section 26 of the Planning Act, File: A14-030

- "a) THAT the Regional Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law to amend By-Law No. 17-98 to permit the Regional Commissioner of Planning to approve area municipal official plan amendments adopted under section 26 of the *Planning Act*;
- b) THAT the above-referenced by-law be passed by Council at its meeting on November 25, 2009; and
- c) THAT a copy of Report #2009-P-74 of the Commissioner of Planning be forwarded to the Area Municipalities and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for their information."

1164-09 Correspondence from P.M. Madill, AMCT, CMM III, Regional Clerk for the Regional Municipality of Durham advising that Council adopted the following recommendations of the Planning Committee at a meeting held on November 25, 2009:

Re: Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Membership Appointment, File: A01-38 (2009-P-73)

- "a) THAT Mr. Zac Cohoon, representing the Township of Scugog, be appointed as a member of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee; and
- b) THAT a copy of Report #2009-P-73 of the Commissioner of Planning be forwarded to the Township of Scugog and the Durham Agriculture Advisory Committee."

1165-09 AMO Alert: Proposed Organics Guidelines – The Ministry of the Environment has issued proposed draft compost guidelines for consultation.

1166-09 AMO Alert: Advocacy for OMPF and OMPF Mitigation Funding for 2010 – Municipal governments in Ontario are still waiting to hear about OMPF allocations 2010 and about whether OMPF Mitigation Funding will be provided again in 2010.

1168-09 Correspondence from P.M. Madill, AMCT, CMM III, Regional Clerk for the Regional Municipality of Durham advising that Council adopted the following recommendations of the Joint Finance & Administration and Works Committee at a meeting held on November 25, 2009:

Re: The 2010 Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study (2009-J-44)

“Regional Solid Waste Management 70% Diversion Plan

- a) THAT the Joint Works and Finance and Administration Committee recommend the following in support of the Regional waste diversion program, based upon the Council approved Property Tax Guideline of a 0.1% tax impact (estimated at \$37.4 million) approved for the 2010 Solid Waste Management Business Plan and Budget:

- i) Leaf and yard waste collections in the Townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge be increased to 24 stops per year, consistent with other municipalities, at an additional cost not to exceed \$0.2 million to the existing contract, and to be financed within the 2010 and future Solid Waste Management Operations Budgets;
- ii) Regional Works and Finance staff be authorized to develop and implement a Blue Box Bin distribution plan which makes additional Blue Box containers available to residents at a net program cost not to exceed \$0.5 million to be financed within the Solid Waste Management Budget and provided the Provincial subsidy as noted in recommendation iii) below;
- iii) Regional Works and Finance staff be authorized to apply for, and if successful, enter into applicable agreements to receive up to \$1 million of Provincial subsidy from the Continuous Improvement Fund under the Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO), Blue Box Program Plan to develop and implement a Blue Box Bin Distribution plan in Durham Region;
- iv) Regional Works and Finance staff be authorized to plan and implement, in consultation with the eight local area municipalities, up to four new special waste events in support of increased diversion of Municipal Hazardous Solid Waste (MHSW) and Waste Electronics and Electrical Equipment (WEEE);
- v) Regional Works and Finance staff be authorized to plan and launch two pilot studies at a total cost not to exceed \$0.2 million in order to provide for an assessment of the diversion potential from offering polystyrene and mattress and upholstery recycling programs at the Region's Waste Management facilities (WMFs), with related business plans to be presented to Joint Works and Finance Committee for 2011 Business Planning Purposes;

- vi) Regional Works and Finance staff be authorized to investigate potential implementation plans, infrastructure and other implications of reuse programs and eco-stations proposed as part of the 70% Diversion Plan, including potential for the development of community partnerships with various agencies that could make such programs a success within Durham Region, at a cost not to exceed \$0.1 million, with related business plans to be presented to Joint Works and Finance Committee for 2011 Business Planning purposes;

Regional Solid Waste Management Fees and Charges

- b) THAT the Regional Fees and Charges schedule for 2010 Solid Waste Management Operations, as per Attachment #1 to Report No. 2009-J-44 of the Commissioners of Finance and Works, be approved and form a part of the annual Regional listing of Fees and Charges made available to the public, with 2010 fees and charges amended in 2010 to reflect tire loads accepted free of charge where they are isolated from other materials, as noted in Report 2009-WR-13 and based upon the new Provincial funding and tire recycling policy;

Other

- c) THAT Regional Works and Finance staff be authorized to conduct a detailed review of the Minister of the Environment's Report on the *Waste Diversion Act 2002* Review titled, 'From Waste to Worth: The Role of Waste Diversion in the Green Economy' and report back with specific comments in December 2009 to enable the Regional Municipality of Durham to meet the Minister's January 11, 2010 comment deadline;
- d) THAT approval be granted to extend the existing consulting assignment with Jacques Whitford Stantec Limited, as assigned, in the estimated gross amount of \$1,000,000 for 2009, with funding from within the approved 2009 EFW project budget, and cost shared

with the Region of York, to fund the balance of the EFW Environmental Assessment (EA) process, including the recent and unanticipated Ministry of the Environment referral of consultation responses back to the Regions for processing;

- e) THAT the proposed Solid Waste Management 2010 Holiday Collection Schedules within Attachment #2 to Report No. 2009-J-44 be received for information;
- f) THAT the Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare the requisite By-Laws and Agreements and the Regional Clerk and Regional Chair be authorized to execute subject by-laws and agreements; and
- g) THAT copies of Report No. 2009-J-44 be forwarded to the Region's eight Local Area Municipalities."

Note: Study provided under separate cover in the Clerk's Department.

1170-09 Correspondence from Mike Porporo, Municipal Relations Representative for MPAC and enclosed Fact sheet advising that approximately 800,000 Property Assessment Notices have been distributed to taxpayers across the province.

1171-09 AMO Alert: The Auditor General's 2009 Report Highlights Human Services Spending and Bridge Infrastructure – The Auditor General's 2009 report examines value-for-money in the administration of human services programs and safety inspections of bridges, including municipally owned structures.

RESOLUTION NO: 09-

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

THAT the Correspondence be Received for Information.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED & REFERRED

1141-09 Petition from the residents of Edgerton Road requesting a review of the posted speed limit from the bottom of the hill (just east of 57) to 1km east of the top of the hill. Request involves a decrease in the speed limit from 70km/hr to 50km/hr.

(Forwarded to Commissioner of Planning & Public Works/Deputy CAO for recommendation – Dec 2, 2009)

1169-09 Correspondence from Alice Johnson, Volunteer Chair for Pitch-In Ontario thanking the Township of Scugog for participation in the 2009 event and request for consideration of participating in the 2010 Pitch-In event.

(Refer to Budget)

RESOLUTION NO: 09-

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

THAT this Council concur with the recommended direction.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE TO BE RECEIVED & ENDORSED

1167-09 Correspondence from Sandra Kranc, City Clerk for the City of Oshawa advising that City Council adopted the following recommendation of the Strategic Initiatives Committee at a meeting held November 30, 2009:

Re: Request for the Province to Mandate Superintendents and Key Holders for Condominiums and Apartment Buildings be Bonded and Obtain Criminal Reference Checks

“Whereas the residents of condominiums and apartments have the right to live in a safe environment; and,

Whereas there currently is no legislation mandating that superintendents and key holders to those complexes are required to be bonded or obtain police checks;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province be mandated to compel owners and managers of properties to ensure that all key holders are bonded and obtain police criminal checks; and,

That this be forwarded to all municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Chief of Police and Members of Provincial Parliament.”

1172-09 Letter and enclosed 2010 Preliminary Budget from Mr. Rob Messervey, CAO for Kawartha Conservation.

Note: Budget provided under separate cover.

RESOLUTION NO: 09-

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

THAT Correspondence Numbers 1167-09 & 1172-09 be Received and Endorsed.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING MOTION FOR DIRECTION

1144-09 Correspondence from Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration announcing Ontario's volunteer recognition programs for 2010 and request for participation. Nomination deadlines: Volunteer Service Awards – January 25, 2010, June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award – January 15, 2010 and Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers – January 31, 2010.

(Motion for Direction)

RESOLUTION NO: 09-

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

1147-09 Correspondence from Ms. Stephanie Herrera regarding the rental rate of the Island Hall and advising that she will no longer be renting the hall for her improv classes due to the removal of hourly rates.

(Motion for Direction)

RESOLUTION NO: 09-

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor