1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2) INVOCATION

The invocation was read by the Clerk.

3) ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Douglas G. Martin; Councillors Annunziata, Lockwood, Noyes and Steckley.

ABSENT: Councillor Shular (personal reasons)
Councillor Whitfield (Drainage Course)

ALSO PRESENT:
S. Cordiner, Regional Councillor (Departure: 6:45 p.m.)
H. Schlange, Chief Administrative Officer
C.J. Kett, Town Clerk
M. Neubauer, Director of Corporate Services
R. Mostacci, Director of Community and Development Services
B. Desrosiers, Acting Director of Infrastructure Services

MEDIA PRESENT: Nicole Montreuil, The Times; Ray Spiteri, The Review; Mike Cloutier, The Herald and Jessica Arcaro, Niagara This Week and COGECO

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 9

4) REVIEW OF ADDENDUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Addendum

NIL
Mayor Martin made the following announcements:
- Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast was held on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at the Leisureplex.

- The Mayor attended the Golden Gloves boxing matches held at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre April 13, 14 and 15, 2007.

- The Mayor attended the Fort Erie Fire Department Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Councillors Noyes, Steckley and Whitfield also attended. Fire Chief Douglas received his 30 year Service Award.

- Sesquicentennial - Today in History:
  April 21, 1851 - Bertie Town Council passes a by-law to purchase stock in the proposed Brantford & Buffalo Joint Stock Railroad Co. in the amount of 10,000 pounds redeemable in 20 years.
  April 21, 1971 - St. Paul’s Anglican Church holds special services to celebrate its 150th anniversary with Right Rev. Walter E. Bagnall, Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, preaching the anniversary sermon.
  April 22, 1827 - Fort Erie postmaster James Kerby denies being a friend of William Lyon Mackenzie despite being named as an agent for his paper, The Colonial Advocate.
  April 23, 1821 - Episcopal Church (now St. Paul's Anglican) purchases a plot of land on the Niagara Boulevard to build a church.
  April 23, 1910 - The Buffalo & Fort Erie Ferry & Railway Company launches the ferry Niagara Frontier from the Buffalo Dry Dock Company. The ferry, which cost $60,000, brought passengers to Erie Beach.
  April 24, 1909 - A concert is held at the Town Hall to benefit the building fund for an English Lutheran Church in Ridgeway.
  April 25, 1859 - Town Council issues Mrs. George Thompson a beer license for her tavern.
  April 25, 1885 - Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski becomes the first Chairman of the Niagara Parks Commission.
  April 25, 1952 - Crystal Beach Public School's official opening ceremonies.
  April 26, 1859 - The first meeting of the Court of Revision in Bertie Township hears cases complaining of unjust assessment.
  April 26, 1881 - Ridgeway Council, No. 18 Royal Templars of Temperance forms.
  April 26, 1931 - Bridgeburg Town Council passes a resolution to implement Daylight Savings Time.
  April 27, 1910 - Stevensville Planning and Saw Mill owned by John Pierson burns to the ground. Many are left without jobs and losses are $16,000.
  April 27, 1942 - Kinsmen Club of Fort Erie forms.
  April 27, 1998 - Fort Erie Health Centre opens on Garrison Road.

- Councillor Steckley announced a new community initiative to reforest Fort Erie, specifically to replant trees lost as a result of the October 2006 snowstorm, entitled "RELEAF Fort Erie."

5) DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE

NIL
6) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
   (a) Regular Meeting of Council - April 10, 2007
   Resolution No. 1
   Noyes-Annunziata

   **THAT:** The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 10, 2007, as printed.
   (CARRIED)

7) **PUBLIC NOTICE**

   NIL

8) **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

   **Re:** Expression of appreciation of service to community

   Mayor Martin announced that former Mayor Wayne Redekop was educated at Brown University, Providence; University of Western Ontario, London; and Osgood Hall Law School, Toronto. Mr. Redekop practices law with Jones, Jamieson & Redekop in Ridgeway specializing in civil litigation, family and estate law. He served as a Municipal Councillor from 1991-1994. Mr. Redekop served on the following committees:
   Chair, Horse Racing Track Communities’ Task Force,
   Friendship Trail Advisory Committee,
   Mayor’s Youth Advisory Committee,
   Skateboard Park Advisory Committee, and
   Point Abino Lighthouse Advisory Committee.

   The Mayor announced that former Councillor Ric Gorham entered local politics to assist the Town to grow, prosper and develop strategies to attract tourism and investment. Mr. Gorham served on the following committees:
   Economic Development Corporation,
   Community Gaming Development Corporation,
   Mayor’s Task Force on Tourism and Job Creation,
   Chair, Planning and Community Services Committee,
   Bridgeburg Board of Management, and
   Emergency Planning Committee.

   Former Councillors Berry, Fell and Lewis were not able to attend due to prior commitments. However, the Mayor advised staff would ensure the former Councillors receive their special certificates.

9) **COMMUNICATIONS**
   (a) YMCA Fort Erie

   **Re:** Request for temporary road closures during Annual YMCA Fitness 5K Run and Fun Walk and use of Municipal Centre for Children’s 1K Fun Run – June 16, 2007
   Resolution No. 2
THAT: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby grants permission to the Fort Erie YMCA to conduct its Annual Fort Erie Fitness 5K Run and Fun Walk and a Children’s 1K Fun Run on June 16, 2007 according to the route submitted, and further

THAT: Permission is hereby also granted to use part of Ferndale Park, part of the Leisureplex parking lot and the Municipal Centre property for related activities subject to the Fort Erie YMCA providing liability insurance in the amount of $2 million naming the Town as additional insured. (CARRIED)

(b) City of Welland

Re: Request support of resolution to retain Ecole Jean Vanier School in Welland and not relocate to St. Catharines

Resolution No. 3
Annunziata-Steckley

THAT: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby supports the resolution from the City of Welland to retain Ecole Jean Vanier School in Welland and not relocate to St. Catharines, and further

THAT: The appropriate persons be so notified of this action. (CARRIED)

(c) Regional Municipality of Niagara

Re: 2007 Tax Policy and Tax Rates

Reference: To Director of Corporate Services for action.

(d) Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation

Re: Slot revenues allocated to Town of $394,076 for period January 1 – March 31, 2007 (Total to date: $27,127,489)

Reference: Receive and file.

(e) Communication items
Resolution No. 3A
Noyes-Steckley

THAT: Communication items (c) and (d) be pulled and dealt with separately. (LOST)

Resolution No. 4
Lockwood-Annunziata

THAT: Communication items (c) and (d) be dealt with according to the agenda references. (CARRIED)

10) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Resolution No. 5
Noyes-Steckley

THAT: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby adopts the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council-in-Committee - Closed Session held April 10, 2007, as
Resolution No. 6
Steckley-Annunziata

THAT: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby adopts the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council-in-Committee held April 16, 2007, as printed.
(CARRIED)

Resolution No. 7
Annunziata-Steckley

THAT: The following board and committee reports be received and filed:
(a) Fort Erie Public Library - March 20, 2007
(b) Crystal Beach Improvement Area - March 28, 2007
(c) Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee - April 2, 2007
(d) Senior Citizens Advisory Committee - April 4, 2007
(CARRIED)

11) ENQUIRIES BY MEMBERS

(A) Regional Councillor Report

RC Cordiner advised she did not have anything to report from the Region. However, she did follow-up on Councillor Shular's past enquiry regarding trees overhanging Regional roads left over from the October 2006 snowstorm. RC Cordiner advised she spoke with Joe Cousins at the Region about whether or not they would be checking all of the trees hanging over Regional roads. RC Cordiner confirmed with Joe Cousins that a plan has been developed to check all of the trees overhanging Regional roads.

Councillor Noyes referred to a past article in the newspaper regarding an investigation into the Fort Erie landfill site respecting a chemical or leaching problem. The Mayor advised a contract was awarded to monitor the leachate at that time. He advised Mr. Tripp can provide information.

(B) Response to Past Enquiries

NIL

(C) Member Enquiries

(a) Councillor Noyes

Councillor Noyes questioned when she would receive answers to past enquiries, specifically with respect to Madison's at the Leisureplex and her request that a letter be obtained from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission confirming it is appropriate to serve alcohol in a public open space. Mr. Schlange indicated he would ensure the Director of Infrastructure Services provides a response for the next meeting.

In addition, Councillor Noyes requested action respecting the elimination of the train whistles in Stevensville. She advised a public meeting has been held, Council has deliberated on the matter and the final step is to
send a letter to CN requesting the elimination of the train whistles. The CAO indicated he would follow-up with Mr. Tripp. The Mayor requested that the previous report prepared on the matter be circulated to Members of Council in order to bring them up to speed.

(b) Councillor Steckley

Councillor Steckley enquired if there was a policy to replace the signage at the Municipal Centre located close to the Garrison Road and Buffalo Road entrances. If not they should be taken down entirely since they are in such poor shape. Mr. Desrosiers responded the work has already been contracted out to reinstall the signs.

(c) Councillor Noyes

Councillor Noyes advised she received complaints regarding the excessive speed used on Ott Road and requested the Traffic Coordinating Committee to consider:
1. Reducing the speed limit on Ott Road.
2. Requesting greater police presence.
3. Installation of "Children Playing" signs.
4. Writing a letter to the soccer and baseball clubs to encourage the organizations to inform their members to slow down on this road.

The Mayor advised the matter would be referred to the TCC who will return with a recommendation. Councillor Noyes enquired when the next TCC meeting would be held. The Mayor indicated the CAO would follow-up, bearing in mind that the baseball and soccer seasons will be starting shortly.

Councillor Steckley suggested Councillor Noyes contact Mr. Tripp to set-up a radar controlled sign on Ott Road in order to help with the speed problem.

RC Cordiner also offered the soccer club manuals will be sent to the coaches shortly and she will add a warning to slow down on Ott Road, similar to that which exists in the manual for Buffalo Road and the no parking thereon.

Councillor Noyes enquired about the status of the hall rentals for non-profit organizations. Mr. Schlange responded staff have met and a report will be coming forth to Council. The matter of clarifying conflict of interest has been completed.

12) MOTIONS

NIL

13) NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

14) CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Resolution No. 8
Annunziata-Lockwood

THAT: The by-law package containing:
(a) By-law No. 57-07: To accept a tender for the Michener Road Culvert Rehabilitation,
(b) By-law No. 58-07: To award the tender and enter into agreement with Sheprott K9 Security Services Inc. for security services and parking enforcement at Bay Beach
(c) By-law No. 59-07: To award the tender for the purchase of a new Full-size Extended Van
(d) By-law No. 60-07: To temporarily close certain Town streets during the Annual Fort Erie Fitness 5K Run
(e) By-law No. 61-07: To set the 2007 Tax Rate and to levy taxes for the year 2007.
(f) By-law No. 62-07: To amend By-law No. 207-06 (To appoint persons to various boards and committees of the Town of Fort Erie) - Communities-in-Bloom, Fort Erie Environmental Advisory Committee and Museum and Cultural Heritage Committee.

be hereby introduced and given first and second reading.

(CARRIED)

Resolution No. 8A
Noyes-Steckley

THAT: By-law No. 61-07 be removed from the by-law package and dealt with separately.

(LOST)

Resolution No. 9
Annunziata-Lockwood

THAT: The by-law package containing:
(a) By-law No. 57-07
(b) By-law No. 58-07
(c) By-law No. 59-07
(d) By-law No. 60-07
(e) By-law No. 61-07
(f) By-law No. 62-07

be hereby given third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

A registered vote was requested by Councillor Noyes, the results of which are as follows:

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(CARRIED)

Resolution No. 10
Lockwood-Steckley

THAT: By-law No. 63-07 (Ratification of Minutes) be hereby introduced and given first and second reading.

(CARRIED)

Resolution No. 11
Steckley-Noyes

THAT: By-law No. 63-07 be hereby given third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

(CARRIED)

15) **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution No. 12
THAT: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby supports Application Nos. 2007-0115-3 and 2007-0116-1 by Cogeco Cable Canada Inc. for renewal of Class 1 and Class 3 regional licences for Niagara, and further

THAT: The CRTC be so notified of this action.
(CARRIED)

Resolution No. 13
Lockwood-Annunziata

THAT: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby grants permission to the following organizations to hold community events on Town-owned property, as follows:

(i) Crystal Beach Improvement Area/Friends of Crystal Beach – Concerts at Crystal Beach Waterfront Park – May 27, June 24, July 8, July 29, August 12 and August 26, 2007 (and such other dates for the 2007 Summer Season subject to advance notice provided to the Town)
(ii) Crystal Beach Improvement Area/Friends of Crystal Beach - End of Summer Parade and Festival - September 1, 2007
(iii) Crystal Beach Improvement Area/Friends of Crystal Beach – 5K Run – October 7, 2007, according to the route submitted
(iv) Crystal Beach Improvement Area/Ontario Shorewalk - Beach Clean-up- May 26, 2007, and further

THAT: Town staff are hereby authorized to provide services and materials accordingly, and further

THAT: The appropriate agencies be so notified of this action.
(CARRIED)

16) SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

(a) Accessibility Advisory Committee - Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room #1.
(b) CBIA Board of Management - Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at Dagwoods.
(c) CBIA General Meeting - Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

17) ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 14
Annunziata-Noyes

THAT: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie hereby adjourns at 7:12 p.m. to reconvene into Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
(CARRIED)