

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL
OPEN SESSION**

**CL 18-2018
Thursday, December 6, 2018
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Council: Bellows, Bradley, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Insinna, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa

Staff: C. Carter, General Manager, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, J. Gilston, Legislative Coordinator, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, Dr. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, M. Jurczyk, Director, Internal Controls & Organizational Performance, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, T. McKinnon, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, J. Tamming, Director, Strategic Communications & Public Affairs, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Commissioner, Public Works

Others Present: S. McNames, Council Support Assistant; His Worship Justice Bruce Phillips, Local Administrative Justice of the Peace; K. Racicot, Information and Privacy Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, called the Inaugural Meeting of Council to order at 10:07 a.m.

The Regional Clerk acknowledged past Regional Chairs Alan Caslin, Peter Partington and Gary Burroughs who were in attendance.

2. VERIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS AND QUORUM

The Regional Clerk confirmed that she had received the required Certificates of Election Results from the Clerks of the twelve area municipalities verifying the election of those municipalities' representatives to Regional Council. She also stated that quorum was present that it was in order to proceed with the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE BY MEMBERS OF REGIONAL COUNCIL**

His Worship Justice Bruce Phillips, Local Administrative Justice of the Peace, administered the Declarations of Office to the Members of Regional Council.

4. **DECLARATION THAT COUNCIL IS ORGANIZED**

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara was deemed to be organized in accordance with Section 231 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Councillor Darté enquired if Council members could ask questions of the Regional Chair nominees. The Regional Clerk advised that it had not been the practice of Regional Council to permit questions of the Regional Chair nominees. Therefore it was:

Moved by Councillor Darté
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Council members **BE PERMITTED** to ask questions of the Regional Chair candidates.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Disero
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That, in accordance with subsection 2.4 of Niagara Region's Procedural By-law, the rules of procedure, specifically clause (e) of subsection 24.5, which states that the election of the Chair be conducted by secret ballot, **BE SUSPENDED** to permit Council to conduct the election of the Chair by open ballot, in that each ballot cast will bear the member's name and the name of the nominee for whom they are voting.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (28): Bellows, Bradley, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darté, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa.
No (3): Greenwood, Nicholson, Steele.

Two-thirds having been achieved, the vote was declared,

Carried

Moved by Councillor Disero
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That once voting for the Regional Chair is complete the results of each round of voting **BE READ ALOUD** and noted in the minutes of this meeting by the Clerk.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (27): Bellows, Bradley, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa.

No (4): Greenwood, Junkin, Nicholson, Steele.

Carried

5. REVIEW OF PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL CHAIR

The Regional Clerk explained that Regional Council would be following the procedure outlined in the Region's Procedural By-law and past practice respecting the election of the Regional Chair.

The Regional Clerk advised those in attendance that on June 20, 2013, Council adopted a policy that provides only members of Regional Council may be nominated for the position of Regional Chair.

Scrutineers must be appointed for the counting of any ballots for the election of the Regional Chair.

The Regional Clerk explained that nomination and consent forms have been placed at each member's desk. Nominations must be in writing, moved and seconded by members of Council and have the written consent of the nominee attached.

The names of the nominees will be displayed on the screens in the Chamber.

After the nominations are closed, a speakers' list will be created listing the nominees in alphabetical order and each nominee will be granted five minutes to address Council.

The voting for the election of the Chair will begin after the speeches of the nominees. A ballot will be delivered to each member of Council. The election of the Chair will be conducted by secret ballot as permitted by the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the Region's Procedural By-law.

Members are to print only the name of their preferred candidate for the office of Regional Chair in the space provided on the ballot and fold the ballot; they are not to print their own names anywhere on the ballot.

If a ballot is inadvertently spoiled, staff will retrieve the spoiled ballot and provide a replacement ballot.

Staff will collect the folded ballots and take them to Committee Room 4 where the Scrutineers will count the ballots.

The Scrutineers will deliver a certified tally sheet of the results to the Regional Clerk. The results will be announced by the Regional Clerk and displayed on the overhead screens in the Council Chamber.

To be elected as Regional Chair, a candidate must obtain the concurring votes of the majority of the members present.

If there are more than two nominees and if, upon the vote, no nominee receives the majority required for election, the name of the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped and another vote shall be conducted.

If two or more nominees are tied with the least number of votes, a special vote will be taken to decide which one of the tied nominees' names will be dropped from the list of names.

Such voting will continue until a nominee receives the majority required for election or it becomes apparent by reason of a tied vote that no nominee can be elected.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Huson

That His Worship Bruce W. Phillips and General Manager, Chris Carter, **BE APPOINTED** as Scrutineers for the counting of any ballots for the election of the Regional Chair.

Carried

7. APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL CHAIR

7.1 Call for Nominations for the Position of Regional Chair

The Regional Clerk called for nominations for the position of Regional Chair.

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Jim Bradley, who is eligible to hold the office of Regional Chair for The Regional Municipality of Niagara, **BE NOMINATED** for the position of Regional Chair.

Moved by Councillor Bellows
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Leanna Villella, who is eligible to hold the office of Regional Chair for The Regional Municipality of Niagara, **BE NOMINATED** for the position of Regional Chair.

Moved by Councillor Zalepa
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Rob Foster, who is eligible to hold the office of Regional Chair for The Regional Municipality of Niagara, **BE NOMINATED** for the position of Regional Chair.

7.2 Motion to Close the Nominations for the Position of Regional Chair

The Regional Clerk called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Regional Chair. There being no further nominations it was:

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That the nominations for the position of Regional Chair for The Regional Municipality of Niagara **BE CLOSED**.

Carried

7.3 Speeches by Nominees for Regional Chair

A speakers' list was prepared listing the nominees in alphabetical order by last name. The nominees were allowed five (5) minutes to address Council. Speeches were heard from Councillors Bradley, Foster, and Villella.

Council members asked questions of the Regional Chair candidates.

7.4 Voting for the Position of Regional Chair

Voting was conducted by open ballot in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001* and Council's resolution to temporarily suspend section 24.5 (e) of the Region's Procedural By-law. Voting by open ballot resulted in the following:

Voting for Councillor Bradley (19): Councillors Bradley, Butters, Campion, Chiocchio, Dart, Easton, Fertich, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Ip, Jordan, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugolini, Whalen, Witteveen.

Voting for Councillor Foster (5): Councillors Bylsma, Disero, Foster, Insinna, Zalepa.

Voting for Councillor Villella (7): Councillors Bellows, Diodati, Gale, Gibson, Junkin, Nicholson, Villella.

Based on the result of the votes cast, the Regional Clerk announced that Councillor Bradley had received the concurring votes of the majority of members present.

7.5 Motion to Appoint Regional Chair

Moved by Councillor Campion
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That the final vote **BE UNANIMOUS** for the election of Councillor Jim Bradley as Regional Chair for The Regional Municipality of Niagara for the 2018 to 2022 Term of Council.

Carried

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Easton
Seconded by Councillor Zalepa

That this Inaugural Meeting of Regional Council **BE ADJOURNED** at 11:38 a.m.
to **RECONVENE** at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

James Bradley
Regional Chair

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk