THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION

CSC 2-2021
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Council Chamber/Video Conference
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber:	Foster (Committee Chair)
Committee Members Present via Video Conference:	Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Campion, Diodati, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Gale, Heit, Ip, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen (Committee Vice-Chair)
Staff Present in the Council Chamber:	H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, E. Fabiani, Technology Support Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Staff Present via Video Conference:	N. Early, Director, Corporate Strategy & Innovation, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquistions, C. Ogunniyi, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Program Manager

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 CSD 12-2021
Optional Small Business Tax Subclass Overview

Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report CSD 12-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Optional Small Business Tax Subclass Overview, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to monitor the implementation of the Optional Small Business Tax Subclass for consideration in future taxation years starting in 2022; and
2. That a copy of Report CSD 12-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Carried

5.2 CLK 1-2021
Establishment of Diversity Related Advisory Committees

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Report CLK 1-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Establishment of Diversity Related Advisory Committees, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to Report CLK 1-2021, as amended, **BE APPROVED**;
2. That one Regional Councillor **BE APPOINTED** to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee;
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to advertise for interested residents to serve on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee based on the criteria described in Report CLK 1-2021; and
4. That in consultation with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, staff **BE DIRECTED** to report back to Council on progress and any additional resources required to establish and launch an Anti-Racism Advisory Committee and a 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee by September 30, 2021.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Include in the finalized terms of reference that the membership of the Committee include “An appointed member or the Chair or Vice-Chair of the noted advisory committees” (Section 6).

5.3 CSC-C 9-2021
Niagara Regional Police Services - Special Duty Billable Rate Schedule

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 9-2021, being a letter from D. Reid, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board, dated December 2, 2020, respecting Special Duty Billable Rate Schedule, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board By-Law No. 388-2020, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 CSC-C 7-2021
COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Corporate Services

Moved by Councillor Butters
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 7-2021, being a memorandum from T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, dated February 17, 2021, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Corporate Services, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 CSC-C 2-2021
Committee Request for Information Re: Development Charge Calculation and Payment Policy

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 2-2021, being a memorandum from H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Committee Request for Information Re: Development Charge Calculation and Payment Policy, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.3 CSC-C 6-2021
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Stream

Moved by Councillor Campion
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 6-2021, being a memorandum from T. Harrison, Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Stream, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.4 CLK 2-2021
Considerations for a Lobbyist Registry

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Report CLK 2-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Considerations for a Lobbyist Registry, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That the motion **BE AMENDED** by adding the following clauses:

1. ***That staff BE DIRECTED to provide options, and a recommendation, for the retention of a Lobbyist Registrar and that considerations for the retention of a Lobbyist Registrar form part of the budget proposals for 2022;***

2. ***That specific mechanisms for the establishment of a mandatory Lobbyist Registry with enforcement BE DEVELOPED for implementation in 2022;***

3. ***That feedback about the establishment of a mandatory Lobbyist Registry with enforcement for Niagara Region BE SOUGHT from Public Affairs Association of Canada; Niagara's chambers of commerce; and other pertinent associations or organizations; and***

4. ***That the report(s) indicated in the first three parts of this motion BE PROVIDED at the May 2021 Corporate Services Committee meeting.***

Recorded Vote:

Yes (10): Bradley, Butters, Campion, Diodati, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Ip.

No (4): Heit, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That consideration of the motion respecting Report CLK 2-2021 **BE DEFERRED** to the Corporate Services Committee meeting to be held on May 12, 2021, to allow consultation with the stakeholders noted in clause 3.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (10): Campion, Diodati, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Heit, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen.

No (4): Bradley, Butters, Edgar, Ip.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information for the May 12, 2021, Corporate Services Committee meeting regarding a mandatory lobbyist registry. Councillor Redekop.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Information Request Respecting Litigation Matters

Moved by Councillor Gale
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

1. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a report/memo providing further information regarding certain litigation matters involving the Region as described Appendix 2B of Confidential Report CSD 60-2020 dated November 9, 2020, that are identified therein as numbers 6, 8, 12, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28, 34 and 35, as follows:

   a) a brief description of the claim
   b) the costs incurred on an annual basis to date in defending the claim (including external and internal legal costs and any consultants) and,
   c) whether insurance is available (and if not some explanation as to why).

2. That Staff also **PROVIDE** information in the report/memo regarding ongoing legal proceedings initiated by the Region (including a brief description of the claim(s); costs involved; and applicable insurance as described in items a-c above).

Carried

7.2 Hospice Niagara Funding Request

Councillor Redekop enquired about the status of the report respecting the Hospice Niagara funding request. Todd Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, advised that the report will be included on the agenda for the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held on April 16, 2021.

7.3 Standing Committee Meeting Cycle

Councillor Rigby requested information respecting the change to a monthly meeting cycle from the previous three week cycle.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Councillor Foster
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk