

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES - OPEN SESSION**

**BRCOTW 01-2019
Thursday, January 10, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bellows, Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Disero, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen (Committee Vice Chair), Witteveen, Zalepa (Committee Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Easton, Gale, Junkin

Staff: K. Ahmad, Manager, Urban Design, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, R. Cheung, Senior Budget Analyst, P. Criscione, Communications Consultant, D. Giles, Director, Community & Long Range Planning, C. Habermehl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, Dr. M. Hirji, Associate Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Project, C. Ryall, Director Transportation Services, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, J. Tonatello, Director, Water Wastewater Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Zalepa called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 2019 Capital Budget

Helen Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, provided information respecting the 2019 Capital Budget.

Topics of the presentation included:

- 2019 Capital Expenditure
- 2019 Financing Strategy
- Multi-year Forecast
- Risks and Opportunities
- Next Steps

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 CSD 1-2019

2019 Capital Budget

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report CSD 1-2019, dated January 10, 2019, respecting 2019 Capital Budget, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2019 Capital Budget for the Niagara Regional Departments and Agencies, Boards and Commissions of \$273,939,966 as per Appendix 1 to Report CSD 1-2019, **BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** pending final by-law approval anticipated to be on February 28, 2019 and subject to approval of the Niagara Regional Transit separate levy being considered with the 2019 operating budget;
2. That financing in the amount of \$248,911,706 gross and \$227,101,255 net **BE INITIATED** upon approval of the 2019 Capital Budget and **BE ALLOCATED** to the projects as summarized in Appendix 2 to Report CSD 1-2019; and
3. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration to coincide with the approval of the operating budget.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide the anticipated amount that the Region will be borrowing over the next two years (2020 and 2021). Councillor Redekop.

Show on the Reserves/Pay as You Go vs Debt Forecast (Slide 14 of the presentation) the data from the previous 4 to 8 years. Councillor Sendzik.

Provide a consolidated debt repayment schedule. Councillor Steele.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 BRC-C 01-2019

Funding for Barriers

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 01-2019, being a memorandum from T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, respecting Funding for Barriers, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

9. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no closed session items.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Councillor Zalepa
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk