

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION**

**CSC 6-2021
Wednesday, June 16, 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: B. Brens, Acting Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, J. Garritsen, Associate Director, Employee Relations, S. Guglielmi, Technology Support Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Video Conference: K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, D. Rurak, Director, Asset Management, B. Wilson, Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Gale declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Report CSD 35-2021 (Agenda Item 5.3), respecting 2021-T-5 Award of Tender - Long Term Care (LTC), Linhaven, St. Catharines and Confidential HR 1-2021 (Agenda Item 8.2), respecting A Matter of Labour Relations or Employees Negotiations under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Corporate Labour Relations Strategy - 2021 - 2021, as his daughter-in-law is employed at a Niagara Region long term care home.

See Minute Item 8.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **CSD 39-2021**

Q1 2021 Financial Update

Beth Brens, Acting Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, provided information respecting Q1 2021 Financial Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Q1 COVID-19 Overview
- Taxpayer Relief Reserve Forecast
- Q1 Consolidated Operating Results - Levy & Rate

Moved by Councillor Edgar

Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Report CSD 39-2021, dated June 16, 2021, respecting Q1 2021 Financial Update, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the March 31, 2021, Q1 Financial Update of the Regional Municipality of Niagara ("the Region") **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That a gross budget increase of \$13,596,268 for COVID-19 expenditures **BE APPROVED** and **BE FUNDED** with incremental external revenue (as outlined in Appendix 3 to Report CSD 39-2021).

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the calculation of the Niagara Regional Police Services (NRPS) lost Casino revenue of \$3.2 million. Councillor Redekop.

5.2 CSD 33-2021

Development Charge Demolition Credit Extension Request – Brownfield Redevelopment, St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Heit

Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Report CSD 33-2021, dated June 16, 2021, respecting Development Charge Demolition Credit Extension Request – Brownfield Redevelopment, St. Catharines, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the eligibility period for the Regional Development Charge demolition credit associated with the brownfield redevelopment located at 155 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, **BE EXTENDED** to August 8, 2024, in accordance with section 18 (c) of By-law 2017-98 (Development Charges By-law).

Carried

5.3 CSD 35-2021

2021-T-5 Award of Tender - Long Term Care (LTC), Linhaven, St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report CSD 35-2021, dated June 16, 2021, respecting 2021-T-5 Award of Tender - Long Term Care (LTC), Linhaven, St. Catharines, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That CCDC-2 Stipulated Price Contract 2021-T-5 “Linhaven Long Term Care (LTC) Home Redevelopment, St. Catharines” **BE AWARDED** to Buttcon Limited, at their bid price of \$100,972,238 (including 13% HST);
2. That the Gross Budget for Linhaven LTC Home Redevelopment, St. Catharines, **BE INCREASED** by \$3,652,420 and that the increase **BE FUNDED** from a Provincial Grant (Ministry of Long Term Care Development Grant); and
3. That the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute a CCDC-2 Stipulated Price Contract between Niagara Region and Buttcon Limited, as proposed in Recommendation 1 above.

Carried

5.4 AC-C 6-2021

Update to Audit Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Whalen

Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report AC-C 6-2021, dated May 10, 2021, respecting Update to Audit Committee Terms of Reference, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the updated Audit Committee Terms of Reference, Appendix 1 to Report AC-C 6-2021, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

CSD 34-2021

Debt Information Report - 2021 Debenture Issuance

CSC-C 18-2021

Code of Conduct Documents

Carried

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Edgar declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Confidential HR 1-2021 (Agenda Item 8.2), respecting A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Corporate Labour Relations Strategy - 2021 - 2024, as his wife is employed by Niagara Region.

Moved by Councillor Diodati
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That this Committee **DO NOW MOVE** into closed session for the purpose of receiving information of a confidential nature respecting A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations under s. 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Corporate Labour Relations Strategy – 2021 – 2024.

Carried

Committee resolved into closed session at 10:23 a.m.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Committee reconvened in open session at 11:05 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

Committee Members Foster (Committee Chair)
Present in the
Council Chamber:

Committee Members Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Campion, Diodati, Easton,
Present via Video Fertich, Heit, Ip, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen (Committee Vice-
Conference: Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Edgar, Gale

Staff Present in the H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management &
Council Chamber: Planning/Deputy Treasurer, J. Garritsen, Associate Director,
Employee Relations, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer,
Corporate Services, F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources, M.
Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, M.
Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief
Administrative Officer

Staff Present via K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk,
Video Conference: B. Wilson, Legal Counsel

9.1 Confidential CSD 1-2021

A Matter Respecting a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001– Niagara Regional Police Services (NRPS) Lease Agreement

Moved by Councillor Fertich

Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Confidential Report CSD 1-2021, dated June 16, 2021, respecting A Matter Respecting a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001– Niagara Regional Police Services (NRPS) Lease Agreement, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

9.2 Confidential HR 1-2021

A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Corporate Labour Relations Strategy - 2021 - 2024

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Confidential Report HR 1-2021, dated June 16, 2021, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Corporate Labour Relations Strategy - 2021 - 2024, **BE RECEIVED** and that staff **PROCEED** as directed in closed session.

Carried

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Councillor Foster
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk