

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

**COTW 5-2020
Thursday, December 10, 2020
Council Chamber / Video Conference
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Bradley (Regional Chair), Steele

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Dart, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugolini, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Diodati, Disero, Gale, Nicholson, Redekop, Villella

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: E. Fabiani, Technology Support Analyst, D. Giles, Acting Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Video Conference: D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, D. Heyworth, Official Plan Policy Consultant, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources, C. Ogunniyi, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Program Manager, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Others Present via Video Conference: R. Horne, Senior Advisor, Overlap Associates, L. MadhavaRau, Director, Human Rights & Equity, Brock University

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Insights and Recommendations for Consideration in the Preparation of a New Region of Niagara Official Plan

Rob Horne, Senior Advisor, Overlap Associates, provided information respecting Insights and Recommendations for Consideration in the Preparation of a New Region of Niagara Official Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Why do this work now?
- What is outside the scope of this work?
- Can the New Region of Niagara Official Plan address or resolve all of the issues we heard?
- Engagement Insights
- Recommendations
- Proposed Next Steps

Councillor Information Request(s)

Circulate the recommendations to the local area municipalities. Councillor Fertich.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 COTW-C 1-2020

Niagara Official Plan Councillor Engagement Insights Report

Moved by Councillor Fertich

Seconded by Councillor Junkin

That Correspondence Item COTW-C 1-2020, being a memorandum from D. Giles, Acting Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, dated December 10, 2020, respecting Niagara Official Plan Councillor Engagement Insights Report, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That this Committee **DO NOW MOVE** into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature respecting:

An Education or Training Session held under s. 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Equity and Inclusion in Niagara.

Carried

Committee resolved into closed session at 3:31 p.m.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Committee reconvened in open session at 5:47 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

Committee Members Bradley (Regional Chair), Steele
Present in the Council
Chamber:

Committee Members Butters, Bylsma, Chiocchio, Darte, Easton, Edgar, Fertich,
Present via Video Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Rigby,
Conference: Whalen

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Campion, Diodati, Disero, Gale, Gibson, Junkin,
Nicholson, Redekop, Sendzik, Ugulini, Villella, Witteveen,
Zalepa

Staff Present in the D. Giles, Acting Commissioner, Planning & Development
Council Chamber: Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief
Administrative Officer

Staff Present via T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, Dr.
Video Conference: M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, F. Meffe, Director,
Human Resources, C. Ogunniyi, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Program Manager, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public
Works

Others Present: L. MadhavaRau, Director, Human Rights & Equity, Brock
University

9.1 Equity and Inclusion Training Session

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That the education and training session on Equity and Inclusion in Niagara Part 2, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk