

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

**COTW 4-2020  
Thursday, September 24, 2020  
Council Chamber/Video Conference  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Council Members present in the Council Chamber: Bradley (Regional Chair), Insinna

Council Members present via Video Conference: Bellows, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Ip, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Disero, Easton, Gale, Jordan, Junkin

Staff present in the Council Chamber: D. Ane, Manager, Program Financial Support, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, M. Lewis, Technology Support Analyst, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Staff present via Video Conference: T. Cimino, Associate Director, Water & Wastewater Engineering, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Development Engineering, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, J. Tonellato, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, L. Vespi, Senior Project Manager, Water & Wastewater Engineering

Others present via Video Conference: C. Hamel, Project Manager, GM BluePlan, D. McKinnon, Infrastructure Planning Engineering Designer, GM BluePlan

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 6:57 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:23 p.m.

2. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 **PW 39-2020**

South Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Lisa Vespi, Senior Project Manager, Water & Wastewater Engineering, Niagara Region, Chris Hamel, Project Manager, GM BluePlan, and Dan Ane, Manager Program Financial Support, Niagara Region, provided information respecting South Niagara Falls Wastewater Solutions Schedule C Class Environmental Assessment. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project Background and Validation
  - 2017 Master Servicing Plan (MSP) Overview and Recommendations
  - Projected Growth
  - South Niagara Falls Wastewater Solutions Class Environmental Assessment
- Cost Estimate
  - Principles, Accuracy and Approach
  - Class D Cost Estimate
- Financial Review
  - Budget Implications
  - Operating Savings & Impact
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Diodati  
Seconded by Councillor Ugolini

That Report PW 39-2020, dated September 3, 2020, respecting South Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the capital projects associated with the new South Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant **BE REFERRED** to Budget Review Committee of the Whole for consideration as part of the 2021 budget process.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Include information in future presentations indicating when large projects are projected to be considered by Council and quantifying the investment opportunities that may be generated. Councillor Sendzik.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Jim Bradley  
Regional Chair

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk