

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL  
OPEN SESSION**

**CL 20-2021  
Thursday, October 21, 2021  
Council Chamber/Video Conference  
Niagara Regional 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:	Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa
Staff Present in the Council Chamber:	M. Bannerman, Grants & Incentives Program Manager, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/ Deputy Treasurer, E. Fabiani, Technology Support Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner, Corporate Services/ Treasurer, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer,
Staff Present via Video Conference	D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, N. Early, Director, Corporate Strategy & Innovation, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, D. Giles, Director, Community and Long Range Planning, L. Gigliotti, Associate Director, Employee Services, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, G. Spezza, Director, Economic Development, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, D. Woiceshyn, Director, Niagara Housing/Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Regional Housing, N. Wolfe, Director, Construction, Energy, & Facilities Management, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Councillor Butters read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3.1 **Addition of Items**

Moved by Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Steven Soos, Renee Delaney and Alicia Marshall **BE PERMITTED** to appear before Council as individual delegates respecting the motion regarding Request for Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction (Agenda Item 12.2).

**Carried**

3.2 **Changes in Order of Items**

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That the order of the agenda **BE AMENDED** to move the consideration of the motion respecting Request for Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction (Agenda Item 12.2) to immediately following the Chair's Correspondence Item CHR 5-2021, respecting Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction (Agenda Item 6.1).

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by Councillor Huson

That the order of the agenda **BE AMENDED** to move Minutes COTW 5-2021 (Agenda Item 10.1), specifically Minute Item 5.1 respecting Regional Incentives Information and Alternatives (PDS 37-2021), to immediately following the delegations on this matter (Agenda Item 7.1).

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Nicholson  
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Council Agenda CL 20-2021, **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

**Carried**

**4. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Gale declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the portion of the Public Works Committee Minutes PWC 10-2021 (Agenda Item 10.3) concerning Report PW 45-2021, respecting Environmental Due Diligence During Construction of Extension of Regional Road 57 (Thorold Stone Road), City of Niagara Falls (Minute Item 6.1), as his daughter owns property in that corridor.

Councillor Nicholson declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the portion of the Public Health and Social Services Committee Minutes PHSSC 9-2021 (Agenda Item 10.4) concerning Correspondence Item COM-C 32-2021, respecting Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report - April 1 to June 30, 2021 (Minute Item 6), as it references proceedings before Tribunal Ontario, and he has an employment relationship with Tribunal Ontario.

Councillor Huson declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the portion of the Corporate Services Committee Minutes CSC 10-2021 (Agenda Item 10.5) concerning Report CSD 55-2021, respecting Canada Summer Games Budget Increase (Minute Item 5.1); the portion of the Planning and Economic Development Committee Minutes (Agenda Item 10.6) concerning Report PDS 25-2021, respecting Brock District Placemaking Manual (Minute Item 5.1), and Report PDS 26-2021, respecting Brock District Plan 5 Year Monitoring Report (Minute Item 6); and the portion of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole Minutes BRCOTW 4-2021 (Agenda Item 10.2), concerning Report CSD 51-2021, respecting 2022 Capital Budget (Minute Item 5.1), specifically regarding the Brock Lands Road Expansion capital project, and the Brock High Lift Pumping Station Upgrades and Valve Replacement capital project, included in Appendix 4 to Report CSD 51-2021; as these items pertain to partnerships, assets or land belonging to Brock University, and she has an employment relationship with Brock University.

Councillor Edgar declared a direct pecuniary interest with respect to the portion of the Public Health and Social Services Committee Minutes PHSSC 9-2021 (Agenda Item 10.4) concerning Correspondence Item COM-C 30-2021, respecting Update on Managing the Licensed Child Care System During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Minute Item 6.3), as his wife is the Director of Children's Services.

Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the portion of the Public Health and Social Services Committee Minutes PHSSC 9-2021 (Agenda Item 10.4) concerning Report COM 22-2021, respecting Path Forward to Building a Five Year Poverty Reduction Strategy (Minute Item 5.1), as it deals with the Niagara Prosperity Initiative which provides funding to Community Care St. Catharines, and his wife is a volunteer with Community Care St. Catharines.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

6. **CHAIR'S REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMARKS**

The Regional Chair provided a statement respecting the passing of Regional Councillor Sandie Bellows, and conveyed his condolences to friends and family on behalf of Regional Council. He stated Councillor Bellows was a valued member of Regional Council and that her presence would be missed in meetings, and by her constituents.

Council members observed a moment of silence in memory of Regional Councillor Bellows.

6.1 **CHR 5-2021**

Declaration of an Emergency for Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness

Moved by Councillor Insinna  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That CHR 5-2021, being a memorandum from Regional Chair Bradley dated October 21, 2021, respecting Declaration of an Emergency for Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

12. **MOTIONS**

12.2 **Request for Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction**

Moved by Councillor Bylsma  
Seconded by Councillor Junkin

WHEREAS according to the Province of Ontario Emergency Response Plan (2008), Canadian municipalities are free to declare states of emergencies in response to "any situation or impending situation caused by the forces of nature, an accident, an intentional act or otherwise that constitutes a danger of major proportions to life or property";

WHEREAS 11 of 12 of Niagara-area municipalities have unanimously requested that Niagara Region declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction;

WHEREAS approximately 665 residents, including 121 children in Niagara, were counted as homeless (March 2021);

WHEREAS Niagara Emergency Medical Services reported 729 (81 responses per month) suspected overdoses (January - September 2021); and

WHEREAS Niagara's suicide rate of 9.8 deaths per 100,000 is higher than the provincial average of 7.7 deaths per 100,000 in Ontario (Statistics Canada).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **DIRECT** Niagara Regional Chair Jim Bradley to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction.

Moved by Councillor Zalepa

Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That consideration of this motion **BE MOVED** to immediately following the delegations on the matter (Agenda Item 7.2).

**Carried**

Councillor Foster rose on a point of order stating that the motion respecting Request for Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addition was a reconsideration of a previous decision of Regional Council.

The Regional Chair ruled that the motion previously considered by Council did not specifically deal with the matter of declaring a state of emergency, and therefore the motion was not a reconsideration.

Councillor Foster challenged the ruling of the Chair and the following motion was considered:

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That the ruling of the Chair **BE SUSTAINED** to permit consideration of the motion respecting Request for Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction.

**Defeated**

The Regional Chair declared the ruling was not sustained; therefore consideration of the motion respecting Request for Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction, would be a reconsideration, requiring an affirmative vote of two-thirds to reconsider the matter.

Moved by Councillor Bylsma  
Seconded by Councillor Junkin

That, in accordance with subsection 2.4 of Niagara Region's Procedural By-law, the rules of procedure, specifically clause (a) of subsection 19.16 "Motion to Reconsider" of the Procedural By-law, **BE SUSPENDED** to permit Council to reconsider the matter of Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction at this meeting; and

That the matter respecting Declaration of State of Emergency of Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction, **BE RECONSIDERED** at this time.

Two-thirds majority not being achieved, the Regional Chair declared the vote,

**Defeated**

## **7. DELEGATIONS**

### **7.2 Motion - Request for Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction (Agenda Item 12.2)**

The delegations respecting Motion - Request for Declaration of State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction (Agenda Item 12.2) were not provided as the matter was deemed a reconsideration and Council did not support reconsidering the matter.

## **7. DELEGATIONS**

### **7.1 Regional Incentives (Minute Item 5.1 of Minutes COTW 5-2021 (Agenda Item 10.1))**

#### **7.1.1 Ed Smith, Resident, City of St. Catharines**

Ed Smith, resident, City of St. Catharines, spoke in opposition to Community Improvement Plan (CIP) incentives and Niagara Region's grant matching program.

#### **7.1.2 Hank Beekhuis, Port Dalhousie Conservancy**

Hank Beekhuis, Port Dalhousie Conservancy, spoke in opposition to Regional incentives, and spoke to the need for programs that support affordable housing.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION**

**10.1 Committee of the Whole**

Minutes COTW 5-2021, Thursday, October 7, 2021

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Minutes COTW 5-2021 being the Open Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, October 7, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

**10.1.1 Minute Item 5.1 respecting Regional Incentives Information and Alternatives**

The motion contained in Minute Item 5.1 was considered separately as follows:

1. That the Niagara Region Incentives Policy (Appendix 1 of Report PDS 31-2021) which promotes Council's four priority areas for Niagara Region, namely Affordable Housing, Employment, Brownfield Remediation, and Public Realm, **BE APPROVED** with the following additions:
  - a) That the current Regional Tax Increment Grants and Smart Growth Development Charge programs be maintained in municipal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) districts until October 1, 2024, or until new programs are approved by Regional Council that further support municipal CIP Districts with criteria that supports residential intensification, employment enhancements and brownfield remediation;
  - b) That the Smarter Niagara Incentive Program be maintained with a maximum dollar figure available for grants that is determined during the annual budget process;
2. That staff **PROVIDE** sunset clause policies for currently approved programs that include reasonable expiration dates;
3. That staff formally **REVIEW** and **REPORT** to Regional Council prior to October 2024 on the effectiveness, challenges and any recommended changes to the Region's Incentive Programs, after consulting with the local area municipalities;
4. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to explore the inclusion of the Niagara Investment in Culture Program as part of the updated policy; and

5. That Report PDS 31-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by Councillor Huson

That the motion **BE AMENDED** as follows:

1. That the Niagara Region Incentives Policy (Appendix 1 of Report PDS 31-2021) which promotes Council's four priority areas for Niagara Region, namely Affordable Housing, Employment, Brownfield Remediation, and Public Realm, **BE APPROVED** with the following additions:
  - a) That the current ***Smarter Niagara Incentives Program Property Rehabilitation and Redevelopment*** Regional Tax Increment Grants ***be maintained until March 23, 2023*** and Smart Growth ***Regional*** Development charge ***grant*** programs be maintained ***for qualifying applicants until August 31, 2023 and that the Downtown Core Incentive programs*** in municipal CIP districts until October 1, 2024, or until new programs are approved by Regional Council that further support ***downtown core*** municipal Community Improvement Plan Districts with criteria that supports residential intensification, employment enhancements and brownfield remediation;
  - b) That the Smarter Niagara Incentive Program (SNIP) ***incentives with no uptake (SNIP Affordable Housing, SNIP Public Domain, SNIP Agricultural Feasibility Study, SNIP Agricultural Buildings and Facilities Revitalization Tax Increment Grant) expire December 31, 2021, and that the SNIP Façade and Building Improvement, Heritage Restoration and Improvement, Community Improvement Plan/ Secondary Plans, Residential, Environmental Assessment Study, Brownfield Tax Assistance Program incentives*** be maintained ***until March 31, 2023*** with a maximum dollar figure available for grants that is determined during the annual budget process;
2. That staff **PROVIDE** sunset clause policies for currently approved programs that include reasonable expiration dates **BE ESTABLISHED as outlined above;**



3. That staff formally **REVIEW** and **REPORT** to Regional Council prior to **by December 31, October 2024** on the effectiveness, challenges and any recommended changes to the Region's Incentive Programs, after consulting with the local area municipalities;
4. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to explore the inclusion of the Niagara Investment in Culture Program as part of the updated policy; and
5. That Report PDS 31-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

The following friendly **amendment** was accepted by the Regional Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion:

4. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to explore the inclusion of the Niagara Investment in Culture Program, ***waterfront investment program and heritage property preservation*** as part of the updated policy.

Moved by Councillor Easton  
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That the motion **BE REFERRED** to staff for additional discussion with the Local Area Municipalities on the alignment of principles.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (12): Darte, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Gibson, Jordan, Junkin, Sendzik, Ugulini, Whalen, Witteveen.

No (18): Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Diodati, Foster, Gale, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Steele, Villella, Zalepa.

**Defeated**

The following friendly **amendment** was accepted by the Regional Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion:

1. a) That the current Smarter Niagara Incentive Program Property Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Tax Increment Grant be maintained until March 23, 2023 and Smart Growth Regional DC grant be maintained for qualifying applicants until August 31, 2023 and that the Downtown Core Incentive programs that further support downtown core municipal Community Improvement Plan Districts with criteria that supports residential intensification, employment enhancements and brownfield remediation ***starting in January 2022***.

The Regional Chair called the vote on the amendment as follows:

1. That the Niagara Region Incentives Policy (Appendix 1 of Report PDS 31-2021) which promotes Council's four priority areas for Niagara Region, namely Affordable Housing, Employment, Brownfield Remediation, and Public Realm, **BE APPROVED** with the following additions:
  - a) That the current ***Smarter Niagara Incentive Program Property Rehabilitation and Redevelopment*** Regional Tax Increment Grant ***be maintained until March 23, 2023*** and Smart Growth ***Regional*** Development Charge ***grant*** programs be maintained ***for qualifying applicants until August 31, 2023 and that the Downtown Core Incentive programs*** in municipal CIP districts until October 1, 2024, or until new programs are approved by Regional Council that further support ***downtown core*** municipal Community Improvement Plan Districts with criteria that supports residential intensification, employment enhancements and brownfield remediation ***starting in January 2022***;
  - b) That the Smarter Niagara Incentive Program (SNIP) ***incentives with no uptake (SNIP Affordable Housing, SNIP Public Domain, SNIP Agricultural Feasibility Study, SNIP Agricultural Buildings and Facilities Revitalization Tax Increment Grant) expire December 31, 2021, and that the SNIP Façade and Building Improvement, Heritage Restoration and Improvement, Community Improvement Plan/Secondary Plans, Residential, Environmental Assessment Study, Brownfield Tax Assistance Program incentives*** be maintained ***until March 31, 2023*** with a maximum dollar figure available for grants that is determined during the annual budget process;
2. That staff **~~PROVIDE~~** sunset clause policies for currently approved programs ~~that include reasonable expiration dates~~ ***BE ESTABLISHED as outlined above***;
3. That staff formally **REVIEW** and **REPORT** to Regional Council prior to ***by December 31, October 2024*** on the effectiveness, challenges and any recommended changes to the Region's Incentive Programs, after consulting with the local area municipalities;

4. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to explore the inclusion of the Niagara Investment in Culture Program, ***waterfront investment program and heritage property preservation*** as part of the updated policy; and
5. That Report PDS 31-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (8): Butters, Bylsma, Edgar, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Zalepa.

No (22): Campion, Chiocchio, Dart, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Jordan, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen.

**Defeated**

Moved by Councillor Campion  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the question **BE CALLED**.

**Carried**

The Regional Chair called the vote on the motion as follows:

1. That the Niagara Region Incentives Policy (Appendix 1 of Report PDS 31-2021) which promotes Council's four priority areas for Niagara Region, namely Affordable Housing, Employment, Brownfield Remediation, and Public Realm, **BE APPROVED** with the following additions:
  - a) That the current Regional Tax Increment Grant and Smart Growth Development Charge programs be maintained in municipal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) districts until October 1, 2024, or until new programs are approved by Regional Council that further support municipal CIP Districts with criteria that supports residential intensification, employment enhancements and brownfield remediation;
  - b) That the Smarter Niagara Incentive Program be maintained with a maximum dollar figure available for grants that is determined during the annual budget process;
2. That staff **PROVIDE** sunset clause policies for currently approved programs that include reasonable expiration dates;

3. That staff formally **REVIEW** and **REPORT** to Regional Council prior to October 2024 on the effectiveness, challenges and any recommended changes to the Region's Incentive Programs, after consulting with the local area municipalities;
4. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to explore the inclusion of the Niagara Investment in Culture Program as part of the updated policy; and
5. That Report PDS 31-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (19): Champion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Greenwood, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen.

No (11): Butters, Bylsma, Disero, Edgar, Gibson, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Zalepa.

**Carried**

#### 10.1.2 Balance of recommendations of Committee of the Whole

The Regional Chair called the vote on the balance of the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole, and declared it,

**Carried**

### 8. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Ugulini  
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Minutes CL 18-2021 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Regular Regional Council meeting held on Thursday, September 23, 2021, and Minutes CL 19-2021 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Special Regional Council meeting held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 **BE ADOPTED.**

**Carried**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 **Receive and/or Refer**

Moved by Councillor Steele  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the following items **BE DEALT WITH** as follows:

CL-C 77-2021 respecting City of Welland Comments Regarding PDS 37-2021 - Regional Incentives Information and Alternatives, **BE RECEIVED**; and

CL-C 78-2021 respecting affordable and accessible childcare, **BE RECEIVED**.

**Carried**

9.2 **For Consideration**

9.2.1 CL-C 73-2021

Report on Code of Conduct Complaint -IC-13778-0521 Councillor Bylsma

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

1. That Correspondence Item CL-C 73-2021, being a Report on Code of Conduct Complaint - IC-13778-0521 - Councillor Dave Bylsma, **BE RECEIVED**; and
2. That Council **CONSIDER** the recommendation of the Integrity Commissioner contained in the Report on Code of Conduct Complaint - IC-13778-0521 at this time.

Moved by Councillor Ip  
Seconded by Councillor Zalepa

That the motion **BE AMENDED** as follows:

1. That in accordance with the Integrity Commissioner's recommendation, Regional Council **IMPOSE** a suspension of Councillor Bylsma's remuneration as a member of Council for a period of seven (7) days.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (28): Butters, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Zalepa.

No (1): Witteveen.

**Carried**

The Regional Chair called the vote on the motion as amended, and declared it,

**Carried**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION**

**10.2 Budget Review Committee of the Whole**

Minutes BRCOTW 4-2021, Thursday, October 7, 2021

Moved by Councillor Zalepa

Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Minutes BRCOTW 4-2021 being the Open Session minutes of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, October 7, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

**10.3 Public Works Committee**

Minutes PWC 10-2021, Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Minutes PWC 10-2021 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

10.4 Public Health and Social Services Committee

Minutes PHSSC 9-2021, Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That Minutes PHSSC 9-2021 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

10.4.1 Minute Item 6.3 respecting Update on Managing the Licensed Child Care System During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The motion contained in Minute Item 6.3 was considered separately as follows:

1. That Correspondence Item COM-C 30-2021, being a memorandum from A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, dated October 12, 2021, respecting Update on Managing the Licensed Child Care System During the COVID-19 Pandemic, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That Regional Council **CALL** on the Province to engage the Federal government on a National Child Care Strategy.

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That the motion **BE AMENDED** to add the following:

3. That staff **INVESTIGATE** and **REPORT** on the potential for entering into a direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government that would allow Niagara Region to participate in the National Childcare Strategy, to be reported back to Council as soon as possible.

**Carried**

The Regional Chair called the vote on the motion, as amended, and declared it,

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting options for Niagara Region to realign services to provide additional child care spaces. Councillor Sendzik.

10.4.2 Balance of Recommendations of Public Health and Social Services Committee

The Regional Chair called the vote on the balance of the recommendations from the Public Health and Social Services Committee, and declared it,

**Carried**

10.5 Corporate Services Committee

Minutes CSC 10-2021, Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Minutes CSC 10-2021 being the Open Session minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

10.5.1 Minute Item 5.1 respecting Canada Summer Games Budget Increase

The motion contained in Minute Item 5.1 was considered separately as follows:

That Report CSD 55-2021, dated October 13, 2021, respecting Canada Summer Games Budget Increase, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the CCDC-2 stipulated price contract (the "**Construction Contract**") dated December 4, 2019, and awarded to Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd. ("**Aquicon**") for the construction of Canada Games Park **BE INCREASED** by \$4,254,762 (including 13% HST), for a total revised contract price of \$107,221,434 (including 13% HST);
2. That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute an amendment to the Construction Contract to reflect this increase in total contract price; and
3. That the Gross Budget for Canada Games Park in Thorold, **BE INCREASED** by \$4,131,344 and that the increase **BE FUNDED** from the Capital Variance - Levy Project and the project's revised funding sources, as outlined in Appendix 1 of Report CSD 55-2021, **BE APPROVED**.

The Regional Chair called the vote on the motion, and declared it,

**Carried**



10.5.2 Balance of Recommendations of Corporate Services Committee

The Regional Chair called the vote on the balance of the recommendations from the Corporate Services Committee, and declared it,

**Carried**

10.6 Planning and Economic Development Committee

Minutes PEDC 10-2021, Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Minutes PEDC 10-2021 being the Open Session minutes of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

11. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT(S)**

11.1 CAO 19-2021

Corporate COVID-19 Vaccination Policy Update

Moved by Councillor Bylsma  
Seconded by Councillor Villella

That CAO 19-2021, being a memorandum from R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, dated October 21, 2021, respecting Corporate COVID-19 Vaccination Policy Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Moved by Councillor Bylsma  
Seconded by Councillor Villella

That Regional Council **EXTEND** this meeting's curfew to 11:00 p.m.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Campion  
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That CAO 19-2021 **BE REFERRED** to the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held November 10, 2021 to be discussed during closed session.

**Carried**

**12. MOTIONS**

**12.1 Recruitment of Permanent Medical Officer of Health**

Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

WHEREAS Niagara Region has been without a permanent Medical Officer of Health since January of 2018;

WHEREAS the handling of the current worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and locally-declared states of emergency have contributed to the delay in the recruitment of a Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Niagara Region; and

WHEREAS Ontario has now entered into Step 3 of its COVID-19 Reopening Framework and work is completed on the recruitment of a Chief Administrative Officer for the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to initiate the recruitment process for a permanent Medical Officer of Health for the Niagara Region; and
2. That staff **EXPEDITE** the hiring of this position so that Niagara Region may be well prepared for the future.

**Carried**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

Members made various announcements related to activities and events within the Region and area municipalities.

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

Council did not resolve into closed session.

**16. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**16.1 Confidential MOH 2-2021**

A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations and Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Associate Medical Officer of Health

Moved by Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Confidential Report MOH 2-2021, dated October 21, 2021, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations and Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Associate Medical Officer of Health, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

**17. BY-LAWS**

That the following Bills **BE NOW READ** and **DO PASS**:

Moved by Councillor Butters  
Seconded by Councillor Huson

Bill 2021-83

A by-law to authorize long-term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$3,819,045 for Niagara Region capital project.

Bill 2021-84

A by-Law to approve Project J\_20001191 being the (Reconstruction Of Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) Between Regional Road 49 (McLeod Road) and Regional Road 47 (Lyons Creek Road)) for The Regional Municipality Of Niagara.

Bill 2021-85

A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate Part of Lot 3, concession 3, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 27 (Schisler Road).

Bill 2021-86

A by-law to provide for the designation of a Community Safety Zone on Regional Road 20 (Lundy's Lane) in the City of Niagara Falls.

Bill 2021-87

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at its meeting held on October 21, 2021.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

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Jim Bradley  
Regional Chair

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Matthew Trennum  
Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk