1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT**
   Councillor Junkin read the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**
   Councillor Greenwood read the statement of reflection.

4. **SINGING OF 'O CANADA'**
   Regional Chair Bradley asked all in attendance to stand for the singing of 'O Canada'.
5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Chiocchio  
Seconded by Councillor Diodati  
That Council Agenda CL 8-2019, **BE ADOPTED.**  
Carried

6. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Diodati declared a direct pecuniary interest with respect to the portion of the Corporate Services Committee minutes CSC 03-2019 (Agenda Item 12.6) concerning Report CSD 14-2019 respecting Niagara Region Broadband Network (NRBN) Contract Update (Minute Item 5.2) as the item deals with the NRBN Contract and he is a member of the NRBN Board of Directors.

Councillor Heit declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the portion of the Planning and Economic Development Services Committee minutes PEDC 03-2019 (Agenda Item 12.7) concerning the Modernizing Wine Sales in Ontario presentation (Minute Item 4.1) as the item deals with Ontario Craft Wineries and his daughter is employed at a Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) retail store.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

8. **CHAIR’S REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMARKS**

**Federal Budget released**

The Regional Chair announced that the Government of Canada’s new budget supports municipalities’ local infrastructure priorities by proposing a one-time top-up of $2.2 billion through the Federal Gas Tax Fund that will double the Government’s commitment to municipalities in 2018-2019. Infrastructure investments include National Housing Strategy, which is helping more Canadians find a safe and affordable place to call home.

**Canada Summer Games Torch Ceremonies**

Chair Bradley advised that he joined a delegation from Niagara in Red Deer, Alberta to accept the flag and cauldron of the Canada Games which will be coming to Niagara Region in 2021. He noted the Summer Games are unifying the region, exposing more people to Niagara and what we have to offer.
Housing Announcement with MP Vance Badaway

Regional Chair Bradley advised that he joined Niagara Centre MP Vance Badawey, along with members of Council and staff, for the announcement of almost $6 million for new housing builds in Welland on behalf of the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Jean-Yves Duclos. Construction is scheduled to finish in the spring of 2020 and will house roughly 50 families.

Mid-Peninsula Corridor Meetings

The Regional Chair stated he also attended meetings with Niagara Centre MP Vance Badaway respecting the Mid-Peninsula Corridor and the impacts on the economy, infrastructure and the residents of Niagara, allowing for a greater flow of goods and people through our highways and bridges.

Empty Bowls Event in Support of Bethlehem Housing and Support Services

Chair Bradley advised that he represented the Region at the Empty Bowls event in support of Bethlehem Housing and Support Services, which strives to end homelessness and reduce the impact of poverty across the Niagara region.

Niagara Health Services/Brock University Partners for Better Health and Wellbeing

Regional Chair Bradley announced the Better Health and Wellbeing initiative, a project aimed at improving the overall health and well-being of Niagara residents. He advised this new partnership between the Niagara Health System and Brock University will create training and employment opportunities for Brock Students and graduates.

Top Hat Ceremony

The Chair announced the opening of the Welland Canal and that he participated in the top hat ceremony, which welcomed the first vessel through the canal for the 2019 season.

St. Catharines – State of the City

The Regional Chair advised that he attended the City of St. Catharine’s State of the City address, where Mayor Sendzik shared his optimism for the future of St. Catharines. The Chair shared his desire to build upon the momentum of St. Catharines to continue the positive changes and development that has taken place these past few years.
Niagara Falls Recycling Centre
Regional Chair Bradley advised that he recently had the opportunity to tour the Niagara Falls recycling center and that he was encouraged by the staff and their strong work ethic in ensuring the Region has a positive environmental impact on Niagara by reducing waste in our landfills.

Niagara Chamber Partnership
The Chair advised that he spoke at the Building Niagara Together conference respecting the improvement of services and quality of life for Niagara Residents that was held by the Niagara Chamber Partnership. He indicated a need to continue to build on the successes of our team while the Region works with local area municipalities on plans to deliver an enhanced transit system for the entire Region.

Niagara Industrial Association AGM
Regional Chair Bradley advised that he attended the Niagara Industrial Association annual general meeting with Mayors Diodati and Sendzik. He noted that the Niagara Industrial Association advocates and promotes on behalf of local industry and addresses the issues that inhibit its advancement.

State of the Region
The Chair announced that his inaugural address to the business community and the State of the Region will be delivered on April 3, 2019. He expressed the importance of continued efforts to foster partnerships with the business community for the betterment of the entire Niagara region, and his desire for this event to allow for greater teamwork and partnerships in 2019.

9. DELEGATIONS
There were no delegations.

10. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
10.1 Council Minutes CL 6-2019
Thursday, February 28, 2019
Moved by Councillor Disero
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma
That Minutes CL 06-2019 being the Open Session minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on Thursday, February 28, 2019, BE ADOPTED.

Carried
11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 Receive and/or Refer

Moved by Councillor Butters  
Seconded by Councillor Junkin

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

CL-C 21-2019 respecting Notice of Procedural By-law Amendment, **BE RECEIVED**.

CL-C 22-2019 respecting By-law to Amend - Fees and Charges By-law 2019-28, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.2 For Consideration

11.2.1 CLK 07-2019

Appointment of Community Member to the Niagara Regional Police Services Board

Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Councillor Darte

That Report CLK 07-2019, dated March 28, 2019, respecting Appointment of Community Member to the Niagara Regional Police Services Board, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the recommendation contained in Confidential Appendix I to Report CLK 07-2019 **BE APPROVED**; and

2. That Henry D’Angela **BE APPOINTED** to the Niagara Police Services Board for the remainder of this term of Council (March 28, 2019 until November 14, 2022) or until a successor is appointed.

Carried
11.2.2 CLK 08-2019
Use of Committee Room 4 - Regional Council Ante Room
Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio
That Report CLK 08-2019, dated March 28, 2019, respecting Use of Committee Room 4 - Regional Council Ante Room, BE RECEIVED and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:
1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the use of the Council Chamber for Standing Committee and Council meetings that are closed to the public.

  Carried

11.2.3 CL-C 23-2019
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors Endorsement
Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma
That Correspondence Item CL-C 23-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated March 28, 2019, respecting Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors Endorsement, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:
1. That Regional Council **ENDORSE** Councillor Robert Foster as a candidate for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board of Directors.

  Carried

11.2.4 CL-C 24-2019
Vacancy on the Linking Niagara Transit Committee
Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen
That Correspondence Item CL-C 24-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated March 28, 2019, respecting Vacancy on the Linking Niagara Transit Committee, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:
1. That Councillor Sendzik **BE APPOINTED** to the Linking Niagara Transit Committee, effective immediately.  

   **Carried**

11.2.5 CL-C 25-2019

Request for Appointment to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Correspondence Item CL-C 25-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated March 28, 2019, respecting Request for Appointment to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Councillor Fertich **BE APPOINTED** to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee.  

   **Carried**

11.2.6 CL-C 26-2019

Standing Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Correspondence Item CL-C 26-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated March 28, 2019, respecting Standing Committee Appointment, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Councillor Witteveen **BE APPOINTED** to the Planning and Economic Development Committee, effective immediately.  

   **Carried**
11.2.7 CL-C 27-2019

Request for Appointment to the Humberstone Landfill Site Public Liaison Committee

Moved by Councillor Campion
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Correspondence Item CL-C 27-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated March 28, 2019, respecting Request for Appointment to the Humberstone Landfill Site Public Liaison Committee, BE RECEIVED and the following recommendation BE APPROVED:

1. That Councillor Chiocchio BE APPOINTED to the Humberstone Landfill Site Public Liaison Committee.

Carried

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION

12.1 Budget Review Committee of the Whole

Minutes BRCOTW 05-2019, Thursday, February 28, 2019

Moved by Councillor Zalepa
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report BRCOTW 05-2019 being the Open Session minutes of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday February 28, 2019, BE RECEIVED and the recommendations contained therein BE APPROVED save and except Minute Item 5.1.

Carried

12.2 Committee of the Whole

Minutes COTW 01-2019, Thursday, March 7, 2019

Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report COTW 01-2019, being the Open Session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, March 7, 2019, BE RECEIVED and the recommendations contained therein BE APPROVED.

Carried
12.3 **Audit Committee**
Minutes AC 02-2019, Monday, March 18, 2019
Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Bellows
That Report AC 02-2019, being the Open Session minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on Monday, March 18, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

12.4 **Public Works Committee**
Minutes PWC 03-2019, Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Bellows
That Report PWC 03-2019 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

12.5 **Public Health and Social Services Committee**
Minutes PHSSC 03-2019, Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Moved by Councillor Chiocchio
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood
That Report PHSSC 03-2019 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

12.6 **Corporate Services Committee**
Minutes CSC 03-2019, Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Edgar
That Report CSC 03-2019 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.
12.6.1 Minute Item 5.1 respecting 2018 Year End Results and Transfer Report

The recommendations respecting 2018 Year End Results and Transfer Report contained in Minutes Item 5.1 were considered separately as follows:

That Report CSD 21-2019, dated March 20, 2019, respecting 2018 Year End Results and Transfer Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the unaudited summarized results of the Niagara Region as detailed in Appendix 2 of Report CSD 21-2019, **BE RECEIVED** as follows:

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2. A) That $600,000 of the 2018 Year End Surplus **BE TRANSFERRED** to the 2019 Operating Budget as a one time source of funding for the Smarter Niagara Incentive Program;

   B) That $1.2 million of the surplus **BE TRANSFERRED** to the taxpayer relief reserve fund and **BE ALLOCATED** for potential future housing initiatives to be approved by Council;

3. That the 2018 year end operating surplus for rate supported programs of $3.6 million **BE TRANSFERRED** to reserves as follows:

   - $1.0 million surplus related to Waste Management **BE TRANSFERRED** to the Waste Management Stabilization Reserve
   - $0.5 million surplus related to Waste Management **BE TRANSFERRED** to the Waste Management Landfill Liability Reserve
• $0.4 million **BE TRANSFERRED** from the Wastewater Stabilization Reserve to offset the deficit incurred relating to Wastewater services

• $0.1 million surplus related to the water service **BE TRANSFERRED** to the Water Stabilization Reserve

• $2.4 million surplus related to the water service **BE TRANSFERRED** to the Water Capital Reserve; and

4. That encumbrances of $19.5 million, Appendix 1 of Report CSD 21-2019, **BE APPROVED** and that the deferral of these expenditures be included in the 2019 operating budget.

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That clause 2 b) **BE AMENDED** as follows:

That $1.2 million of the surplus **REMAIN in the Niagara Regional Housing budget and be utilized for housing, social housing and community services housing initiatives.**

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

That clause 2 b) **BE AMENDED** as follows:

That $1.2 million of the surplus **REMAIN** in the Niagara Regional Housing budget and be utilized for **new** housing, **new** social housing and **new** community services housing initiatives.

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

That clause 2 b) **BE AMENDED as follows:**

That $1.2 million of the surplus **REMAIN** in the Niagara Regional Housing budget and be utilized for new housing, new social housing and new community services housing initiatives.
Recorded Vote:


Carried

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

That Report CSD 21-2019, dated March 20, 2019, respecting 2018 Year End Results and Transfer Report, BE RECEIVED and the following recommendations BE APPROVED:

1. That the unaudited summarized results of the Niagara Region as detailed in Appendix 2 of Report CSD 21-2019, BE RECEIVED as follows:

   Levy Programs              ($1.7) Million
   Niagara Regional Police (NRPS) $0.5 Million
   Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) $2.6 Million
   Court Services             $0.4 Million
   Levy Supported Surplus     $1.8 Million

2. A) That $600,000 of the 2018 Year End Surplus BE TRANSFERRED to the 2019 Operating Budget as a one time source of funding for the Smarter Niagara Incentive Program;

   B) That $1.2 million of the surplus REMAIN in the Niagara Regional Housing budget and be utilized for new housing, new social housing and new community services housing initiatives;

3. That the 2018 year end operating surplus for rate supported programs of $3.6 million BE TRANSFERRED to reserves as follows:
• $1.0 million surplus related to Waste Management BE TRANSFERRED to the Waste Management Stabilization Reserve

• $0.5 million surplus related to Waste Management BE TRANSFERRED to the Waste Management Landfill Liability Reserve

• $0.4 million BE TRANSFERRED from the Wastewater Stabilization Reserve to offset the deficit incurred relating to Wastewater services

• $0.1 million surplus related to the water service BE TRANSFERRED to the Water Stabilization Reserve

• $2.4 million surplus related to the water service BE TRANSFERRED to the Water Capital Reserve; and

4. That encumbrances of $19.5 million, Appendix 1 of Report CSD 21-2019, BE APPROVED and that the deferral of these expenditures be included in the 2019 operating budget.

Carried

12.6.2 Balance of the recommendations from Corporate Services Committee

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

Carried

12.7 Planning and Economic Development Committee

Minutes PEDC 03-2019, Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Moved by Councillor Huson
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Report PEDC 03-2019 being the Open Session minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, BE RECEIVED and the recommendations contained therein BE APPROVED.
12.7.1 Minute Item 4.1 respecting Modernizing Wine Sales in Ontario

The recommendation respecting Modernizing Wine Sales in Ontario contained in Minute Item 4.1 was considered separately as follows:

That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the Province of Ontario in support of the recommendations outlined in the presentation respecting Modernizing Wine Sales in Ontario.

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

12.7.2 Balance of the Recommendations from Planning and Economic Development Committee

The Regional Chair called the vote on the balance of the recommendations from the Planning and Economic Development Committee, save and except Minute Item 10.1, and declared it, **Carried**

13. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT(S)**

13.1 **CAO 1-2019**

Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment Options

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Item CAO 01-2019, being a memorandum from R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, dated March 28, 2019, respecting Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment Options, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**
13.2 CAO 2-2019

Provincial Review of Regional Government

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Gibson


Carried

14. MOTIONS

14.1 Meeting Time for the Public Health and Social Services Committee

The Regional Chair advised Members that as this was a reconsideration, it would require a two-thirds majority to pass.

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That the 2019 Legislative Schedule of Regular Meetings BE RECONSIDERED at this time.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

Whereas section 22.2 of Niagara Region Procedural By-law provides that Standing Committees shall meet on the days and times according to the schedule set annually and approved by Council;

Whereas on December 13, 2018, Regional Council approved the 2019 Legislative Schedule of Regular Meetings;

Whereas in accordance with the Legislative Schedule of Regular Meetings, the Public Health and Social Services Committee meetings are held on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS the Public Health and Social Services Committee Co-Chairs wish to reconsider the time of the Public Health and Social Services Committee meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That, effective immediately, Public Health and Social Services Committee meetings BE HELD on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Carried
15. **NOTICES OF MOTION**
   There were no notices of motion.

16. **OTHER BUSINESS**
   There were no items of other business.

17. **MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**
   Moved by Councillor Huson
   Seconded by Councillor Bellows
   
   That this Council **DO NOW MOVE** into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature respecting:
   
   A Matter Respecting Litigation or Potential Litigation – Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal for Welland Committee of Adjustment Decision on Minor Variance A01/2019, 37 Niagara Street, City of Welland
   
   Carried

18. **CLOSED SESSION**
   Council resolved into closed session at 7:57 p.m.

19. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**
   Council reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:
   
   Council: Bradley (Regional Chair), Bellows, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa
   
   Absent/Regrets: Jordan, Insinna, Villella
   
   Staff: D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, C. Habermebl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
19.1 **Planning and Economic Development Committee Minute Item 10.1 - Confidential Report PDS 15-2019**

A Matter Respecting Litigation of Potential Litigation – Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal for Welland Committee of Adjustment Decision on Minor Variance A01/2019, 37 Niagara Street, City of Welland

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Bellows

That Confidential Report PDS 15-2019, dated March 20, 2019, respecting A Matter Respecting Litigation of Potential Litigation – Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal for Welland Committee of Adjustment Decision on Minor Variance A01/2019, 37 Niagara Street, City of Welland, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That staff **PROCEED** as directed in closed session.

Carried

20. **BY-LAWS**

Moved by Councillor Witteveen
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

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

Bill 2019-32
A by-law to amend By-law No. 2019-28, being a by-law to establish fees and charges for services and activities provided by The Regional Municipality of Niagara and for the use of its property and to repeal By-law No. 2017-111.

Bill 2019-33
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate Part of lot 117, Plan M1, in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake as part of Regional Road No. 87 (Lakeshore Road).

Bill 2019-34
A by-law to authorize the execution of amending funding agreements with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada related to the New Niagara-on-the-Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Relocation Project.

Bill 2019-35
A by-law to exempt local Official Plan Amendments (LOPAs) from Regional approval and to repeal By-law Nos. 129-2001 and 43-2002.

Bill 2019-36
A by-law to amend By-law No. 120-2010, the Procedural By-law (amend Appendix A).
Bill 2019-37
A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at its meeting held on March 28, 2019.

Bill 2019-36 was considered separately as follows:

That Bill 2019-36, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 120-2010, the Procedural By-law (amend Appendix A) BE NOW READ and DO PASS.

Two-thirds majority having been achieved, the Regional Chair declared the vote,

Carried

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

Carried

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk