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

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

3. **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**
   Councillor Butters 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**

5.1 **Addition of Items**

Moved by Councillor Ip  
Seconded by Councillor Darte

That Brian Skrydstrup BE PERMITTED to appear before Council as a delegate respecting 2019 Council Member Remuneration - Impacts following changes made to the non-taxable "Municipal Officers" Expense Allowance under the *Income Tax Act* (Minute Item 5.7 of CSC 06-2019 (Agenda Item 12.3)).

Carried

5.2 **Changes in Order of Items**

Moved by Councillor Ip  
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That the order of the Agenda BE AMENDED to consider Minute Item 5.7 of Report CSC 06-2019 (Agenda Item 12.3), respecting 2019 Council Member Remuneration - Impacts following changes to the non-taxable 'Municipal Officers' Expense Allowance' under the *Income Tax Act* (HR 01-2019) to immediately following the delegation on this matter.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That the Council Agenda CL 12-2016, BE ADOPTED, as amended.

Carried

6. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Huson declared a direct pecuniary interest with respect to the presentation respecting Brock University Strategic Plan (Agenda Item 7.2) as she is employed by Brock University.
7. **PRESENTATIONS**

7.1 **Regional Chair’s Award of Valour**

Chair Bradley bestowed the Regional Chair’s Award of Valour upon Niagara Emergency Medical Services’ Operations Superintendent Carolyn Chandler-Hill for going above and beyond the call of duty with her courageous response assisting an individual who was contemplating death by suicide.

7.2 **Brock University Strategic Plan**

Dr. Gervan Fearon, President and Vice-Chancellor, and Tim Kenyon, Vice-President, Research, Brock University provided information respecting Brock University Strategic Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- History of Success & Engagement
- Impact of Growth & Brock Today
- Brock’s Economic Impact in Niagara
- Value of the University
- Brock University Institutional Strategic Plan: Four Key Priorities
- Providing Relevant Education and Skills Training
- Brock’s Research Impact on Industry, the Community and Industry
- LINC Benefits & Outcomes for Niagara Region

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

The Regional Chair made various announcements related to activities and events he attended within the Region.

9. **DELEGATIONS**

9.1 **2019 Council Member Remuneration - Impacts following changes made to the non-taxable "Municipal Officers" Expense Allowance under the Income Tax Act (Minute Item 5.7 of CSC 6-2019 (Agenda Item 12.3))**

9.1.1 Brian Skrydstrup, Resident, City of St. Catharines

Brian Skrydstrup, Resident, City of St. Catharines, appeared before Council in opposition to the increases proposed in Report HR 1-2019 respecting 2019 Council Member Remuneration - Impacts following changes made to the non-taxable "Municipal Officers’ Expense Allowance under the Income Tax Act (Minute Item 5.7 of CSC 6-2019 (Agenda Item 12.3)).
12. COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION

12.3 Corporate Services Committee

12.3.1 Minute Item 5.7 respecting Council Member Remuneration - Impacts following changes to the non-taxable 'Municipal Officers' Expense Allowance' under the *Income Tax Act*

The recommendations respecting Council Member Remuneration - Impacts following changes to the non-taxable 'Municipal Officers' Expense Allowance' under the *Income Tax Act* contained in Minute Item 5.7 were considered separately as follows:

That Report HR 01-2019, dated June 12, 2019, respecting 2019 Council Member Remuneration – Impacts following changes to the non-taxable 'Municipal Officers' Expense Allowance under the *Income Tax Act*, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Region’s existing methodology for Councillor and Chair remuneration, as confirmed by the analysis and review provided in the Niagara Region Independent External Governance Auditor Final Report, April 5, 2019 (Appendix A to Report HR 01-2019), **BE APPROVED**, with retroactive implementation to December 1, 2018; and

2. That the increase in the 2019 base remuneration for Council members, including the Chair, required to offset the impact from the *Income Tax Act* changes, **BE APPROVED** effective January 1, 2019.

Councillor Steele rose on a point of order stating that consideration of clause 2 of the motion respecting 2019 Council Member Remuneration - Impacts following changes to the non-taxable Municipal Officers' Expense Allowance under the *Income Tax Act* was a reconsideration as the increase to the 2019 base remuneration to offset the impact from the *Income Tax Act* changes had been previously decided.

The Regional Chair ruled that the motion was not a reconsideration.

Councillor Steele challenged the ruling of the Chair and the following motion was considered:
Moved by Councillor Steele  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That the ruling of the Chair **BE SUSTAINED** to permit the consideration of clause 2 of the motion, respecting 2019 Council Member Remuneration - Impacts following changes to the non-taxable Municipal Officers' Expense Allowance under the *Income Tax Act*.

Recorded Vote:


**Defeated**

The Regional Chair declared that the ruling was not sustained; therefore to consider clause 2 of the motion respecting 2019 Council Member Remuneration – Impacts following changes to the non-taxable 'Municipal Officers' Expense Allowance under the *Income Tax Act*, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those Members present would be required.

Clause 2 of the motion was not reconsidered.

Moved by Councillor Ip  
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That clause 1 of the motion **BE AMENDED** to read as follows:

1. That the Region’s methodology for Councillor remuneration **BE BASED** on Statistics Canada’s Table 11-10-0047 (Summary Characteristics of Canadian tax filers), specifically the Median Total Income of Tax Filers, as reported annually, and that increases and decreases in Councillor and Chair remuneration be adjusted annually to match the most recent year’s corresponding percentage increase or decrease in this data.

After debate, Councillor Ip withdrew her amendment to the motion.
Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That the question **BE CALLED**.

Recorded Vote:


**Carried**

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

That Report HR 01-2019, dated June 12, 2019, respecting 2019 Council Member Remuneration – Impacts following changes to the non-taxable ‘Municipal Officers’ Expense Allowance under the **Income Tax Act**, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Region’s existing methodology for Councillor and Chair remuneration, as confirmed by the analysis and review provided in the Niagara Region Independent External Governance Auditor Final Report, April 5, 2019 (Appendix A to Report HR 01-2019), **BE APPROVED**, with retroactive implementation to December 1, 2018.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (2): Bylsma, Greenwood.


**Defeated**
Moved by Councillor Steele  
Seconded by Councillor Gibson  

1. That a citizen committee BE ESTABLISHED to look at Councillor (excluding the Regional Chair) remuneration;  

2. That the Committee INCLUDE five citizen members and one staff member with knowledge on the matter; and  

3. That the Committee BE DIRECTED to provide a report back in November 2019.  

Recorded Vote:  


Carried  

Moved by Councillor Darte  
Seconded by Councillor Gibson  

That the Regional Chair’s base remuneration REMAIN the same so as not to be impacted by any annual increase including the increase to the Municipal Officers’ Expense Allowance under the Income Tax Act.  

Carried  

10. ADOPTION OF MINUTES  

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop  

That Minutes CL 10-2019 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of Special Regional Council and Minutes CL 11-2019 being the Open Session minutes of the Regular Regional Council meetings held on Thursday, May 16, 2019, BE ADOPTED.  

Carried
11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 Receive and/or Refer

Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

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

CL-C 47-2019 respecting Proposed Regional Delegations for the Annual 2019 AMO Conference, **BE RECEIVED**; and

CL-C 49-2019 respecting Community Issues Update, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried

11.2 For Consideration

11.2.1 CL-C 46-2019

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board Appointments

Moved by Councillor Bylsma  
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Correspondence Item CL-C 46-2019 respecting Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board Appointments, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That Regional Council **APPOINT** Rick Brady (City of Niagara Falls), Donna Cridland (Township of Wainfleet), and Diana Huson (Town of Pelham) to replace Regional Councillors Greenwood and Gibson on the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board effective immediately.

Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Councillor Darte

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

That Regional Council **APPOINT** Rick Brady (City of Niagara Falls), Donna Cridland (Township of Wainfleet), and Diana Huson (Town of Pelham) to replace Regional Councillors Greenwood and Gibson on the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board effective immediately **effective October 31, 2019**.
Recorded Vote:


Defeated

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

That Correspondence Item CL-C 46-2019 respecting Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board Appointments, BE RECEIVED; and

That Regional Council APPOINT Rick Brady (City of Niagara Falls), Donna Cridland (Township of Wainfleet), and Diana Huson (Town of Pelham) to replace Regional Councillors Greenwood and Gibson on the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board effective immediately.

Recorded Vote:


Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting a qualifications matrix for use in evaluating appointments to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board of Directors. Councillor Huson.

That staff consider sending matters related to the NPCA to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for consideration. Councillor Gale.
12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION**

12.1 **Public Works Committee**

Minutes PWC 6-2019, Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Moved by Councillor Edgar
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report PWC 6-2019 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

12.2 **Public Health and Social Services Committee**

Minutes PHSSC 6-2019, Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Report PHSSC 6-2019 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

12.3 **Corporate Services Committee**

Minutes CSC 6-2019, Wednesday, June 12, 2019

That Report CSC 6-2019 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**, save and except Minute Item 5.7.

Carried
12.4 Planning and Economic Development Committee
Minutes PEDC 6-2019, Wednesday, June 12, 2019

That Report PEDC 6-2019 being the Open Session minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

12.4.1 Minute Item 5.1 respecting Recommendation Report for Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 13 - Transportation Policies

The recommendation respecting Recommendation Report for Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 13 - Transportation Policies was considered separately as follows:

That Report PDS 23-2019, dated June 12, 2019, respecting Recommendation Report for Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 13 - Transportation Policies, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Official Plan Amendment 13 – Transportation Policies **BE ADOPTED** under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*.

Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Jordan

That Report PDS 23-2019 **BE REFERRED** to staff to consult with the Town of Grimsby and to report back to the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting being held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

**Carried**

12.4.2 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 and declared it,

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

13.1 **CAO 7-2019**

2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan

Kristen Delong, Manager, Internal Controls & Organizational Performance, provided information respecting 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- What Has Been Accomplished So Far?
- May 11th Strategic Planning Workshop / What was accomplished
- Strategy Framework
- A Renewed Regional Vision & Mission
- Updated Regional Values
- The Resulting Strategic Priorities
- Where Do We Go From Here?

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report CAO 7-2019, dated June 20, 2019, respecting 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That Niagara Region’s 2019-2022 Council Strategic Plan found in Appendix 1 of Report CAO 07-2019 **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

14. **MOTIONS**

14.1 **Establishment of Niagara Region 50th Anniversary Committee**

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

Whereas on January 1, 1970, the Regional Municipality of Niagara was officially formed;

Whereas in 2010 a number of events were held to commemorate the Regional Municipality of Niagara’s 40th Anniversary;

Whereas on January 1, 2020, The Regional Municipality of Niagara will celebrate its 50th Anniversary or golden jubilee; and
Whereas it is important to communicate and celebrate the initiatives and accomplishments of Niagara Region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Regional Council ENDORSE the establishment of a committee to facilitate, plan and organize events to commemorate the Regional Municipality of Niagara’s 50th Anniversary to be celebrated in 2020; and

2. That staff BE DIRECTED to prepare a report respecting Terms of Reference, membership and budgetary information for the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held on July 10, 2019.

Carried

14.2 Reconsideration of Reimbursement of Legal Expense

The Regional Chair advised Members that as this was a reconsideration, it would require a two-thirds majority to suspend the rules and to reconsider the item.

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That, in accordance with subsection 2.4 of Niagara Region’s Procedural By-law, the rules of procedure, specifically subsection 19.16 “Motion to Reconsider” of the Procedural By-law, BE SUSPENDED to permit Council to reconsider the reimbursement of legal expense.

Recorded Vote:


Carried

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That the Consideration of Reimbursement for Expense outside of the Regional Council Expense Policy (Minute Item 7.1 of AC 3-2019) BE RECONSIDERED.
Recorded Vote:


Carried

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Darte

That the request for reimbursement of legal costs BE REFERRED to the Audit Committee for additional information to be provided respecting the expenditure.

Carried

14.3 Response to Proposed Provincial Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has announced restructuring local public health agencies from 35 public health units to 10 new Regional Public Health Entities, governed by autonomous boards of health;

WHEREAS the Province expects to reduce provincial spending on local public health by $200 million by 2021-22 from a current provincial budget for local public health of approximately $750 million;

WHEREAS the Province is adjusting the cost-sharing formula with municipalities for local public health;

WHEREAS municipalities such as Niagara, Hamilton, and most others have been contributing more than their 25% share under Provincial policy for many years in order to ensure community needs are met based on the Ontario Public Health Standards, as set out by the provincial government;

WHEREAS the announcements do not contain sufficient detail to be able to fully understand the costs and implications of the proposed restructuring;
WHEREAS the scale of the proposed changes to the governance, organization and funding of local public health is unprecedented in Ontario;

WHEREAS the role of municipal councils is not clear in the proposed restructuring;

WHEREAS local public health agencies that are part of local government such as Niagara already achieve significant administrative efficiencies through the economies of scale from being part of much larger organizations than the future Public Health Entities;

WHEREAS local public health benefits from significant collaboration with social service, planning, recreation, and transportation services all of which address the social determinants of health and determine half of health outcomes;

WHEREAS separating public health agencies that are part of local government may have unintended negative consequences such as reducing municipal leadership on public health issues, reducing transparency and public scrutiny, as well as reducing effectiveness in collaboration on the social determinants of health;

WHEREAS the announcements appear to have a significant likelihood to impact on the delivery of local public health services;

WHEREAS Niagara Regional Council confirms its support of its public health staff in all the work that they do;

WHEREAS lessons from the past show that when the public health system is weakened, serious consequences occur;

WHEREAS expert reports, such as those following Walkerton’s drinking water contamination and the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) have highlighted the need for a strong and independent public health sector to protect the health and safety of the public;

WHEREAS local public health has a unique mandate that focuses on upstream approaches to prevent injuries and illness before they occur, as well as health protection measures that contribute to the safety of our food, water, and environment, and protect us from infectious diseases;

WHEREAS the evidence shows that the success of prevention is largely invisible, but the social and economic returns on these investments are immense with every dollar invested in public health programming saving on average eight dollars in avoided health and social care costs;
WHEREAS to achieve health and reduce “hallway medicine” both a strong health care and a strong public health system are needed;

WHEREAS the independence of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health as the doctor for the community are essential parts of a strong and transparent public health system;

WHEREAS local perspectives add value to provincial priority-setting and decision making;

WHEREAS significant advances in public health have been led through local action, such as the development of tobacco control bylaws; and

WHEREAS the Province has indicated a willingness to consult with boards of health and municipalities on the phased implementation of the proposed changes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Regional Council THANKS the Premier and the Minister of Health for responding to feedback by municipalities to delay funding changes to public health and other municipally operated health and social services;

2. That the Regional Chair BE DIRECTED to write a letter to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that any restructuring or modernization of local Public Health ensure adherence to the following principles:
   
   i. That its unique mandate to keep people and our communities healthy, prevent disease and reduce health inequities be maintained;

   ii. That its focus on the core functions of public health, including population health assessment and surveillance, promotion of health and wellness, disease prevention, health protection, and emergency management and response be continued;

   iii. That sufficient funding and human resources to fulfill its unique mandate are ensured;

   iv. That the focus for public health services be maintained at the community level to best serve residents and lead strategic community partnerships with municipalities, school boards, health care organizations, community agencies and residents.
v. That there be senior and medical leadership at the local public health level to provide advice on public health issues to municipal councils and to participate in strategic community partnerships;

vi. That local public health services be responsive and tailored to the health needs and priorities of each local community, including those of vulnerable groups or those with specific needs such as the indigenous community;

vii. That representation of municipalities on any board of health be proportionate to both their population and to the size of the financial contribution of that municipality to the regional Public Health Entity; an

viii. That any transition be carried out with attention to good change management, and while ensuring ongoing service delivery;

3. That the Regional Chair BE DIRECTED to work with MARCO/LUMCO and AMO to describe the benefits of Public Health remaining fully integrated with other Niagara Region functions;

4. That the Medical Officer of Health BE DIRECTED to continue to report to the Board of Health in a timely manner as any new developments occur;

5. That at a minimum, the Chair of the Board of Health or co-Chair (Public Health) of the Public Health & Social Services Committee PARTICIPATE in Ministry consultations with boards of health on public health restructuring, and through the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa); and

6. That this resolution BE CIRCULATED to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all municipalities, all Boards of Health, AMO, MARCO/LUMCO, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That the motion respecting Response to Proposed Provincial Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies BE REFERRED to the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting being held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.
Recorded Vote:


Carried

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

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

17. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Council did not resolve into closed session.

18. CLOSED SESSION

Council did not resolve into closed session.

19. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Huson
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Confidential Report PW 31-2019, dated June 20, 2019, respecting A Matter of Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege - 2019 Waste Collection RFP, BE REFERRED to the Public Works Committee meeting being held on July 9, 2019.

Carried
20. **BY-LAWS**

Moved by Councillor Diodati  
Seconded by Councillor Ip  

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

Bill 2019-49  
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate part of Township Lot 90, in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake as part of Regional Road No. 100 (Four Mile Creek Road).

Bill 2019-50  
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate part of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and A, Plan 300, in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 102 (Stanley Avenue).

Bill 2019-51  
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate part of Lot 18, Concession 4 in the City of St. Catharines as part of Regional Road No. 83 (Carlton Street).

Bill 2019-52  
A by-law to amend By-law 112-2013 being a by-law to protect children and vulnerable persons from exposure to outdoor second-hand smoke and vapour.

Bill 2019-53  
A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at its meeting held on June 20, 2019.

Bill 2019-54  
A by-law to provide for the regulation of traffic on regional highways in the Town of Grimsby.

Bill 2019-55  
A by-law to provide for the regulation of traffic on regional highways in the Town of Lincoln.

*Carried*
21. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m

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Jim Bradley                                  Matthew Trennum
Regional Chair                               Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk