

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES - OPEN SESSION**

**BRCOTW 2-2019
Thursday, January 24, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bellows, Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Darte, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen (Committee Vice Chair), Witteveen, Zalepa (Committee Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Chiochio, Diodati, Disero, Gibson, Greenwood, Sendzik

Staff: H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, R. Fleming, Senior Tax & Revenue Analyst, C. Habermebl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, J. Tonellato, Director, Water Wastewater Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Zalepa called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 CSD 8-2019 – REVISED

2019 Budget – Water and Wastewater Operating Budget, Rate Setting and Requisition

Helen Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, provided information respecting 2019 Budget - Water and Wastewater Operating Budget, Rate Setting and Requisition. Topics of the presentation included:

- 2019 Operating Budget Summary
- Requisitions
- Municipal Comparators
- Risks and Opportunities
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report CSD 8-2019, dated January 24, 2019, respecting 2019 Budget-Water and Wastewater Operating Budget, Rate Setting and Requisition, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2019 net Water & Wastewater operating budget increase of \$1,667,883 or 1.50% over 2018 operating budget **BE APPROVED** in accordance with Council approved guidance;
2. That the 2019 net Water & Wastewater operating budget be increased by an additional \$555,961 for 0.50% over 2018 operating **BE APPROVED** in accordance with Council approved additional guidance;
3. That the total 2019 net Water & Wastewater operating budget be increased by an additional \$3,502,611 or 3.15% above Council guidance, **BE APPROVED**;
4. That the 2019 gross Water Operations operating budget of \$44,652,514 and net budget in the amount of \$44,238,899 as outlined in Appendix VI to Report CSD 8-2019 for the Water Budget, Rates and Requisition **BE APPROVED**;
5. That the proposed fixed water requisition shown in Table 3 of Report CSD 8-2019, based on 25% of the Region's water net operating budget for the year and divided by 12 to determine the monthly charge, to be billed to each of the serviced Local Area Municipalities starting January 1, 2019, apportioned based on their previous 8 year's average water supply volumes, **BE APPROVED**;

6. That the Region's proposed 2019 variable water rate of \$0.580, shown in Table 4 of Report CSD 8-2019, to be effective January 1, 2019 and calculated by taking 75% of the Region's water net operating budget and dividing by the estimated supply volume, to be billed on a monthly basis to each serviced Local Area Municipality based on the previous month's metered flows, **BE APPROVED**;
7. That the 2019 gross Wastewater Operations operating budget of \$76,105,449 and net budget in the amount of \$72,679,758 as outlined in Appendix VI to Report CSD 8-2019 for the Wastewater Budget, Rates and Requisition **BE APPROVED**;
8. That the proposed 2019 fixed wastewater requisition as shown in Table 5 of Report CSD 8-2019, based on 100% of the Region's net operating budget for the year and divided by 12 to determine the monthly charge, to be billed to each of the Local Area Municipalities starting January 1, 2019, apportioned based on their previous 3 year's average wastewater supply volumes, **BE APPROVED**;
9. That the 2019 wastewater monthly bills **INCLUDE** reconciliation for the 2017 net requisition allocation based on actual wastewater flows versus the estimated flows, as shown in Table 6 of Report CSD 8-2019;
10. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration; and
11. That a copy of Report CSD 8-2019 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Carried

5.2 CSD 7-2019

Budget – Waste Management Services Operating Budget and Requisition

Helen Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, provided information respecting Budget - Waste Management Services Operating Budget and Requisition. Topics of the presentation included:

- 2019 Operating Budget Summary
- Requisitions
- Risks and Opportunities
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Ugulini

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report CSD 7-2019, dated January 24, 2019, respecting Budget Waste Management Services Operating Budget and Requisition, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2019 net Waste Management Service operating budget increase of \$519,035 or 1.5% over 2018 operating budget **BE APPROVED** in accordance with Council approved guidance;
2. That the 2019 net Waste Management Service operating budget increase of an additional \$173,012 or 0.5% over 2018 operating budget **BE APPROVED** in accordance with Council approved additional guidance;
3. That the total 2019 net Waste Management operating budget increase of an additional \$33,929 or 0.1% above Council guidance for a total gross Waste Management Services operating budget of \$54,927,292 and net budget amount of \$35,328,313 as per Appendix 1 to Report CSD 7-2019, **BE APPROVED**;
4. That the net budget amount of \$35,328,313 **BE APPORTIONED** between the local municipalities in accordance with the methodology approved in PWA 55-2011 as per Appendix 2 to Report CSD 7-2019;
5. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration; and
6. That a copy of Report CSD 7-2019 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 BRC-C 2-2019

Council Information Requests from January 10, 2019, Budget Review Committee of the Whole Meeting

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Memorandum BRC-C 2-2019, dated January 24, 2019, respecting, Councillor Information Requests from the January 10, 2019 Budget Review Committee of the Whole Meeting, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Easton requested information on the alignment of the 2019 budget to the strategic plan as outlined in Shape Niagara.

Ron Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that a Committee of the Whole meeting would be scheduled to provide information on Shape Niagara and would include its alignment to the 2019 budget.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Councillor Zalepa
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk