

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
AUDIT COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION**

**AC 04-2019
Monday, June 24, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Foster, Gale, Redekop, Sendzik,
Whalen (Committee Vice-Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Rigby (Committee Chair)

Other Councillors: Greenwood

Staff: D. Gibbs, Director, Legal and Court Services, T. Harrison,
Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management
Services, M. Jurczyk, Director, Internal Controls &
Organizational Performance, F. Marcella, Internal Auditor, A.-M.
Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, A.
Wheaton, Corporate Reporting Supervisor

Others Present: P. Grenier, Former Regional Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Vice-Chair Whalen called the meeting to order at 1:01 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 **AC-C 22-2019**

Consideration of Reimbursement for Expense

Moved by Councillor Gale

Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Correspondence Item AC-C 22-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated June 24, 2019, respecting Consideration of Reimbursement for Expense, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That legal costs in the total amount of \$6,823.45 requested for reimbursement, as outlined in Item AC-C 39-2018, including accumulated interest, **BE APPROVED** pursuant to section 4.9(d) of the Regional Council Expense Policy; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to issue payment of \$6,823.45 plus accumulated interest to Aird Berlis LLP.

Committee requested additional information respecting the expense; therefore Paul Grenier, Former Regional Councillor, was called to the podium.

Councillor Sendzik rose on a point of order stating that the information to be provided would include personal information which should only be provided to Committee in Closed Session.

The Committee Vice-Chair agreed therefore it was,

Moved by Councillor Sendzik

Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Committee **DO NOW MOVE** into closed session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature respecting:

A Personal Matter About an Identifiable Individual - Consideration of Reimbursement for Expense.

Carried

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

Committee resolved into closed session at 1:14 p.m.

Committee reconvened in open session at 1:24 p.m. with the following individuals present:

- Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Foster, Gale, Redekop, Sendzik, Whalen (Committee Vice-Chair)
- Absent/Regrets: Rigby (Committee Chair)
- Other Councillors: Greenwood
- Staff: D. Gibbs, Director, Legal and Court Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, M. Jurczyk, Director, Internal Controls & Organizational Performance, F. Marcella, Internal Auditor, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, A. Wheaton, Corporate Reporting Supervisor
- Others Present: P. Grenier, Former Regional Councillor

Committee Vice-Chair Whalen called upon Mr. Grenier to continue his presentation.

Mr. Grenier provided information respecting the background of the expense for which reimbursement was being considered, attached to these minutes as AC-C 23-2019.

The Committee Vice-Chair called the vote on the motion as follows:

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1. That legal costs in the total amount of \$6,823.45 requested for reimbursement, as outlined in Item AC-C 39-2018, including accumulated interest, **BE APPROVED** pursuant to section 4.9(d) of the Regional Council Expense Policy; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to issue payment of \$6,823.45 plus accumulated interest to Aird Berlis LLP.

Carried

7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7.1 **AC-C 21-2019**

Internal Audit Plan Progress Update Dashboard

Moved by Councillor Gale

Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Correspondence Item AC-C 21-2019, being a memorandum from M. Jurczyk, Director, Internal Controls & Organizational Performance, dated June 24, 2019, respecting Internal Audit Plan Progress Update Dashboard, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7.2 **AC-C 19-2019**

NPCA 2018 Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor Gale

Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Correspondence Item AC-C 19-2019, being the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2018 Financial Statements, dated April 17, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7.3 **JBM-C 6-2019**

Approval of Court Services 2018 Audited Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Funds Available for Distribution

Moved by Councillor Gale

Seconded by Councillor Sendzik

That Report JBM-C 06-2019, dated May 30, 2019, respecting Approval of Court Services 2018 Audited Schedule of Revenue, Expenses and Funds Available for Distribution, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Gale
Seconded by Councillor Sendzik

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

PHD 10-2019

Approval of 2018-2019 Public Health Program Audits

COM 22-2019

Approval of 2018-2019 Community Services Program Audits

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the increased WSIB costs associated with Niagara Emergency Medical Services. Councillor Redekop.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Tim Whalen
Committee Vice-Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk