

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

**CL 19-2019
Thursday, November 14, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Council: Bradley (Regional Chair), Bellows, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Villella

Staff: D. Gibbs, Director, Legal and Court Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Commissioner, Public Works/Acting Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Junkin

That Council Agenda CL 19-2019 **BE ADOPTED.**

Carried

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Bellows
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That this Council **DO NOW MOVE** into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature respecting:

A matter of an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality by the Ombudsman appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*: Consideration of the Preliminary Report of the Ontario Ombudsman respecting the Investigation into matters related to the hiring of the Regional Municipality of Niagara's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Carried

Council resolved into closed session at 3:08 p.m.

5. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened in open session at 6:04 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, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa

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5.1 Preliminary Report of the Ontario Ombudsman

A matter of an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality by the Ombudsman appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*: Consideration of the Preliminary Report of the Ontario Ombudsman respecting the Investigation into matters related to the hiring of the Regional Municipality of Niagara's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Moved by Councillor Ugulini
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That the Preliminary Report of the Ontario Ombudsman respecting the Investigation into matters related to the hiring of the Regional Municipality of Niagara's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), **BE RECEIVED**; and

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

Carried

6. **BY-LAWS**

6.1 **Bill 2019-81**

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Bill 2019-81 being a by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at its special meeting held on November 14, 2019, **BE NOW READ** and **DO PASS**.

Carried

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk