

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION**

CSC 1-2020

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Council Chamber

Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West

1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON

Committee: Butters, Campion, Diodati, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Gale, Heit, Ip, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen (Committee Vice Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Bradley (Regional Chair), Foster (Committee Chair)

Staff: A. Apfelbaum, Manager, Business Licensing, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, M. Leckey, Program Financial Specialist, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, R. McDougall, Manager, Emergency Medical Services Logistics, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Vice Chair Whalen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Sabrina Hill, resident, City of St. Catharines, **BE PERMITTED** to appear before Committee as a delegate respecting Amendments to Vehicle for Hire and Businesses and Adult Entertainment Parlour By-laws (Agenda Item 5.3).

Carried

4.1 Ride Sharing Issues in Niagara

Sabrina Hill, resident, City of St. Catharines, appeared before Committee to express concerns respecting ride sharing in Niagara and a number of systemic administrative deficiencies. Ms. Hill advised there is a lack of policies to strengthen safety for both drivers and passengers, a lack of policy oversight and enforcement and generally a lack in communication, education and accountability. Ms. Hill requested that Committee request a thorough review of all policies pertaining to ride sharing and the method of communicating these regulations with ride share drivers licensed in the Region.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Moved by Councillor Easton
Seconded by Councillor Campion

That the order of the agenda **BE AMENDED** to consider Minute Item 5.3, Report CSD 5-2020 at this time.

Carried

5.3 CSD 5-2020

Amendments to Vehicle for Hire and Businesses and Adult Entertainment Parlour By-laws

Moved by Councillor Diodati
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Report CSD 5-2020, dated January 15, 2020, respecting Amendments to Vehicle for Hire and Businesses and Adult Entertainment Parlour By-laws, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the recommended amendments contained in Appendix 1 and 2 to Report CSD 5-2020, to Niagara Region By-law 2018-75 (Vehicles for Hire and Businesses) and 2018-76 (Adult Entertainment) **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

Carried

5.1 CSD 1-2020

Approval of Interim Levy Dates and Amounts

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Report CSD 1-2020, dated January 15, 2020, respecting Approval of Interim Levy Dates and Amounts, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the interim amounts for the Regional levy **BE APPROVED** by Regional Council in the amounts shown in Appendix 1 to Report CSD 1-2020;
2. That the Regional Clerk ensures that the appropriate by-law **BE PREPARED** for presentation to Regional Council for consideration and approval; and
3. That Report CSD 1-2020 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Councils of the local area municipalities for information.

Carried

5.2 CSD 4-2020

Appointments to the Licensing Appeals Committee

Moved by Councillor Gale

Seconded by Councillor Champion

That Report CSD 4-2020, dated January 15, 2020, respecting Appointments to the Licensing Appeals Committee, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the recommendation contained in Confidential Appendix 1 to Report CSD 4-2020, **BE APPROVED** confirming the citizen appointments to the Licensing Appeals Committee; and
2. That the Licensing Appeals Committee Terms of Reference (Appendix 2 of Report CSD 4-2020), **BE APPROVED**.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Campion

That Report CSD 4-2020, respecting Appointments to the Licensing Appeals Committee, **BE REFERRED** to staff to provide additional information respecting the selection process and qualifications of the recommended appointees for the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held on February 12, 2020.

Carried

5.4 CSC-C 1-2020

Recommendations for Consideration from the Joint Board of Management - Niagara Courts meeting held on December 12, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 1-2020, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated January 15, 2020, respecting Recommendations for Consideration from the Joint Board of Management – Niagara Courts meeting held on December 12, 2019, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the delinquent cases summarized in the Analysis Section of Report JBM-C 13-2019, **BE APPROVED** for write-off and removal from the Integrated Court Offences Network (ICON) system in accordance with the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) Provincial Offences Act Write-off Directive and Operating Guideline and Niagara Region Courts approved write off criteria (POA Write-off Criteria).

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide a breakdown of the number of individuals that comprise the 1225 cases to be written-off under the category of Deceased Person shown in the 2019 Court Services Write-Off Summary in Report JBM-C 13-2019.
Councillor Redekop.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no items for information.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 **Review of Ride Sharing and Vehicles for Hire Policies**

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to undertake a thorough review of the policies related to ride sharing and vehicles for hire and provide a report for the April 8, 2020 Corporate Services Committee meeting respecting how those regulations can be better communicated to ride share drivers and vehicles for hire licensed to deliver service in Niagara, including regulations with respect to driver and rider safety.

Carried

7.2 **Transfer of Property to Niagara Regional Housing**

Councillor Redekop enquired about the vacant parcel of land located at 745 Crescent Road, in the Town of Fort Erie and if it could be transferred to Niagara Regional Housing for possible development.

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That the property located at 745 Crescent Road, in the Town of Fort Erie, **BE INCLUDED** as part of the inventory in the Niagara Regional Housing Master Plan and that staff not proceed with any action to dispose of the property at this time.

Carried

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

Committee did not resolve into closed session.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

9.1 Confidential Report CSD 7-2020

A Matter Respecting a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality -
Emergency Medical Services Lease Agreement

Moved by Councillor Easton
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Confidential Report CSD 7-2020, dated January 15, 2020, respecting
A Matter Respecting a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality -
Emergency Medical Services Lease Agreement, **BE RECEIVED** and the
recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

9.2 Confidential Report CSD 11-2020

A Confidential Matter Respecting Litigation before Administrative Tribunal
under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Assessment Appeal Update
and Proposed Settlement Information - General Motors Canada, St.
Catharines

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Confidential Report CSD 11-2020, dated January 15, 2020,
respecting A Confidential Matter Respecting Litigation before
Administrative Tribunal under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 -
Assessment Appeal Update and Proposed Settlement Information -
General Motors Canada, St. Catharines, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in
the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Councillor Whalen
Committee Vice Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk