

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

CL 2-2020

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Council Chamber

Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West

1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON

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

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Greenwood, Huson, Sendzik, Villella

Staff: D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, 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 6:38 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Insinna read the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Councillor Edgar read the moment 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**

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That Council Agenda CL 2-2020, **BE ADOPTED.**

Carried

6. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

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

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

Chair Bradley additionally offered his commendations to those groups who played a role in shining a light on the events detailed in the recent Ombudsman's report. The Chair formally commended the current and former members of Regional council and staff who worked diligently to not only maintain the integrity of this organization, but also admirably perform their duties on a daily basis. He stated that, in speaking on behalf of all of Council, it is remarkable that so many individuals were able to put the public first and continue to offer high quality programs and services.

The Chair also recognized those members of the public who held their elected officials, and the public servants they hired, to account. He acknowledged the many residents who took an active interest in the conduct of their local government and then took the necessary and appropriate steps to bring attention to the questionable behavior they witnessed. He specified it was these members of the public who held us all to a higher standard and he applauded their actions.

Finally, on behalf of all members of Regional Council, Chair Bradley thanked the journalists at Niagara's daily newspapers for their integrity and professionalism in reporting on the issues that led to the Ombudsman's report. He stated it was the work of these journalists who changed the face of politics in Niagara and that he believes our Region is better off for their efforts. He noted this situation provides evidence as to why we require a strong local media, with the freedom and independence to report on the actions of those who hold elected office. He thanked those journalists for their efforts and asked they continue to make Niagara a better community.

9. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

10. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

10.1 **Council Minutes CL 23-2019**

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Moved by Councillor Ugolini

Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Minutes CL 23-2019 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, **BE ADOPTED.**

Carried

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 **Receive and/or Refer**

There were no correspondence items to receive and/or refer.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.2 **For Consideration**

11.2.1 CL-C 1-2020

Regional Councillor Appointment to Niagara Regional Housing Affordable Housing Master Plan Team

Moved by Councillor Zalepa

Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Correspondence Item CL-C 1-2020, being a letter from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, respecting Regional Councillor Appointment to Niagara Regional Housing Affordable Housing Master Plan Team **BE RECEIVED.**

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That Councillor Ip **BE NOMINATED** for appointment to the Niagara Regional Housing Affordable Housing Master Plan Team.

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

That Correspondence Item CL-C 1-2020, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, respecting Regional Councillor Appointment to Niagara Regional Housing Affordable Housing Master Plan Team **BE RECEIVED**; and

That Councillor Ip **BE NOMINATED** for appointment to the Niagara Regional Housing Affordable Housing Master Plan Team.

Carried

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION

12.1 Public Works Committee

Minutes PWC 1-2020, Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Report PWC 1-2020 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

12.2 Public Health and Social Services Committee

Minutes PHSSC 1-2020, Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Moved by Councillor Gibson
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PHSSC 1-2020 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

Further to the presentation respecting E-cigarettes provided at the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting, Councillor Witteveen put to following motion forward:

Moved by Councillor Witteveen
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the Minister of Health respecting E-cigarettes thanking the Ministry for their actions to date including the promotional ban to help protect children and youth and urging the Province to address gaps in provincial legislation as well as urging the federal government, where jurisdictionally appropriate, to address gaps around sales to minors, banning flavoured products, maximum nicotine concentration, plain and standard packaging, public education, treatment for youth cessation, and sales in specialty stores only.

Carried

12.3 Corporate Services Committee

Minutes CSC 1-2020, Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Report CSC 1-2020 being the Open Session minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

12.4 Planning and Economic Development Committee

Minutes PEDC 1-2020, Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PEDC 1-2020 being the Open Session minutes of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

13. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT(S)**

There were no Chief Administrative Officer's Reports.

14. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

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. CLOSED SESSION

Council did not resolve into closed session.

18. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council did not resolve into closed session.

19. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Zalepa

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

Bill 2020-02

A by-law to amend By-law No. 2018-75, being a bylaw to licence, regulate and govern vehicles for hire (taxicabs, transportation network company vehicles, specialty vehicles, auxiliary services vehicles, shuttle buses, sightseeing vehicles, caleche, tow trucks) and businesses (second-hand good stores and dealers, salvage yards, auto-wrecking yards and taxicab brokers).

Bill 2020-03

A by-law to amend By-law No. 2018-76, being a by-law to provide for the licencing, regulating and inspecting of adult entertainment parlours, owners and operators of adult entertainment parlours and entertainers at adult entertainment parlours.

Bill 2020-04

A by-law to authorize a 2020 Interim and waste management special upper-tier levy for The Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 2020-05

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at its meeting held on January 23, 2020.

Carried

20. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk