

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

**BRCOTW 1-2020
Thursday, June 25, 2020
Council Chamber/Teleconference
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Zalepa (Committee Chair), Bradley (Regional Chair)

Committee Members Present via Teleconference: Butters, Campion, Darte, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen,

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Bylsma, Chiocchio, Diodati

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, M. Elia, Technology Support Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, M. Lewis, Client & Support Advisor, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Potts, Senior Budget Analyst, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Teleconference: D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, , D. Woiceshyn, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Regional Housing, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Zalepa called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Service Delivery Impacts During COVID-19

Ron Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, provided information respecting Service Delivery Impacts During COVID-19. Topics of the presentation included:

- Essential Service Identification and Delivery
- Service Level Identification
- Impact to Service Delivery
 - Public Health/EMS
 - Community Service
 - Public Works
 - Corporate Services
 - Corporate Administration
- Redeployment Activities
- Summary

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the number of employees laid off as a result of COVID-19. Councillor Junkin.

Provide information comparing the number of layoffs due to COVID-19 at Niagara Region to other Regional municipalities. Councillor Sendzik.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 CSD 41-2020 2021 Budget Planning

Helen Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, provided information respecting 2021 Budget Planning. Topics of the presentation included:

- Recap of the Budget Planning By-law
- Proposed Strategy for 2021
- Considerations for Budget Development
- Timetable for Budget Deliberations

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CSD 41-2020, dated June 25, 2020, respecting 2021 Budget Planning, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2021 budget timetable (option A) per Appendix 1 of Report CSD 41-2020 **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That Report CSD 41-2020 **BE CIRCULATED** to agencies, boards and commissions (ABC's) in accordance with By-Law 2017-63 Budget Control.

Clause 1 of the motion was voted on separately as follows:

That the 2021 budget timetable (option A) per Appendix 1 of Report CSD 41-2020 **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

Clause 2 of the motion was voted on separately as follows:

That Report CSD 41-2020 **BE CIRCULATED** to agencies, boards and commissions (ABC's) in accordance with By-Law 2017-63 Budget Control.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no consent items for information.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Councillor Zalepa
Committee Chair

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk