1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2.1 **Addition of Items**

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Villella  
That Reverend Sandi Mansfield, Khajida Hammuda and Daelle Shannon **BE PERMITTED** to appear before Council as individual delegates respecting the motion regarding Declaration of Public Health Issues.  
**Carried**

2.2 **Changes in Order of Items**

Moved by Councillor Ip  
Seconded by Councillor Easton  
That the order of the agenda **BE AMENDED** to move the consideration of the motion respecting the Declaration of Public Health Issues (Agenda Item 11.1) to immediately following the delegations on this matter (Agenda Item 6).  
**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by Councillor Butters  
That Council Agenda CL 9-2020, **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.  
**Carried**

3. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Darte declared a direct pecuniary interest with respect to the presentation (Agenda Item 4.1) respecting Pandemic Impact on Local Government Finances and Taxation as he was one of the signatories on the submission from the Concerned Group of Niagara Business Owners.

Councillor Huson declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Council Minutes CL 8-2020 (Agenda Item 7.2) respecting the Special Council meeting held on June 4, 2020 as the motions that deal with Report CAO 11-2020 (Minute Item 7.1) and Confidential Report CSD 42-2020 (Minute Item 5.2) which reference Brock University as she has an employment relationship with Brock University.
4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Pandemic Impact on Local Government Finances and Taxation

Spenser Fox, President, E.S. Fox Limited, appeared before Council on behalf of Concerned Group of Niagara Business Owners and spoke in favour of a decrease in taxes to support the private sector in Niagara, and to request meetings with the Region to advise on the economic recovery of Niagara.

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That the presentation submission respecting Pandemic Impact on Local Government Finances and Taxation BE REFERRED to the Budget Review Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Carried

5. CHAIR’S REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMARKS

The Regional Chair provided an update respecting activities within the Region and the efforts of Niagara Region with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Motion respecting Declaration of Public Health Issues (Agenda Item 14.1)

6.1.1 Rebecca Dyck, Rebecca Dyck Consulting

Rebecca Dyck, Rebecca Dyck Consulting, provided information respecting the health issues associated with racism, transphobia and homophobia and spoke in favour of the motion.

6.1.2 Magdolene Dykstra, Resident, City of St. Catharines

Magdolene Dykstra, resident, City of St. Catharines, provided information respecting the impact of discrimination on student and youth populations and spoke in favour of the motion.

6.1.3 Jennifer Dockstader, Executive Director, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre

Jennifer Dockstader, Executive Director, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, appeared before Council in support of the motion and shared personal experiences of racism in Niagara, and examples described to the Friendship Centre.
6.1.4 Robin McBurney and Angela Menotti, Residents, City of Niagara Falls

Robin McBurney and Angela Menotti, residents, City of Niagara Falls, appeared before Council in support of the motion and shared personal experiences of discrimination and its affect on youth in the education system in Niagara.

6.1.5 Shaniqua Goodridge, Resident, City of Niagara Falls

This delegation request was withdrawn.

6.1.6 Reverend Sandi Mansfield, Resident, City of Niagara Falls

Reverend Sandi Mansfield, resident, City of Niagara Falls, appeared before Council in support of the motion and provided examples of shared experiences of racism in the medical system and within the religious communities of Niagara.

6.1.7 Khadija Hammuda, Resident, City of St. Catharines

Khadija Hammuda, resident, City of St. Catharines, spoke in favour of the motion and shared personal experiences with racism in Niagara.

6.1.8 Daelle Shannon, Resident, City of Niagara Falls

Daelle Shannon, resident, City of Niagara Falls, appeared in support of the motion and shared personal experiences with transphobia in the education system in Niagara.

11. MOTIONS

11.1 Declaration of Public Health Issues

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Sendzik

WHEREAS racism, homophobia, transphobia, discrimination, and stigma are associated with poorer physical, mental, and emotional health and greater mortality, making racism an important public health issue; and

WHEREAS Public Health has a role in promoting the health of the entire population by working with others to ensure fair opportunities for health and well-being; and
WHEREAS Niagara Region and its Board of Health is guided by Objective 2 in Niagara Region’s Strategic Plan to foster a high quality of life through safe, healthy, and inclusive neighbourhoods and delivery of quality, affordable, and accessible human services; and

WHEREAS members of the Black, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQQIA, and many other communities experience physical, social, mental, and emotional harms due to racism, homophobia, transphobia, and other discrimination and stigma present across sectors, including health, education, employment, housing, child care and child welfare, policing and law enforcement, and the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS the Region of Niagara has become a member of the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities and committed to appropriately resourcing the work of the Coalition;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Regional Council **ACKNOWLEDGE** that racism, homophobia, transphobia, and all forms of discrimination or oppression are public health issues;

2. That Niagara Region **COMMIT** to using an equity, diversity, and inclusion lens in all future decision-making; and

3. That Niagara Region **RECONFIRM** its efforts through the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities to promote social inclusion, human rights, and diversity, as well as eradicating all forms of racism and discrimination that continue to persist in Niagara.

The following friendly **amendment** was accepted by the Regional Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion:

**4. That this motion BE CIRCULATED to the local area municipalities.**
The following friendly amendment was accepted by the Regional Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion:

1. That Regional Council ACKNOWLEDGE that racism, homophobia, transphobia, and all forms of discrimination or oppression are public health issues;

2. That Niagara Region COMMIT to using an equity, diversity, and inclusion lens in all future decision-making;

3. That Niagara Region COMMIT to considering social determinants of health, including income, education, employment, early childhood development, food insecurity, housing, social exclusion and social safety network, health services, aboriginal status, gender, race, and disability, in all future program and budget decisions including revising the Region Budget By-Law Principles to include healthy communities;

4. That Niagara Region RECONFIRM its efforts through the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities to promote social inclusion, human rights, and diversity, as well as eradicating all forms of racism and discrimination that continue to persist in Niagara.

5. That this motion BE CIRCULATED to the local area municipalities.

The Regional Chair called the vote on the motion, as amended.

Recorded Voted:


No (0).

Carried
7. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Huson

That Minutes CL 7-2020 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Regular Regional Council meeting held on Thursday, May 21, 2020, and Minutes CL 8-2020 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Special Regional Council meeting held on Thursday, June 4, 2020 **BE ADOPTED**.

Carried

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 **Receive and/or Refer**

Moved by Councillor Jordan
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That the following items **BE DEALT WITH** as follows:

CL-C 34-2020 respecting Notice of Procedural By-law Amendment – Amendment to Allow Electronic Participation for Sub-Committees and Advisory Committees, **BE RECEIVED**;

CL-C 35-2020 respecting Amendment to the Flag Raising and Niagara Sign Lighting Policy, **BE RECEIVED**;

CL-C 36-3030 respecting diversity and inclusiveness, **BE RECEIVED**.

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Correspondence Item CL-C 36-3030 respecting A letter from A Better Niagara, dated June 18, 2020, respecting diversity and inclusiveness, **BE DEFERRED** to the Regional Council meeting being held on July 23, 2020 for consideration.

Carried

The Regional Chair called the vote on the balance of the motion and declared it,

Carried
Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting electronic meeting participation and request input on the matter from the members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Councillor Huson

8.2 For Consideration

8.2.1 CSD 43-2020

Intra-municipal Transit Fees

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report CSD 43-2020, dated June 25, 2020, respecting Intra-Municipal Transit Fees, BE RECEIVED and the following recommendations BE APPROVED:

1. That the Intra-municipal transit fees in CSD 43-2020 BE APPROVED; and

2. That the necessary by-law BE PRESENTED to Council for consideration.

Carried

8.2.2 CSD 39-2020

2020 COVID-19 Cash Flow Update Report - June

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Gibson


Carried
8.2.3 CSD 40-2020
COVID-19 Financial Impacts Update
Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):
Provide information respecting how pandemic pay is being distributed across the divisions of the corporation. Councillor Zalepa.

8.2.4 CHR 3-2020
Association of Municipalities of Ontario 2020 Annual Conference
Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio
That Report CHR 3-2020, dated June 25, 2020, respecting Association of Municipalities of Ontario 2020 Annual Conference, BE RECEIVED and the following recommendations BE APPROVED:

1. That the advocacy issues identified in CHR 3-2020 titled Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2020 Annual Conference BE ENDORSED as delegation requests at the 2020 AMO Conference; and

2. That staff BE DIRECTED to request meetings with cabinet ministers, parliamentary assistants, senior ministry staff, and party leaders to discuss regional advocacy issues during the AMO Conference.

Carried
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION**

9.1 **Public Works Committee**

Minutes PWC 5-2020, Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Report PWC 5-2020 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED** save and except Minute Items 5.1 and 9.1.

Carried

Minutes Items 5.1 and 9.1 were considered after Closed Session (Minute Item 15.)

9.2 **Public Health and Social Services Committee**

Minutes PHSSC 5-2020, Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Report PHSSC 5-2020 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

9.3 **Corporate Services Committee**

Minutes CSC 5-2020, Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Report CSC 5-2020 being the Open Session minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried
9.4 Planning and Economic Development Committee
Minutes PEDC5-2020, Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Moved by Councillor Huson
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report PEDC 5-2020 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, BE RECEIVED and the recommendations contained therein BE APPROVED.

Carried

10. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT(S)

10.1 CAO 13-2020
Update on Recommendations from Ontario Ombudsman Report "Inside Job"

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Jordan


Carried

10.2 CAO 14-2020
A Unified Message for All-of-Niagara Vigilance Against COVID-19

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Report CAO 14-2020, dated June 25, 2020, respecting A Unified Message for All-of-Niagara Vigilance Against COVID-19, BE RECEIVED and the following recommendations BE APPROVED:

1. That Regional Council, as the Board of Health, THANKS the people of Niagara for their sacrifice and diligence in practicing personal conduct that has “flattened the curve” of COVID-19 and enabled Niagara to move into Stage 2 of the province’s “A Framework for Reopening Our Province”;
2. That Regional Council, as the Board of Health, RESOLVES that as restrictions on the economy and social interaction are lifted in Niagara, it is more important than ever that everyone practices behaviours that limit the spread of infection, namely:
   a. Keeping a physical distancing of 2 metres from others
   b. Washing or sanitizing hands frequently
   c. Wearing a face covering where it is not possible to maintain a 2 metre distance
   d. Being attentive to one’s health, and isolating oneself while seeking testing if one develops any symptoms of infection, however mild;

3. That Regional Council, as the Board of Health, REQUESTS all leaders and influencers in Niagara to speak in a unified voice about the importance of practicing the above behaviours;

4. That Regional Council, as the Board of Health, ENCOURAGES all residents and visitors to Niagara to practice the above behaviours; and

5. That Regional Council, as the Board of Health, ENCOURAGES all businesses and services in Niagara to implement all reasonable measures that enable their clients, employees, and visitors to practice the above behaviours.

Carried

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 Niagara Regional Police Services

Councillor Sendzik advised that he would be bringing forward a motion to the next Council meeting respecting systemic racism the Niagara Regional Police Services.

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Darte

That a special Regional Council meeting BE CALLED for the consideration of the motion respecting Niagara Regional Police Services.

Carried
Councillor Information Request(s):

Invite the Chief of the Niagara Regional Police Service to the special Regional Council meeting. Councillor Sendzik.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Huson
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

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

A Matter of Commercial Information, which if disclosed could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization, under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Procurement Process for Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Opportunity Review – Phase 4 (Minute Item 1.1 Closed Session Minutes PWC 5-2020).

**Carried**

Council Resolved into closed session at 9:34 p.m.
15. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council reconvened in open session at 10:36 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

**Council Members Present in the Council Chamber:**
- Bradley (Regional Chair)

**Absent/Regrets:**
- Bylsma, Campion, Fertich, Ip, Redekop, Ugulini

**Staff Present in the Council Chamber:**
- M. Elia, Technology Support Analyst
- M. Lewis, Technology Support Analyst
- A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk
- R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**Staff Present via Teleconference:**
- D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair
- D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services
- C. Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services
- T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer
- Corporate Services
- M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk
- B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

During closed session, Council passed a motion to extend the meeting's curfew to 11:00 p.m.


The recommendation contained in Minute Item 9.1 of the Public Works Committee (Agenda Item 9.1) respecting Procurement Process for Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Opportunity Review – Phase 4 was considered separately as follows:
That Confidential Report PW 17-2020, dated June 16, 2020, respecting A Matter of Commercial Information, which if disclosed could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization, under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Procurement Process for Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Opportunity Review – Phase 4, BE RECEIVED and the recommendation contained therein BE APPROVED.

Recorded Vote:


Carried

15.2 Minute Item 5.1 of the Public Works Committee Minutes (Agenda Item 9.1) respecting Blue Box Program Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

The recommendation contained in Minute Item 5.1 of the Public Works Committee Minutes (Agenda Item 9.1) respecting Blue Box Program Transition to Full Producer Responsibility (Report PW 23-2020) was considered separately as follows:

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Report PW 23-2020, dated June 16, 2020, respecting Blue Box Program Transition to Full Producer Responsibility, BE RECEIVED and the following recommendations BE APPROVED:

1. That the Regional Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to respond to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s request that municipal governments pass a resolution to provide a preferred date to transition the residential Blue Box program to full producer responsibility, if provided the opportunity to self-determine (between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025), with the following:

   a. Niagara Region’s preferred date to transition the residential Blue Box program to full producer responsibility is as early as possible in the transition period, which is on January 1, 2023, subject to cost benefit analysis when the Blue Box regulation is finalized;
b. Niagara Region expresses interest in providing curbside and depot Blue Box collection and haulage services on behalf of producers, subject to mutually agreeable commercial terms, including service duration, beginning on January 1, 2023;

c. Niagara Region anticipates completion of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Phase 4 Opportunity Review in late 2020, which will inform how or if the MRF asset will be potentially divested and Niagara Region’s potential role in processing services; and

2. That the draft resolution as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report PW 23-2020 BE APPROVED and sent to Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Carried

15.3 Public Works Committee Closed Session Minutes

Closed Session Minutes PWC 5-2020, Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PWC 5-2020 being the Closed Session minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, BE APPROVED.

Carried

16. **BY-LAWS**

Moved by Councillor Diodati
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That the following Bills BE NOW READ and DO PASS:

Bill 2020-27
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate part of Lot 13, plan M94, in the Township of West Lincoln as part of Regional Road No. 14 (Station Street).

Bill 2020-28
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate part of Lot 25 adjoining Cross Concession, Town of Fort Erie as part of Regional Road No. 25 (Netherby Road).

Bill 2020-29
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate part of Lot 29 and Core Concession 7, City of Welland as part of Regional Road No. 33 (Humberstone Road).
Bill 2020-30
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate part of Lot 1, Range 4, Plan 284 in the City of Niagara Falls as part of Regional Road No. 43 (Bridge Street).

Bill 2020-31
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate part of Lot 18-19, CY plan 29, in the City of St. Catharines as part of Regional Road No. 48 (Niagara Street).

Bill 2020-32
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate part of Block L, Plan M12, in the City of Thorold as part of Regional Road No. 71 (St. David’s Road).

Bill 2020-33
A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate Blocks 125 and 126, Plan 30M451, in the Town of Lincoln as part of Regional Road No. 18 (Mountain Street).

Bill 2020-34
A by-law to amend By-law No. 2019-100, being a by-law to establish fees and charges for the services and activities provided by the Regional Municipality of Niagara and for the use of its property and to repeal By-law 2019-28.

Bill 2020-35
A by-law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (“OILC”) for financing certain capital work(s) of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne; and to authorize long-term borrowing for such capital work(s) through the issue of debentures by The Regional Municipality of Niagara (the “upper tier municipality”) to OILC.

Bill 2020-36
A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at it's meeting held on June 25, 2020.

Carried

17. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.