

In accordance with the notice and submission deadline requirements of Sections 18.1 (b) and 11.3, respectively, of Niagara Region's Procedural By-law, the Regional Clerk received from Councillor Diodati a motion to be brought forward for consideration at the July 23, 2020 Council meeting respecting Continued Initiatives for Economic Stimulation and Recovery.

### **Continued Initiatives for Economic Stimulation and Recovery**

WHEREAS the economic impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic on businesses and individuals has been devastating and unprecedented and recovery continues with no immediate end in sight;

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the 12 Local Area Municipalities have been forced to pivot in response to the challenges of COVID-19;

WHEREAS provisions for quicker approvals and streamlined procedures allowing for immediate economic recovery and stimulation in Niagara have been allowed;

WHEREAS these initiatives could continue to greatly benefit our communities as more efficient processes have been established that are user-friendly, and cost-effective;

WHEREAS Plato once said "necessity is the mother of invention." Every challenge creates opportunities; and

WHEREAS resilience is part of Niagara's DNA.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Regional Municipality of Niagara and 12 Local Area Municipalities **ENGAGE** their CAOs, Senior Economic Development Personnel, and possibly key planning staff to review current initiatives and seek out further processes and activities that can be streamlined throughout the Regional Municipality of Niagara; and
2. That these initiatives are **INTENDED** to assist with further economic stimulation throughout Niagara by cutting red tape, creating incentives and streamlining processes with the idea that this will help to save money and stimulate the economy, allowing for greater effectiveness with economic recovery throughout Niagara.