

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

**CSC 8-2020
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
Council Chamber/ Video Conference
Niagara Regional Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Foster (Committee Chair), Whalen (Committee Vice-Chair)

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Diodati, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Gale, Heit, Ip, Redekop, Rigby

Other Councillors Present via Video Conference: Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Campion

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, S. Guglielmi, Technology Support Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Steele, Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Video Conference: D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, H. Koning, Director, Senior Services, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Development Engineering, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Partnership Funding Request (\$14 million) to Support Construction of a New West Lincoln Memorial Hospital

Kevin Antonides, Chair, West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation, appeared before Committee with Harry Schlange, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Grimsby, Mike Kirkopoulos, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Lincoln, and Beverly Hendry, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of West Lincoln, to provide information respecting Partnership Funding Request to Support Construction of a New West Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Topics of the presentation included:

- History and Background
- West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Fast Facts and the Numbers
- The Ask: Partnership Funding
- Acting with a Sense of Urgency

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 CSD 45-2020
Repealing C-F-014 Residential Development Letter of Credit Agreement Policy

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Report CSD 45-2020, dated September 9, 2020, respecting Repealing C-F-014 Residential Development Letter of Credit Agreement Policy, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Policy C-F-014 Residential Development Letter of Credit Agreement Policy **BE REPEALED**.

Carried

5.2 CLK 10-2020

2021 Legislative Schedule of Regular Meetings

Moved by Councillor Edgar
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Report CLK 10-2020, dated September 9, 2020, respecting 2021 Legislative Schedule of Regular Meetings, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2021 Legislative Schedule of Regular Meetings, attached as Appendix 1 to Report CLK 10-2020, **BE ADOPTED**.

Moved by Councillor Diodati
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Report CLK 10-2020, respecting 2021 Meeting Schedule of Regular Meetings, **BE REFERRED** to staff to provide additional meeting schedule options reflecting feedback received for the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held on October 14, 2020.

Carried

At this point in the meeting, Committee Vice-Chair Whalen assumed the Chair.

5.3 CSC-C 17-2020

Niagara Region Funding for Future Hospitals in Niagara

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Ip

Given that the local share of financing is a provincial requirement for the building of every new hospital project in the Province of Ontario;

And further, this requirement is estimated to be 30% of the overall project costs;

And further, with population growth and increasing requirements being seen within Niagara with regards to healthcare needs;

And further, with at least 3 new hospital projects slated to be developed in the Region of Niagara (West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, the South Niagara Hospital, and The Shaver Rehab Centre);

And further, that these healthcare projects will require funds to be raised within our communities to meet the provincial requirements;

And further, that the local share has been a combination of fundraising in the community and thru local municipal governments;

And further, that the Region has previously demonstrated its commitment to healthcare in Niagara with local share financial contributions, most recently providing funding to the St. Catharines General Hospital during that recent building campaign;

And further, given there is no current agreed upon policy or set of principles when it comes to hospital projects and financial support from the Region of Niagara to help finance these important institutions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Region of Niagara **DEVELOP** a policy and a set of principles when it comes to the local share funding of future hospital projects in Niagara;
2. That this policy and set of principles **INCLUDE** a potential combination of a formulaic, fairness and governance approach when it comes to such regional contributions; and
3. That given that there are some time constraints with financial commitments required for at least one hospital project late this fall, that this policy and set of procedures **BE DEVELOPED** and **PRESENTED** for review to the October Corporate Services Committee meeting.

The following friendly amendment was accepted by the Committee Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion, so that clause 3 reads as follows:

3. That given that there are some time constraints with financial commitments required for at least one hospital project late this fall, that this policy and set of procedures **BE DEVELOPED** and **PRESENTED** for review to the ~~October~~ **November** Corporate Services Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Heit

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That clause 1 **BE AMENDED** to read as follows:

1. That the Region of Niagara **DEVELOP** a policy and a set of principles when it comes to the local share funding of future hospital projects in Niagara ***consistent with previous funding commitments***;

Recorded Vote:

Yes: (10) Bradley, Diodati, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Heit, Rigby, Whalen.

No: (3) Butters, Ip, Redekop.

Carried

The Committee Chair called the vote on the motion as amended, as follows:

1. That the Region of Niagara **DEVELOP** a policy and a set of principles when it comes to the local share funding of future hospital projects in Niagara consistent with previous funding commitments;
2. That this policy and set of principles **INCLUDE** a potential combination of a formulaic, fairness and governance approach when it comes to such regional contributions; and
3. That given that there are some time constraints with financial commitments required for at least one hospital project late this fall, that this policy and set of procedures **BE DEVELOPED** and **PRESENTED** for review to the November Corporate Services Committee meeting.

Recorded Vote:

Yes: (13) Bradley, Butters, Diodati, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Heit, Ip, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen.

No: (0).

Carried

At this point in the meeting, Committee Chair Foster assumed the Chair.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 CSC-C 16-2020 COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Corporate Services

Moved by Councillor Gale

Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 16-2020, being a memorandum from T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, dated September 9, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Corporate Services, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 CSD 56-2020
Q2 2020 Financial Update

Melanie Steele, Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis provided information respecting Q2 2020 Financial Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Deliverables
- Q2 Operating Results - Levy & Rate
- 2020 COVID-19 Impact & Funding Scenarios
- Q2 Capital Results

Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Report CSD 56-2020, dated September 9, 2020, respecting Q2 2020 Financial Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Update on 2021 Canada Summer Games

Councillor Heit expressed concerns regarding the holding of the 2021 Canada Summer Games given the COVID-19 pandemic and requested staff provide a report with an update on the current status of the Games. Ron Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, advised that a report respecting the 2021 Canada Summer Games would be included on the agenda for the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held on October 14, 2020.

7.2 Letter of Support for West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Request for Extension

Councillor Fertich enquired if Niagara Region could provide a letter of support to the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation should they request the Province extend the deadline for funding commitments for the project. Todd Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, advised that staff could provide a letter if requested.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Councillor Foster
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk