

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

**CL 15-2020**

**Thursday, August 13, 2020**

**Council Chamber / Video Conference**

**Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West**

**1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Council Members Present in the Council Chamber:	Bradley (Regional Chair), Insinna
Council Members Present via Video Conference:	Bellows, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugolini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa
Absent/Regrets:	Nicholson
Staff Present in the Council Chamber:	A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Staff Present via Video Conference:	D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, S. Guglielmi, Technology Support Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, S. Hendrie, Chief Information Officer, 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, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works
Others Present:	Barry Field, Executive Director, Swift

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Whalen

Seconded by Councillor Campion

That the Council Agenda CL 15-2020, **BE ADOPTED.**

**Carried**

**3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Edgar declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the motion respecting Child Care (Agenda Item 11.1) as his wife is the Director of Children's Services.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology, Inc. (SWIFT)**

Barry Field, Executive Director, Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology, Inc. (SWIFT) provided information respecting SWIFT. Topics of the presentation included:

- The SWIFT Region
- Small Communities Fund (SCF) Project Phases
- Recent Swift Progress
- Niagara Region
  - Current Situation
  - Budget and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
  - Procurement Status
- Procurement
  - Technology Choices
  - Approach
  - Staff Evaluation Team
- Key Messages

**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 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Memorial Signage (Minute Item 5.3 of PWC 7-2020 (Agenda Item 9.1))**

Robin Edwards, resident, City of Niagara Falls, appeared before Council to share his family's personal tragedy as a result of impaired driving and spoke in favour of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) memorial signage.

**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That the following minutes of Regional Council **BE ADOPTED**:

Open Session Minutes CL 11-2020, Thursday, July 23, 2020 (Special Meeting);  
Open Session Minutes CL 12-2020, Thursday, July 23, 2020 (Regular Meeting);  
and  
Open and Closed Session Minutes CL 13-2020, Thursday, July 30, 2020  
(Special Meeting).

**Carried**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 Receive and/or Refer**

Moved by Councillor Ugulini  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

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

PHD-C 6-2020 respecting Response and Business Continuity in Public  
Health & Emergency Services, **BE RECEIVED**;

COM-C 22-2020 respecting Response and Business Continuity in  
Community Services, **BE RECEIVED**;

CL-C 84-2020 respecting Referral of Motion - Item 8.CL 12-2020, July 23,  
2020, **BE RECEIVED**; and

CHR 4-2020 respecting COVID-19 Financial Relief from Senior Levels of  
Government, **BE RECEIVED**.

**Carried**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.2 **For Consideration**

8.2.1 PHD 7-2020

Authorizing Assistance and Support Agreements to Combat COVID-19

Moved by Councillor Edgar  
Seconded by Councillor Jordan

That Report PHD 7-2020, dated August 4, 2020, respecting Authorizing Assistance and Support Agreements to Combat COVID-19, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Medical Officer of Health/Commissioner, Public Health & Emergency Services or his/her delegate, on behalf of the Board of Health, **BE AUTHORIZED** to enter into agreements with other local boards of health in Ontario for the provision and/or receipt of COVID-19 prevention services, including temporary assignment of human resources, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal & Court Services; and
2. That this authorization **EXPIRE** when the COVID-19 pandemic is declared over by the World Health Organization.

**Carried**

8.2 **For Consideration**

8.2.2 CSD 50-2020

2020 COVID-19 Cash Flow Update Report - August

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report CSD 50-2020, dated August 13, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Cash Flow Update Report - August, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

8.2.3 CSD 51-2020

COVID-19 Financial Impacts Update

Moved by Councillor Zalepa

Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That Report CSD 51-2020, dated August 13, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Financial Impacts Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

8.2.4 PW 36-2020

Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Phase II Upgrades – Contract Changes

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report PW 36-2020, dated August 13, 2020, respecting Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Phase II Upgrades - Contract Changes, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the original contract amount of \$12,667,413.00 (including 13% HST) awarded to Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. **BE INCREASED** by \$621,500.00 (including 13% HST), for a total revised contract amount of \$13,288,913.00 (including 13% HST); and
2. That the gross budget for the Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Phase II Upgrades project **BE INCREASED** by \$200,000 and that the increase **BE FUNDED** from the Capital Variance Reserve – Water.

**Carried**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION**

**9.1 Public Works Committee**

Minutes PWC 7-2020, Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Report PWC 7-2020 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

**9.1.1 Minute Item 5.3 respecting Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Memorial Signage**

The motion contained in Minute Item 5.3 was considered separately as follows:

That Report PW 7-2020, dated August 4, 2020, respecting Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Memorial Signage, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **APPROVE** the installation of one MADD Canada Memorial sign as requested by the family of the victim at the location of Regional Road 70 (Taylor Road) and Regional Road 101 (Mountain Road) in the City of Niagara Falls, as a one time request; subject to the applicant providing all of the required supporting documentation outlined in the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario policy document;
2. That Council **APPROVE** the installation of the sign duration to a maximum of two years or until such time the sign needs to be removed; and
3. That Council **BE INFORMED** that staff, as part of the Vision Zero Road Safety Program, will be presenting a policy outlining operational guidelines for safety and educational platforms inclusive of future non-regulatory signage requests.

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That the motion **BE AMENDED** as follows:

2. That Council **APPROVE** the installation of the sign duration to a maximum of ~~two~~ **five** years or until such time the sign needs to be removed

Recorded Vote:

Yes (26): Bellows, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Redekop, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa.

No (4): Edgar, Fertich, Heit, Rigby.

**Carried**

The Regional Chair called the vote on the motion, as amended, and declared it,

**Carried**

9.1.2 Minute Item 5.2 respecting Reprioritization of Capital Project Funds for Recycling Centre Facility Improvements

The motion contained in Minute Item 5.2 was considered separately as follows:

That Report PW 35-2020, dated August 4, 2020, respecting Reprioritization of Capital Project Funds for Recycling Centre Facility Improvements, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a new capital project for a container line drum feeder in the amount of \$450,000 **BE APPROVED** and **BE FUNDED** from the Waste Management Capital Variance Project.

Moved by Councillor Fertich  
Seconded by Councillor Darte

That Report PW 35-2020 **BE REFERRED** to the Public Works Committee meeting being held Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

**Carried**

9.1.3 Balance of the recommendations from Public Work Committee

The Regional Chair called the vote on the balance of the recommendations from the Public Works Committee and declared it,

**Carried**

9.2 Public Health and Social Services Committee

Minutes PHSSC 7-2020, Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Chiocchio

That Report PHSSC 7-2020 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

9.3 Corporate Services Committee

Minutes CSC 7-2020, Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Moved by Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report CSC 7-2020 being the Open Session minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

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

There were no Chief Administrative Officer Reports.

11. **MOTIONS**

11.1 Child Care

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Easton

WHEREAS the Region of Niagara and Niagara's twelve local area municipalities jointly declared a state of emergency on April 3, 2020 to protect the health of our communities;

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a destructive toll on Niagara's economy, resulting in business closures, job losses or a reduction of wages for Niagara residents and families;

WHEREAS women have been disproportionately impacted by these economic impacts, or have had to leave the labour market altogether in order to provide child care or home-schooling;



WHEREAS the provision of child care benefits employers, is proven to support economic recovery, but also leads to greater workforce participation by women and supports their return to the workforce;

WHEREAS the economic recovery of the Niagara Region and Ontario is dependent on families having access to safe, reliable, and affordable child care that incorporates early learning principles; and

WHEREAS a 2012 study on the economic value of child care identified that every dollar invested in child care in Ontario has a direct regional economic output of \$2.27.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Niagara Region **REQUEST** that:
  - a) The Government of Ontario prioritize children and child care as part of our overall post-pandemic recovery plan;
  - b) The Government of Ontario develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support families through the provision of licensed child care and early learning education; and
  - c) The Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada work collaboratively to develop a National Child Care Strategy to make child care an essential part of our public infrastructure that can support and expedite economic recovery; and
- 2) That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to those upper and single tier municipalities who are designated by the province as municipal service managers for childcare and local area MPPs and MPs.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (27): Bellows, Butters, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa.

No (1): Bylsma.

**Carried**

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

Members made various announcements related to activities and events within the Region and area municipalities.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

Council did not resolve into closed session.

**15. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council did not resolve into closed session.

**16. BY-LAWS**

Moved by Councillor Steele  
Seconded by Councillor Ugolini

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

Bill 2020-54

A by-law to amend By-law 89-2000 to provide for the regulation of traffic on Regional highways (speed limit reduction Regional Road 37 in the City of Thorold).

Bill 2020-55

A by-law to amend By-law 89-2000 to provide for the regulation of traffic on Regional highways (speed limit reduction Regional Road 67 in the City of Thorold).

Bill 2020-56

A by-law to amend By-law 89-2000 to provide for the regulation of traffic on Regional highways (parking prohibition Regional Road 101 in the City of Niagara Falls).

Bill 2020-57

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at its meeting held on August 13, 2020.

**Carried**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Jim Bradley  
Regional Chair

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Matthew Trennum  
Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk