

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**COTW 2-2020  
Thursday, August 20, 2020  
Council Chamber/Video Conference  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

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

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: Bellows, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darté, Diodati, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Ip, Jordan, Rigby, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Disero, Huson, Insinna, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Sendzik, Steele

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, E. Fabiani, Technology Support Analyst, M. Greenfield, Financial Reporting Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, M. Lewis, Technology Support Analyst, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Video Conference: 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, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Others Present: O. Poloni, Managing Partner, Northern Ontario, KPMG

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Edgar declared a direct pecuniary interest with respect to Report CSD 55-2020 (Agenda Item 5.1) and Confidential Report CSD 53-2020 respecting A Matter Respecting Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations: Niagara Region Service Sustainability Review as it deals with Niagara Region Children's Services and his wife is the Director of Children's Services.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5.1 CSD 55-2020**

Sustainability Review Final Report

Oscar Poloni, KPMG LLP, provided information respecting Sustainability Review Final Report. Topics of the presentation included:

- Key Themes from the Review
- Opportunities for Consideration
- Implementation

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report CSD 55-2020, dated August 20, 2020, respecting Sustainability Review Final Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the final KPMG Sustainability Review Report attached as Appendix 1 to Report CSD 55-2020, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no consent items for information.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Fertich  
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

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

A Matter Respecting Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations: Niagara Region Service Sustainability Review

**Carried**

Committee resolved into closed session at 8:08 p.m.

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Committee reconvened in open session at 8:51 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

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

Committee Members    Bellows, Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati,  
Present via Video    Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit,  
Conference:            Ip, Jordan, Rigby, Ugolini, Villella, Whalen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets:        Disero, Huson, Insinna, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Sendzik,  
Steele, Witteveen

Staff Present in the    H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management &  
Council Chamber:      Planning/Deputy Treasurer, E. Fabiani, Technology Support  
Analyst, M. Greenfield, Financial Reporting Analyst, T. Harrison,  
Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, M. Lewis,  
Technology Support Analyst, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, H.  
Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, R. Tripp, Acting  
Chief Administrative Officer

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

Others Present:        O. Poloni, Managing Partner, Northern Ontario, KPMG

9.1 Confidential CSD 53-2020

Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Confidential Report CSD 53-2020, dated August 20, 2020, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations: Niagara Region Service Sustainability Review, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the final Confidential KPMG Sustainability Review Report attached as Appendix 1 to Confidential Report CSD 53-2020, **BE RECEIVED** for information;
2. That the KPMG opportunities for integration of service delivery with local area municipalities **BE DIRECTED** to the CAO working group for consideration and prioritization; and
3. That staff **PROCEED** as directed in closed session.

**Carried**

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Jim Bradley  
Regional Chair

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk