

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

**COTW 5-2020**

**Thursday, December 10, 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), Steele

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Dart, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugolini, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Diodati, Disero, Gale, Nicholson, Redekop, Villella

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: E. Fabiani, Technology Support Analyst, D. Giles, Acting Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Video Conference: D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, D. Heyworth, Official Plan Policy Consultant, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources, C. Ogunniyi, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Program Manager, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Others Present via Video Conference: R. Horne, Senior Advisor, Overlap Associates, L. MadhavaRau, Director, Human Rights & Equity, Brock University

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Insights and Recommendations for Consideration in the Preparation of a New Region of Niagara Official Plan**

Rob Horne, Senior Advisor, Overlap Associates, provided information respecting Insights and Recommendations for Consideration in the Preparation of a New Region of Niagara Official Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Why do this work now?
- What is outside the scope of this work?
- Can the New Region of Niagara Official Plan address or resolve all of the issues we heard?
- Engagement Insights
- Recommendations
- Proposed Next Steps

**Councillor Information Request(s)**

Circulate the recommendations to the local area municipalities. Councillor Fertich.

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**6.1 COTW-C 1-2020**

Niagara Official Plan Councillor Engagement Insights Report

Moved by Councillor Fertich

Seconded by Councillor Junkin

That Correspondence Item COTW-C 1-2020, being a memorandum from D. Giles, Acting Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, dated December 10, 2020, respecting Niagara Official Plan Councillor Engagement Insights Report, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

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

An Education or Training Session held under s. 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Equity and Inclusion in Niagara.

**Carried**

Committee resolved into closed session at 3:31 p.m.

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Committee reconvened in open session at 5:47 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

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

Committee Members    Butters, Bylsma, Chiocchio, Darte, Easton, Edgar, Fertich,  
Present via Video       Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Rigby,  
Conference:               Whalen

Absent/Regrets:        Bellows, Campion, Diodati, Disero, Gale, Gibson, Junkin,  
Nicholson, Redekop, Sendzik, Ugulini, Villella, Witteveen,  
Zalepa

Staff Present in the     D. Giles, Acting Commissioner, Planning & Development  
Council Chamber:       Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief  
Administrative Officer

Staff Present via        T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, Dr.  
Video Conference:     M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, F. Meffe, Director,  
Human Resources, C. Ogunniyi, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion  
Program Manager, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public  
Works

Others Present:         L. MadhavaRau, Director, Human Rights & Equity, Brock  
University

9.1 Equity and Inclusion Training Session

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That the education and training session on Equity and Inclusion in Niagara Part 2, **BE RECEIVED.**

**Carried**

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Jim Bradley  
Regional Chair

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk