

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

**CSC 2-2021
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Council Chamber/Video Conference
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Foster (Committee Chair)

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

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

Staff Present via Video Conference: N. Early, Director, Corporate Strategy & Innovation, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, C. Ogunniyi, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Program Manager

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

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 CSD 12-2021

Optional Small Business Tax Subclass Overview

Moved by Councillor Fertich

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report CSD 12-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Optional Small Business Tax Subclass Overview, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to monitor the implementation of the Optional Small Business Tax Subclass for consideration in future taxation years starting in 2022; and
2. That a copy of Report CSD 12-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Carried

5.2 CLK 1-2021

Establishment of Diversity Related Advisory Committees

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Report CLK 1-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Establishment of Diversity Related Advisory Committees, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to Report CLK 1-2021, as amended, **BE APPROVED**;
2. That one Regional Councillor **BE APPOINTED** to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee;
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to advertise for interested residents to serve on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee based on the criteria described in Report CLK 1-2021; and
4. That in consultation with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, staff **BE DIRECTED** to report back to Council on progress and any additional resources required to establish and launch an Anti-Racism Advisory Committee and a 2SLGBTQQA+ Advisory Committee by September 30, 2021.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Include in the finalized terms of reference that the membership of the Committee include "An appointed member or the Chair or Vice-Chair of the noted advisory committees" (Section 6).

5.3 CSC-C 9-2021

Niagara Regional Police Services - Special Duty Billable Rate Schedule

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 9-2021, being a letter from D. Reid, Executive Director, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board, dated December 2, 2020, respecting Special Duty Billable Rate Schedule, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board By-Law No. 388-2020, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 CSC-C 7-2021

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Corporate Services

Moved by Councillor Butters
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 7-2021, being a memorandum from T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, dated February 17, 2021, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Corporate Services, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 CSC-C 2-2021

Committee Request for Information Re: Development Charge Calculation and Payment Policy

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 2-2021, being a memorandum from H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Committee Request for Information Re: Development Charge Calculation and Payment Policy, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.3 CSC-C 6-2021

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Stream

Moved by Councillor Campion
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 6-2021, being a memorandum from T. Harrison, Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Stream, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.4 CLK 2-2021

Considerations for a Lobbyist Registry

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Report CLK 2-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Considerations for a Lobbyist Registry, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That the motion **BE AMENDED** by adding the following clauses:

- 1. That staff BE DIRECTED to provide options, and a recommendation, for the retention of a Lobbyist Registrar and that considerations for the retention of a Lobbyist Registrar form part of the budget proposals for 2022;***

- 2. That specific mechanisms for the establishment of a mandatory Lobbyist Registry with enforcement BE DEVELOPED for implementation in 2022;**
- 3. That feedback about the establishment of a mandatory Lobbyist Registry with enforcement for Niagara Region BE SOUGHT from Public Affairs Association of Canada; Niagara's chambers of commerce; and other pertinent associations or organizations; and**
- 4. That the report(s) indicated in the first three parts of this motion BE PROVIDED at the May 2021 Corporate Services Committee meeting.**

Recorded Vote:

Yes: (10) Bradley, Butters, Campion, Diodati, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Ip.

No: (4) Heit, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That consideration of the motion respecting Report CLK 2-2021 **BE DEFERRED** to the Corporate Services Committee meeting to be held on May 12, 2021, to allow consultation with the stakeholders noted in clause 3.

Recorded Vote:

Yes: (10) Campion, Diodati, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Heit, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen.

No: (4) Bradley, Butters, Edgar, Ip.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information for the May 12, 2021, Corporate Services Committee meeting regarding a mandatory lobbyist registry. Councillor Redekop.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 **Information Request Respecting Litigation Matters**

Moved by Councillor Gale
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

1. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a report/memo providing further information regarding certain litigation matters involving the Region as described Appendix 2B of Confidential Report CSD 60-2020 dated November 9, 2020, that are identified therein as numbers 6, 8, 12, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28, 34 and 35, as follows:
 - a) a brief description of the claim
 - b) the costs incurred on an annual basis to date in defending the claim (including external and internal legal costs and any consultants) and,
 - c) whether insurance is available (and if not some explanation as to why).
2. That Staff also **PROVIDE** information in the report/memo regarding ongoing legal proceedings initiated by the Region (including a brief description of the claim(s); costs involved; and applicable insurance as described in items a-c above).

Carried

7.2 **Hospice Niagara Funding Request**

Councillor Redekop enquired about the status of the report respecting the Hospice Niagara funding request. Todd Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, advised that the report will be included on the agenda for the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held on April 16, 2021.

7.3 **Standing Committee Meeting Cycle**

Councillor Rigby requested information respecting the change to a monthly meeting cycle from the previous three week cycle.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Councillor Foster
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk