

Minute Item No. 4.2.1

CSD 4-2019

Stop up, close portion of Regional Road 27 (Wellandport Road) in the Township of West Lincoln

That Report CSD 4-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting Stop Up and Close a Portion of Regional Road 27 (Wellandport Road) in the Township of West Lincoln, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a portion of the untravelled road allowance of Regional Road 27 (Wellandport Road) in the Township of West Lincoln designated as part 1 on Plan 30R-15311 containing approximately 526 square metres (0.13 acres) as shown on Appendix 1 attached (the "Lands") **BE APPROVED** to be stopped up and closed.
2. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

Minute Item No. 7.01

CSD 2-2019

Request to Write-Off Outstanding Amounts over \$25,000

That Report CSD 2-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting Request to Write-off Outstanding Amounts over \$25,000, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable totaling \$542,745.00 **BE APPROVED**.

Minute Item No. 7.2

CSD 3-2019

Vacancy Program Revisions to Ministry of Finance

That Report CSD 3-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting Vacancy Program Revisions to Ministry of Finance, **BE RECEIVED** and that the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the proposed amendments to the existing Commercial/Industrial Vacant Unit Rebate and Vacant/Excess Land Subclass property tax rate reductions programs **BE APPROVED** as follows:

- a) Vacant Unit Tax Rebate
 - i. Commercial Properties: Phase out the current program in its entirety, over three years, by reducing the eligible rebate percentage from the current rate of 30% in 2018, to 20% in 2019, 10% in 2020, and 0% in 2021 and onwards.
 - ii. Industrial Properties: Phase out the current program in its entirety, over three years, by reducing the eligible rebate percentage from the current rate of 30% in 2018, to 20% in 2019, 10% in 2020, and 0% in 2021 and onwards.
- b) Vacant/Excess Land Tax Rate Reduction
 - i. Commercial Properties: Phase out the current program in its entirety, over four years starting 2021, by reducing the eligible rebate percentage from the current rate of 30% in 2018, to 22.5% in 2021, 15% in 2022, 7.5% in 2023 and 0% in 2024 and onwards.
 - ii. Industrial Properties: Phase out the current program in its entirety, over four years starting 2021, by reducing the eligible rebate percentage from the current rate of 30% in 2018, to 22.5% in 2021, 15% in 2022, 7.5% in 2023 and 0% in 2024 and onwards;
- 2. That the Province of Ontario **BE REQUESTED** to adopt regulations and make any other legislative amendments required to adjust Niagara Region's Vacant Unit and Vacant/Excess Land Tax Programs as per Recommendation 1;
- 3. That the Commissioner, Enterprise Resource Management Services/Treasurer **BE DIRECTED** to submit this report to the Ontario Minister of Finance, along with any other supporting documentation as required by the Ministry to enact the requested program changes; and
- 4. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the Councils of the area municipalities for information.

Minute Item No. 7.3

CSD 5-2019

2018 Development Charges, Grants and Exemption Funding.

That Report CSD 5-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting 2018 Development Charges, Grants and Exemption Funding, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **ENDORSE** the approach as outlined in Report CSD 5-2019 to fund development charge grants and exemptions in excess of the budgeted amount.

Minute Item No. 7.4

CSD 6-2019

Approval of Interim Levy Dates and Amounts

That Report CSD 6-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting Approval of Interim Levy Dates and Amounts, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the interim amounts for the Regional levy **BE APPROVED** by Regional Council in the amounts shown in Appendix I to Report CSD 6-2019;
2. That the Regional Clerk ensures that the appropriate by-law **BE PREPARED** for presentation to Regional Council for consideration and approval; and
3. That Report CSD 6-2019 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Councils of the local area municipalities for information.

Minute Item No. 7.5

CSD 10-2019

Asset Management Governance Model

That Report CSD 10-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting Asset Management Governance Model, **BE RECEIVED**, and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the creation of a Corporate Asset Management Office at a cost of \$0.85 million including the addition of seven full time equivalents **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2019 budget process.

Minute Item No. 7.6

CSD 12-2019

Procurement By-law Review and Proposed Amendments

That Report CSD 12-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting Procurement By-law Review and Proposed Amendments, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the By-law to define the procurement policies and procedures for The Regional Municipality of Niagara (By-law 02-2016) **BE AMENDED** as outlined in Report CSD 12-2019;
2. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to further amend By-law 02-2016 to amend Section 21 once Niagara Region completes its full transition to eBidding (electronic submissions);
3. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration; and
4. That Report CSD 12-2019 **BE CIRCULATED** to local area municipalities and external procurement stakeholders for information.

Minute Item No. 7.7

CSD CSC-C 2-2019

Recommendations from the Joint Board of Management (JBM) – Niagara Courts meeting held on December 13, 2018 for consideration

That Memorandum CSC-C 2-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting Recommendations from the Joint Board of Management (JBM) – Niagara Courts meeting held on December 13, 2018 for consideration, **BE RECEIVED** and that the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report JBM-C 9-2018, dated December 13, 2018, respecting the Court Services Write-Off Recommendations for the period ending October 31, 2018, **BE RECEIVED**;
2. That the delinquent cases summarized in the Analysis Section of this Report JBM-C 9-2018 **BE APPROVED** for write-off and removal from the Integrated Court Offences Network (ICON) system in accordance with the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) Provincial Offences Act Write-off Directive and Operating Guidelines and the Niagara Region Courts approved write off criteria (POA Write-off Criteria); and
3. That the write-off criteria for ICON code PW **BE APPROVED** to include #4 "Where technical issues with ICON prevent the case from completing once payment has been satisfied."

Minute Item No. 8.1
CSC-C 1-2019
Q3 Financial Update

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 1-2019, being a memorandum from T. Harrison, Commissioner/ Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, dated January 9, 2019, respecting Q3 Financial Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Minute Item No. 11.1
Confidential Report CSD 11-2019
A Matter of Proposed Disposition of Land in the Township of West Lincoln.

That Confidential Report CSD 11-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting A Matter of Proposed Disposition of Land in the Township of West Lincoln, **BE RECEIVED** the recommendation contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Minute Item No. 11.2
Confidential Report CSC-C 3-2019
A Matter of Disposition of Surplus Lands at the Provincial Offenses Court Facility ("POCF") located at 445 East Main Street, City of Welland

That Confidential Memorandum CSC-C 3-2019, dated January 9, 2019, respecting A Matter of Disposition of Surplus Lands at the Provincial Offenses Court Facility ("POCF") located at 445 East Main Street, City of Welland, BE RECEIVED for information.