

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

**CSC 8-2021
Wednesday, August 11, 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, Fertich, Gale, Heit, Ip, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen (Committee Vice-Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Edgar

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: A. Apfelbaum, Manager, Business Licensing, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, R. Fleming, Senior Tax & Revenue Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, A. Jugley, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner, Community Services, M. Lewis, Client & Support Advisor, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk

Staff Present via Video Conference: F. Fucile, Manager, Real Estate, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, C. Reid, Legal Counsel, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, G. Szaszi, Housing Development Project Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

See Minute Item 9.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

- 4.1 Additional Information for CSD 37-2021, Respecting Development Charge Demolition Credit Extension Request - Brownfield Redevelopment, Grimsby (CSC-C 21-2021 (Agenda Item 5.3))

Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Brandon Almeida, Project Manager & Planner, Land Development, Losani Homes Ltd., **BE PERMITTED** to appear before Committee as a delegate respecting Additional Information for CSD 37-2021, Respecting Development Charge Demolition Credit Extension Request - Brownfield Redevelopment, Grimsby (CSC-C 21-2021 (Agenda Item 5.3)).

Carried

Mr. Almeida, Project Manager & Planner, Losani Homes Ltd., appeared before Committee requesting consideration of a twelve month extension to the brownfield transition agreement associated with 2 Winston Road, Grimsby.

There being no objection, Correspondence Item CSC-C 21-2021 (Agenda Item 5.3), was considered at this time.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 5.3 CSC-C 21-2021
Additional Information for CSD 37-2021, Respecting Development Charge Demolition Credit Extension Request - Brownfield Redevelopment, Grimsby

Moved by Councillor Gale
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 21-2021, being a memorandum from, R. Fleming, Senior Tax & Revenue Analyst, dated August 11, 2021, Respecting Additional Information for CSD 37-2021, Respecting Development Charge Demolition Credit Extension Request – Brownfield Redevelopment, Grimsby, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the eligibility period extension request for the Regional Development Charge demolition credits associated with 2 Winston Road, Grimsby, **BE APPROVED**; and

2. That any extensions to brownfield grant agreements between the Regional Municipality of Niagara and Losani Homes (1998) Ltd. **BE APPROVED** if the extension aligns with the Town of Grimsby's Development Charges By-law.

Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Gale

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

- 2. That Losani Homes BE PROVIDED a 12 month extension to the Brownfield Transition agreement.**

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That the following amendment **BE DEFERRED** to a future Corporate Services Committee meeting to allow staff to provide additional information:

- 2. That Losani Homes BE PROVIDED a 12 month extension to the Brownfield Transition agreement.**

Carried

The Chair called on vote on the remainder of the motion as follows:

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 21-2021, being a memorandum from, R. Fleming, Senior Tax & Revenue Analyst, dated August 11, 2021, respecting Additional Information for CSD 37-2021, Respecting Development Charge Demolition Credit Extension Request – Brownfield Redevelopment, Grimsby, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the eligibility period extension request for the Regional Development Charge demolition credits associated with 2 Winston Road, Grimsby, **BE APPROVED**.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (4): Diodati, Fertich, Gale, Whalen.

No (9): Bradley, Butters, Campion, Easton, Foster, Heit, Ip, Redekop, Rigby.

Defeated

5.1 CSD 11-2021

Business Licensing By-law Review

Angelo Apfelbaum, Manager, Business Licensing, provided information respecting Business Licensing By-Law Review. Topics of the presentation included:

- Niagara Region Business Licensing: What do we License and Regulate?
- What By-law is Being Repealed and Replaced?
- Amendments to the 2021 Schedule of Fees and Charges
- Towing Rate and Taxi Rate Tariff and Vehicle for Hire Fees
- Licence Quotas, Standard Character Criteria, Vehicle Standards

Moved by Councillor Heit

Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Report CSD 11-2021, dated August 11, 2021, respecting Business Licensing By-law Review, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That By-law No. 2018-75, being a by-law to licence, regulate and govern vehicles for hire (taxicabs, transportation network company vehicles, specialty vehicles, auxiliary services vehicles, shuttle buses, sightseeing vehicles, caleche, tow trucks) and businesses (second-hand good stores and dealers, salvage yards, auto-wrecking yards and taxicab brokers), **BE REPEALED**;
2. That the draft by-laws contained in Appendices 1 to 5 of Report CSD 11-2021 **BE APPROVED**;
3. That By-law No. 2021-03, being a by-law to establish fees and charges for services and activities provided by The Regional Municipality of Niagara and for the use of its property, **BE AMENDED** to reflect the proposed fees and charges contained in Appendix 7 of Report CSD 11-2021, subject to confirmation that the required notice has been given under the Region's Public Notice Policy (PC-RC-005); and
4. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

Carried

5.2 CSD 52-2021

Rapid Housing Initiative Capital Funding

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report CSD 52-2021, dated August 11, 2021, respecting Rapid Housing Initiative Capital Funding, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That, contingent on Federal Government approval of Niagara's Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) submission, a gross capital budget adjustment in the amount of \$13,577,582 and \$0 net, **BE APPROVED** (and **INITIATED**) for the Welland Multi-Residential Intensification Project; and
2. That the project **BE FUNDED** as follows:
 - Federal RHI Grant - \$10,515,033
 - Development Charges – Social Housing - \$2,465,243
 - Municipal Contributions - \$597,306

Carried

5.4 CSC-C 22-2021

Recommendations from the Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on July 28, 2021

Moved by Councillor Campion

Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 22-2021, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated August 11, 2021, respecting Recommendations from the Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on July 28, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the recommendations from the Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on July 28, 2021, respecting Economic Development, **BE REFERRED** to the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting being held on September 15, 2021.

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 Gale
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

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

A Matter Respecting Litigation or Potential Litigation under s. 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Outstanding Development Charge Collections – Grimsby

Carried

Committee resolved into closed session at 10:48 a.m.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Committee reconvened in open session at 11:01 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

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

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

Absent/Regrets: Easton, Edgar

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, A. Jugley, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner, Community Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk

Staff Present via Video Conference: D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator

Councillor Campion declared a conflict of interest during the closed session portion of the meeting regarding Confidential CSD 53-2021 and therefore did not take part in the discussion or vote on this matter.

9.1 Confidential CSD 53-2021

A Matter Respecting Litigation or Potential Litigation under s. 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Outstanding Development Charge Collections – Grimsby

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Confidential Report CSD 53-2021, dated August 11, 2021, respecting A Matter Respecting Litigation or Potential Litigation under s. 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Outstanding Development Charge Collections – Grimsby, **BE RECEIVED;** and

That staff **PROCEED** as directed in closed session.

Carried

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Councillor Foster
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk