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**MEMORANDUM**

**CSC-C 22-2021**

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

**Date: August 11, 2021**

**To: Corporate Services Committee**

**From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk**

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The Women's Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on July 28, 2021, was provided a presentation respecting Women Owned/Led Businesses in Niagara by Blake Landry, Economic Research & Analysis Manager, Niagara Region.

Subsequently the Committee passed the following motions:

That the Women's Advisory Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

1. That the presentation respecting Women Owned/Led Businesses **BE USED** to inform policies and programs offered to support businesses ensuring a gender based lens; and
2. That a Gender-based Analysis Plus process **BE COMPLETED** for all economic development surveys where appropriate.

As these recommendations impact Economic Development, it is suggested that they be referred to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for consideration.

Should Corporate Services Committee be in favour of the referral, the following motion is suggested:

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.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk