

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
JOINT BOARD OF MANAGEMENT - NIAGARA COURTS
OPEN SESSION**

**JBM 3-2021
Thursday, August 19, 2021
Meeting held by Video Conference**

Committee Members Present: D. Gibbs (Niagara Region), J. Tosta (Board Chair, Welland), H. Salter (St. Catharines), J. Simpson (Thorold), B. Treble (West Lincoln)

Absent/Regrets: E. Lustig (Niagara Falls), M. Tardiff (Board Vice-Chair, Wainfleet)

Staff Members Present: B. Brens, Manager, Program Financial Support, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, M. Vink, Manager, Court Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

J. Tosta, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Vision Zero Update

Beth Brens, Acting Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, provided information respecting Vision Zero Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Amendments to the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA)
- Revised Draft Timelines
- 2022 Budget Overview - Court Services

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 JBM-C 7-2021

Court Services Report Update Report on Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act* Changes to *Provincial Offences Act* related to Early Resolution

Moved by H. Salter

Seconded by B. Treble

That Report JBM-C 7-2021, dated August 19, 2021, respecting Court Services Update Report on Bill 177 *Stronger Fairer, Ontario Act* Changes to *Provincial Offences Act* related to Early Resolution, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Joint Board of Management recommends that Regional Council **DIRECTS** the Regional Chair to send a letter to request the Attorney General of Ontario to:
 - a) halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms to the *Provincial Offences Act* included in Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act*; and instead take action to review, streamline and modernize the Early Resolution provisions of the *Provincial Offences Act*;
 - b) enact changes to the *Provincial Offences Act* to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding commenced under Part I, to a resolution in writing and to permit the Clerk of the Court to register the court outcome immediately upon receipt of the written agreement without requiring an appearance before a Justice of the Peace; and
 - c) support the proclamation of the remainder of the Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act* reforms to the *Provincial Offences Act*; and
2. That a copy of this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, and copied to other municipalities that administer Provincial Offences Courts, the Ministry of the Attorney General, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for support.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by J. Simpson
Seconded by B. Treble

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

JBM-C 8-2021
2nd Quarter Variance Analysis and Forecast to December 31, 2021

JBM-C 9-2021
Court Services COVID-19 Update

JBM 2-2021
Joint Board of Management - Niagara Courts Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Jack Tosta
Board Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk