

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES - OPEN SESSION**

**BRCOTW 6-2021  
Thursday, November 25, 2021  
Council Chamber/Video Conference  
Niagara Regional Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Bradley (Regional Chair), Zalepa (Committee Chair)

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugulini, Whalen (Committee Vice Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Gale, Steele, Villella, Witteveen

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: C. Banach, Manager, Housing Operations, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, D. D'Amboise, Program Financial Specialist, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, S. Guglielmi, Technology Support Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, S. Mota, Corporate Reporting Supervisor, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Potts, Senior Budget Analyst, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, C. Sportel, Supervisor, Corporate Budgets, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, M. Vink, Manager, Court Services, D. Woiceshyn, Director, Niagara Housing/Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Regional Housing

Staff Present via Video Conference: M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk

Others Present via Video Conference: A. Christie, Director Land Operations, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, L. Lee-Yates, Director, Watershed Management, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Zalepa called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.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 **BRC-C 13-2021**

Proposed Niagara Regional Housing 2022 Operating Budget Submission

Walter Sendzik, Chair, Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors, provided introductory remarks related to the Niagara Regional Housing 2022 Operating Budget and introduced Donna Woiceshyn, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Regional Housing.

Donna Woiceshyn, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Regional Housing, provided information respecting Proposed Niagara Regional Housing 2022 Operating Budget Submission. Topics of the presentation included:

- 2022 Budget Strategy
- Recommendations
- Budget Overview - Gross Budget of \$21.8M
- 2022 Base Budget Analysis - 2%
- Program Changes
- COVID-19
- Recap of Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Fertich  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 13-2021, being a letter from W. Sendzik, Chair, Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors, dated November 3, 2021, respecting Proposed Niagara Regional Housing 2022 Operating Budget Submission, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the Niagara Regional Housing 2022 Operating Budget **BE APPROVED** in principle subject to consideration of the total tax levy for Niagara Region on December 9, 2021.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting community benefits charges, under section 37 of the *Planning Act*, and their use for affordable housing development.  
Councillor Campion.

5.2 BRC-C 14-2021

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2022 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies

Brenda Johnson, Chair, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA), provided introductory remarks related to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2022 Draft Budget and Municipal Levy Apportionment, and introduced Chandra Sharma, Chief Administrative Office/Secretary-Treasurer and Lise Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services, NPCA.

Chandra Sharma, Chief Administrative Office/Secretary-Treasurer, and Lise Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, provided information respecting Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets. Topics of the presentation included:

- Our Shared Jurisdiction
- Measurable Outcomes & Results
- 2021-2031 Strategic Plan - Community Engagement
- 2022 Budget Priority Investment Areas
- 2022 Unfunded Pressures (\$7.72M)
- Regular Municipal Levy & Authority Generated Funds - 2016 to 2022
- 2022 Financials
- Funding Sources - Draft 2022 Operating, Capital Budgets, and Special Projects
- 2022 Levy Apportionment and Municipal Levy
- Leveraging Niagara Region Investment

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Huson

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 14-2021, being a letter from B. Johnson, Chair, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, dated November 19, 2021, respecting the 2022 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2022 Municipal Levy Apportionment to Niagara Region **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

5.3 CSD 77-2021

Court Services - 2022 Budget Report

Miranda Vink, Manager, Court Services, provided information respecting Court Services - 2022 Budget Report. Topics of the presentation included:

- Program/Service Definition - Court Services
- Provincial Offences Act Organizational Chart
- Joint Board of Management
- 2022 Organization Overview
  - 2022 COVID-19 Impacts
  - Vision Zero Road Safety Program - \$0 net revenue
- Annual Charging Volumes (2021 Q3)
- 2021 Charges by Enforcement Agency
- New Delinquent Fines Volumes (2021 Q3)
- 2022 Operating Budget
  - Year-Over-Year Base Budget
  - Base Budget Changes - excluding Vision Zero date change impacts
  - COVID-19 Budget - Program Change
- 2022 Budget Summary
- Risks and Opportunities

Moved by Councillor Insinna

Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report CSD 77-2021, dated November 25, 2021, respecting Court Services – 2022 Budget Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2022 Court Services gross operating budget of \$8,067,487 and net budgeted revenue of \$639,040 (decrease in revenue of \$41,134 or 6.1% over the 2021 net operating budget) **BE APPROVED** in principle subject to consideration of the total tax levy for Niagara Region on December 9, 2021.

**Carried**

5.4 BRC-C 16-2021

2022 Proposed Operating Budget, Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Services Board

Moved by Councillor Gibson  
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 16-2021, being a letter from D. Reid, Executive Director, Police Services Board, Niagara Regional Police Services, dated November 17, 2021, respecting REVISED 2022 Proposed Operating Budget Niagara Regional Police Service/Niagara Police Services Board, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the REVISED Niagara Regional Police Services 2022 Operating Budget **BE APPROVED** in principle subject to consideration of the total tax levy for Niagara Region on December 9, 2021.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting contracting police services in Ontario.  
Councillor Huson.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1 BRC-C 15-2021

Councillor Information Request Regarding Cost per Household for Policing Services

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 15-2021, being a memorandum from H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, dated November 25, 2021, respecting Councillor Information Request Regarding Cost per Household for Policing Services, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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Councillor Zalepa  
Committee Chair

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Matthew Trennum  
Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk