

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

**CSC 12-2021
Wednesday, December 8, 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, Edgar, Fertich, Gale, Heit, Ip, Redekop, Rigby, Whalen (Committee Vice-Chair)

Other Councillors Present via Video Conference: Disero

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: B. Brens, Acting Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, R. Fleming, Senior Tax & Revenue Analyst, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, J. Spratt, Administrative Assistant to the Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, A. Wheaton, Corporate Reporting Supervisor

Staff Present via Video Conference: D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness & Community Engagement, N. Early, Director, Corporate Strategy & Innovation, F. Fucile, Manager, Real Estate, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, S. Hannell, Manager, Records & Information Management Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, D. Rurak, Director, Asset Management, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, L. Vespi, Manager, Capital Projects, Water & Wastewater Engineering, S. Wood, Legal Counsel, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1 **Additional Information Regarding 135 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake (Report CSD 71-2021 (Agenda Item 6.2))**

Tom Richardson, Senior Counsel, Sullivan Mahoney LLP, appeared before Committee on behalf of Equity Venture Group Corporation, to request that the eligibility for demolition credit be extended due to delays experienced and that the amount of \$72,389 be refunded.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **CLK 11-2021**

Information Management Accountability Policy

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Report CLK 11-2021, dated December 8, 2021, respecting Information Management Accountability Policy, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Information Management Accountability Policy (Appendix 1 of Report CLK 11-2021) **BE APPROVED**.

Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Report CLK 11-2021 **BE REFERRED** to staff to revise the proposed Information Management Accountability Policy to include compliance expectations for Regional Councillors and investigation and reporting of potential policy breaches.

Carried

5.2 CSD 72-2021

Development Charge Demolition Credit Extension Request – Brownfield Redevelopment, Pelham

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Champion

That Report CSD 72-2021, dated December 8, 2021, respecting Development Charge Demolition Credit Extension Request – Brownfield Redevelopment, Pelham, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the eligibility period for the Regional Development Charge demolition credits associated with the brownfield redevelopment located at 105 Highway 20 East, Pelham, **BE EXTENDED** to October 17, 2024, as per Table 2 in Report CSD 72-2021, in accordance with section 18 (c) of By-law 2017-98.

Carried

5.3 CSD 75-2021

Approval of 2022 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts

Moved by Councillor Diodati
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Report CSD 75-2021, dated December 8, 2021, respecting Approval of 2022 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the interim Regional levy amounts and dates **BE APPROVED** in accordance with Appendix 1 to Report CSD 75-2021;
2. That the appropriate by-law **BE PREPARED** for presentation to Regional Council for consideration and approval; and
3. That Report CSD 75-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities for information.

Carried

5.4 CSD 79-2021

Repealing Heritage Tax Rebate By-law

Moved by Councillor Heit

Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Report CSD 79-2021, dated December 8, 2021, respecting Repealing Heritage Tax Rebate By-law, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That By-law 36-2008 authorizing the Region to provide matching funding for Fort Erie's Heritage Tax Rebate Program **BE REPEALED**;
2. That the Region **CEASE** participation in funding all such Heritage Tax Rebate Programs, effective December 31, 2021; and
3. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to notify the local area municipalities and take any necessary steps accordingly.

A request was made to vote on Clause 1 separately. The Committee Chair called the vote on Clause 1 as follows:

1. That By-law 36-2008 authorizing the Region to provide matching funding for Fort Erie's Heritage Tax Rebate Program **BE REPEALED**.

Defeated

The Committee Chair called the vote on Clauses 2 and 3 as follows:

2. That the Region **CEASE** participation in funding all such Heritage Tax Rebate Programs, effective December 31, 2021; and
3. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to notify the local area municipalities and take any necessary steps accordingly.

Defeated

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 CSD 78-2021

Q3 2021 Financial Update

Beth Brens, Acting Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, provided information respecting Q3 2021 Financial Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Q3 Operating Results - Levy & Rate
- 2021 COVID-19 Financial Impact
- Q3 Capital Results

Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report CSD 78-2021, dated December 8, 2021, respecting Q3 2021 Financial Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 CSD 71-2021

Additional Information Regarding 135 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Campion

That Report CSD 71-2021, dated December 8, 2021, respecting Additional Information Regarding 135 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

The following friendly **amendment** was accepted by the Committee Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion as follows:

That staff BE DIRECTED to provide a rebate in the amount of \$72,389 for the Development Charges paid respecting the property located at 135 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Committee Chair called the vote on the motion, as amended, as follows:

That Report CSD 71-2021, dated December 8, 2021, respecting Additional Information Regarding 135 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a rebate in the amount of \$72,389 for the Development Charges paid respecting the property located at 135 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Carried

6.3 CSC-C 36-2021
McNally House Hospice - Life in Every Moment Campaign

Moved by Councillor Easton
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Correspondence Item CSC-C 36-2021, being a letter to Councillor Rob Foster, Chair, and Members of the Corporate Services Committee, from M. Bain and D. Zimmermann, Campaign Co-Chairs, Life In Every Moment Campaign, dated November 25, 2021, respecting McNally House Hospice, Life in Every Moment Campaign, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Homelessness Audit

Councillor Gale enquired about the status of the homelessness audit that was previously conducted by staff. Committee was advised that the homelessness audit was completed and would be provided at the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting being held on January 11, 2022.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

Committee did not resolve into closed session.

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

9.1 Confidential CSD 15-2021

A Matter Regarding a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality under s. 239(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*- Regional Road 81, St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Confidential Report CSD 15-2021, dated December 8, 2021, respecting A Matter Regarding a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality under s. 239(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*- Regional Road 81, St. Catharines, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

9.2 Confidential Report CSD 70-2021

A Matter Regarding a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality under s. 239(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* - Reixinger Road, Niagara Falls

Moved by Councillor Diodati
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That Confidential Report CSD 70-2021, dated December 8, 2021, respecting A Matter Regarding a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality under s. 239(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* - Reixinger Road, Niagara Falls, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

9.3 Confidential COM 32-2021

Information Explicitly Supplied in Confidence to the Municipality by the Province of Ontario under s. 239(2)(h) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Pertaining to a Potential Funding Opportunity and Related Agreements for the Construction of a Bridge Housing Project

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Confidential Report COM 32-2021, dated December 7, 2021, respecting Information Explicitly Supplied in Confidence to the Municipality by the Province of Ontario under s. 239(2)(h) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Pertaining to a Potential Funding Opportunity and Related Agreements for the Construction of a Bridge Housing Project, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Councillor Foster
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk