

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**BRCOTW 1-2022  
Thursday, July 21, 2022  
Council Chamber / Video Conference  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Heit, Huson, Ip, Zalepa (Committee Chair)

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: Britton, Bylsma, Disero, Edgar, Greenwood, Insinna, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Siscoe, Villella, Whalen (Committee Vice Chair), Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Campion, Chiocchio, Diodati, Gale, Jordan, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, E. Fabiani, Client & Support Advisor, P. Hamilton, Supervisor, Corporate Budgets, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Potts, Senior Budget Analyst, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, T. Venneri, Budget Analyst

Staff Present via Video Conference: D. Barnhart, Chief of Staff, Governance, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, Dr. A. Kasmani, Associate Medical Officer of Health, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, G. Spezza, Director, Economic Development, D. Woiceshyn, Director, Housing Services, B. Zvaniga, Commissioner, Public Works

Others Present via Video Conference: B. Fordy, Deputy Chief, Niagara Regional Police Service, B. MacCulloch, Chief, Niagara Regional Police Service, S. Sabourin, Media Relations Specialist, Niagara Regional Police Service

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Zalepa called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 **CSD 22-2022**  
2023 Budget Planning and Timetable

Helen Chamberlain, Deputy Treasurer/Director, Financial Management and Planning, provided information respecting 2023 Budget Planning and Timetable. Topics of the presentation included:

- 2023 Key Themes
- Budget Strategy
- Base Services
- Assessment Growth
- New Programs
- Capital Financing
- COVID 19
- Transit Commission
- Budget Planning By-law

Moved by Councillor Huson  
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Report CSD 22-2022, dated July 21, 2022, respecting 2023 Budget Planning and Timetable, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2023 budget timetable, attached as Appendix 1 to Report CSD 22-2022, **BE APPROVED**;
2. That an incremental transfer to the Capital Levy Reserve of \$10.5 million or 2.5% of the levy and an incremental transfer to the Water & Wastewater Capital Reserves of \$6.6 million or 5.0% of the 2023 net Water & Wastewater Operating budget, **BE CONSIDERED** for 2023 Budget Planning; and

3. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs) in accordance with By-Law No. 2017-63 "Budget Control".

Moved by Councillor Britton  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

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

- 4. That staff PROVIDE an overview of an overall levy increase of 2%, to be considered for 2023 Budget Planning.**

Recorded vote:

Yes (4): Britton, Bylsma, Villella, Whalen.

No (18): Bradley, Butters, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Witteveen, Zalepa.

**Defeated**

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That the question **BE CALLED**.

**Carried**

The Committee Chair called the vote on the original motion and declared it,

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no consent items for information.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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Councillor Zalepa  
Committee Chair

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Kelly Lotimer  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk