

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

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Thursday, September 7, 2023

**Council Chamber - In Person and Electronic Meeting
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Bateman, Campion, Chiocchio*,
Craitor, Davies*, Easton*, Foster, Gale, Ganann*, Grant*, Heit,
Huson*, Insinna*, Ip, Kaiser, Morocco, Redekop*, Rigby,
Seaborn*, Siscoe*, Steele*, Ugulini, Villella*, Whalen, Witteveen,
Zalepa*

Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Jordan, Junkin, Secord, Sorrento

Staff: C. Banach, Director, Housing Services, D. Barnhart, Chief of
Staff, Governance*, A. Basic, Legislative Assistant, D. Carnegie,
Acting Commissioner, Public Works, C. Cousins, Director,
Homelessness & Community Engagement, H. Furtado, Director,
Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, T.
Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, A.
Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, A. Kasmani,
Medical Officer of Health, A. Morrison, Development Industry
and Housing Consultant, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M.
Robinson, Director, Strategic Transformation Office, C. Selig,
Strategic Initiatives Manager, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth
Strategy & Economic Development, J. Sinclair, Homelessness
Action Plan Advisor, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer

Others Present: D. Boghosian, Niagara Region's Lobbyist Registrar*

* indicates members who participated electronically, all other
members participated in person

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 **Niagara Region's Lobbyist Registry**

David Boghosian, Lobbyist Registrar for Niagara Region provided information respecting the Lobbyist Registry By-law. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- What is Lobbying?
- Who is a Public Office Holder?
- Types of Lobbying Activity
- The Lobbying Registry and Registrar
- Types of Lobbyists
- Registration Requirements
- Examples of Lobbying
- Lobbyist Code of Conduct

Councillor Information Request(s):

Council members requested staff provide the Lobbyist Registry By-law and previous reports on this matter for reference to allow members to provide questions to be answered by the Lobbyist Registrar at a future training session.

3.2 **Niagara's Affordable Housing Strategy**

Alexander Morrison, Development Industry and Housing Consultant, provided information respecting Niagara's Affordable Housing Strategy. Topics of the presentation included:

- Housing Background
- What is Niagara Region's Role?
- Niagara Region's Strategies to Address the Housing Crisis
- Activities to Support the Strategy

Councillor Information Request(s):

Include the contributions from the local area municipalities in the Cumulative Investment in Affordable Housing (2019-2023) totals (Slide 14). Councillor Siscoe.

Provide information on options to bring investment capital from the private sector into the affordable and attainable housing market sector. Councillor Zalepa.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

5. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 COM 32-2023

Update on the Consolidated Housing Master Plan

Moved by Councillor Witteveen

Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Report COM 32-2023, dated September 7, 2023, respecting Update on the Consolidated Housing Master Plan, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried

5.2 PDS 27-2023

Strategic Transformation Office - Attainable Housing Workplan

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Craitor

That Report PDS 27-2023, dated September 7, 2023, respecting Strategic Transformation Office - Attainable Housing Workplan, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk