

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL
MINUTES**

CL 12-2023

Thursday, August 17, 2023

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

Council: Bradley (Regional Chair), Bateman, Campion, Craitor, Davies, Diodati*, Foster, Gale, Ganann, Grant*, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Kaiser, Morocco, Redekop, Seaborn, Secord, Sorrento, Ugulini, Villella*, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Chiocchio, Easton, Junkin, Rigby, Siscoe, Steele, Whalen

Staff: D. Carnegie, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, S. Fraser, Associate Director, Transportation Planning, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, A. Jugley, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner, Community Services, A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health*, M. Lewis, Client & Support Advisor, M. Marino, Associate Director, Economic Development, F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, A. Stea, Director, Community & Long Range Planning, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, A. Tikky, Senior Project Policy Manager*

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Ip read the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Addition of Items

There were no items added to the agenda.

3.2 Changes in Order of Items

There were no changes in the order of items on the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Ugolini
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Council Agenda CL 12-2023, **BE ADOPTED.**

Carried

4. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

6. **CHAIR'S REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMARKS**

The Regional Chair provided an update respecting activities within the Region.

7. **DELEGATIONS**

7.1 Approval of City of Niagara Falls Official Plan Amendment No. 147
(Employment Policies) (Minute Item 5.1, Minutes PEDC 8-2023, Agenda
Item 11.6))

7.1.1 Sara Premi, Sullivan Mahoney, and Matt Kernahan, Garden City
Development

Sara Premi, Sullivan Mahoney, and Matt Kernahan, Garden City
Development, appeared on behalf of the property owners of 9304
McLeod Road, Niagara Falls, in support of the City of Niagara Falls
Official Plan Amendment No. 147.

8. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

8.1 Council Minutes CL 10-2023 (Special Meeting)

Minutes CL 10-2023, Thursday, July 20, 2023 (Special Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Huson
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Minutes CL 10-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Special
Regional Council meeting held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, **BE
ADOPTED.**

Carried

8.2 Council Minutes CL 11-2023 (Regular Meeting)

Minutes CL 11-2023, Thursday, July 20, 2023 (Regular Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Seaborn

Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Minutes CL 11-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, **BE ADOPTED.**

Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Kaiser

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

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

CL-C 54-2023

A letter from J. McCallum, Director, Business Development, Garden City Custom Services Inc., dated August 15, 2023, respecting the support of City of Niagara Falls Official Plan Amendment No. 147.

CL-C 55-2023

A letter from H. Hockton, Niagara River Trading Company, dated August 16, 2023, respecting the support of City of Niagara Falls Official Plan Amendment No. 147.

CL-C 56-2023

A memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated August 17, 2023, respecting Notice of Procedural By-law Amendment.

Carried

10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

10.1 CL-C 52-2023

Standing Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Zalepa

That Correspondence Item CL-C 52-2023, dated July 20, 2023, respecting Standing Committee Appointment, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED:**

1. That, effective immediately, Councillor Ganann **BE APPOINTED** to the Corporate Services Committee.

Carried

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION

11.1 Procedural By-law Review Committee

Minutes PBLRC 4-2023, Monday, July 17, 2023

Moved by Councillor Bateman
Seconded by Councillor Morocco

That Minutes PBLRC 4-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Procedural By-law Review Committee meeting held on Monday, July 17 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.2 Budget Review Committee of the Whole

Minutes BRCOTW 7-2023, Thursday, July 27, 2023

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Craitor

That Minutes BRCOTW 7-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, July 27 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.3 Public Works Committee

Minutes PWC 8-2023, Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Moved by Councillor Witteveen
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Minutes PWC 8-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.4 Public Health and Social Services Committee

Minutes PHSSC 8-2023, Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Moved by Councillor Morocco
Seconded by Councillor Zalepa

That Minutes PHSSC 8-2023 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Public Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide the number of children currently on the centralized waitlist for childcare. Councillor Huson.

11.5 Corporate Services Committee

Minutes CSC 8-2023, Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Bateman

That Minutes CSC 8-2023 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.6 Planning and Economic Development Committee

Minutes PEDC 8-2023, Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Moved by Councillor Huson
Seconded by Councillor Davies

That Minutes PEDC 8-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

11.6.1 Minutes PEDC 8-2023, Minute Item 5.1 respecting PDS 24-2023, Approval of City of Niagara Falls Official Plan Amendment No. 147 (Employment Policies)

The motion contained in Minute Item 5.1 was considered separately as follows:

That Report PDS 24-2023, dated August 9, 2023, respecting Approval of City of Niagara Falls Official Plan Amendment No. 147 (Employment Policies), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the City of Niagara Falls Official Plan Amendment No. 147 (OPA 147) **BE APPROVED** as modified (attached as Appendix 1 to Report PDS 24-2023); and
2. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of Niagara Falls.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (22): Bateman, Campion, Craitor, Davies, Diodati, Foster, Gale, Ganann, Grant, Heit, Huson, Ip, Jordan, Kaiser, Morocco, Redekop, Seaborn, Secord, Ugulini, Villella, Witteveen, Zalepa.

No (2): Insinna, Sorrento

Carried

The Regional Chair called the vote on the balance of the minutes from the Planning and Economic Development Committee and declared it,

Carried

12. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT(S)**

There were no Chief Administrative Officer's Reports.

13. **MOTIONS**

There were no motions for consideration.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 Renfrew County Inquest - Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Councillor Ip advised that she would be bringing forward a motion to the next Council meeting respecting recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest regarding intimate partner violence as an epidemic.

14.2 Budget Guidance for the 2024 Budget

Councillor Gale advised that he would be bringing forward a motion to the next Council meeting respecting providing budget guidance for the 2024 budget to staff and the Region's associated Agencies, Boards, and Commissions in order to keep property taxes low.

14.3 Auditor General's Special Report on Changes to the Greenbelt

Councillor Bateman advised that she would be bringing forward a motion to the next Council meeting respecting the Auditor General's Special Report on Changes to the Greenbelt.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 FCM Homeless and Mental Health Motions

Councillor Huson requested that the two motions from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) respecting homelessness and mental health be included on the Public Health and Social Services Committee agenda when the declarations of emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addictions are considered.

15.2 Amazing Race Canada – Pelham Contestant

Councillor Huson requested that the Regional Chair send a letter of appreciation to the Amazing Race Canada for choosing Niagara as a location during their most recent season which had an episode where teams of competitors participated in challenges in St. Catharines, Welland, Pelham and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

16. CLOSED SESSION

Council did not resolve into closed session.

17. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council did not resolve into closed session.

18. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Secord
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That the following Bills **BE NOW READ** and **DO PASS**:

Bill 2023-55

A by-law to amend By-Law 89-2000 being a By-law to Provide for the regulation of traffic on Regional Highways (Speed Limits – 40 km/h in School Zones).

Bill 2023-56

A by-law to amend By-law 2019-61 being a By-law to provide for the regulation of traffic Regional Highways (Designation of Community Safety Zones).

Bill 2023-57

A by-law to provide for the classification, retention and destruction of records of the Regional Corporation and to repeal By-law 63-2023.

Bill 2023-58

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at its meeting held August 17, 2023.

Carried

19. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Jenna Spratt
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk