

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

CL 16-2023

Thursday, December 14, 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, Champion*, Chiocchio, Craitor*, Davies, Diodati, Easton, Foster, Gale, Ganann*, Grant*, Heit, Huson, Ip, Jordan, Junkin*, Kaiser, Morocco, Redekop, Rigby, Seaborn, Siscoe, Sorrento*, Steele*, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen*

Absent/Regrets: Insinna, Secord, Zalepa

Staff: E. Amirault, Associate Director, Finance Operations & System*, L. Ansley, Senior Budget Analyst, D. Barnhart, Chief of Staff, Governance*, Azra Basic, Legislative Coordinator, B. Brens, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, R. Ferron, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services*, H. Furtado, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, C. Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services*, P. Hamilton, Supervisor, Corporate Budgets, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, M. Hirji, Associate Medical Officer of Health*, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health, S. Klair, Director, Childrens Services*, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Development Engineering*, F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources*, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions*, D. Morreale, Director, Growth Management & Planning*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, M. Singzon, Manager, Waste Collection & Diversion, G. Spezza, Director, Economic Development, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, D. Szymkow, Senior Budget Analyst, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, H. Vemuri, Manager, Internal Audit, N. Wolfe, Director, Construction Energy & Facilities Management*

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:57 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 Seaborn
Seconded by Councillor Davies

That Council Agenda CL 16-2023, **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**

There were no delegations.

8. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

8.1 **Council Minutes CL 15-2023**

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Moved by Councillor Junkin
Seconded by Councillor Davies

That Minutes CL 15-2023 being the Open and Closed Session minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, **BE ADOPTED.**

Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Kaiser
Seconded by Councillor Craitor

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

CL-C 80-2023

A memorandum from H. Furtado, Director of Financial Management & Planning/
Deputy Treasurer, dated December 14, 2023, respecting Revisions to 2024
Water and Wastewater Rate By-Laws

CL-C 83-2023

Key updates from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of
Directors Meeting September 14, 2023

CL-C 84-2023

Correspondence from S. Waziruddin, resident, City of St. Catharines, respecting
Procedural By-law Amendments.

CL-C 85-2023

Clarification of Procedural By-law Amendments (Bill 2023-97 (Agenda Item
18.11))

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Circulate correspondence item CL-C 84-2023 to the Procedural By-law Review
Committee. Councillor Bateman.

10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

10.1 CL-C 81-2023

Niagara Transit Commission Request for Operating Budget Adjustment
(Report NTC 18-2023)

Moved by Councillor Siscoe
Seconded by Councillor Grant

That Memorandum CL-C 81-2023, dated December 14, 2023, respecting
Niagara Transit Commission Request for Operating Budget Adjustment
(Report NTC 18-2023), **BE RECEIVED**; and

That Regional Council **APPROVES** the adjustment to the Niagara Transit
Commission operating budget as outlined in Report NTC 18-2023.

Carried

10.2 CL-C 82-2023

Standing Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Siscoe
Seconded by Councillor Grant

That Correspondence Item CL-C 82-2023, dated December 14, 2023, respecting Standing Committee Appointment, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That, effective immediately, Councillor Rigby **BE APPOINTED** to the Public Health and Social Services Committee.

Carried

10.3 CSD 59-2023

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Service Agreement

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Seaborn

That Report CSD 59-2023, dated December 14, 2023, respecting Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Service Agreement, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation, **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute a service agreement for Non-Mandatory programs and services with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority in a form satisfactory to the Director, Legal and Court Services.

Carried

10.4 CL-C 86-2023

Recommendations for Consideration from the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held December 14, 2023

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 86-2023, dated December 14, 2023, respecting Recommendations for Consideration from the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 14, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - OPEN SESSION

11.1 Budget Review Committee of the Whole

Minutes BRCOTW 11-2023, Thursday, November 16, 2023

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Minutes BRCOTW 11-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, **BE ADOPTED**.

Carried

11.2 Budget Review Committee of the Whole

Minutes BRCOTW 12-2023, Thursday, November 23, 2023

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Minutes BRCOTW 12-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, November 23, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.3 Budget Review Committee of the Whole

Minutes BRCOTW 13-2023, Thursday, November 30, 2023

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Minutes BRCOTW 13-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, November 30, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.4 Audit Committee

Minutes AC 5-2023, Monday, December 4, 2023

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Minutes AC 5-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on Monday, December 4, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.5 Public Works Committee

Minutes PWC 11-2023, Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Moved by Councillor Witteveen
Seconded by Councillor Villella

That Minutes PWC 11-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.6 Public Health and Social Services Committee

Minutes PHSSC 12-2023, Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Moved by Councillor Chiochio
Seconded by Councillor Morocco

That Minutes PHSSC 12-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Public Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.7 Corporate Services Committee

Minutes CSC 12-2023, Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Minutes CSC 12-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11.8 Budget Review Committee of the Whole

Minutes BRCOTW 14-2023, Thursday, December 7, 2023

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Minutes BRCOTW 14-2023 being the Open Session minutes of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Recorded vote:

Yes (21): Champion, Chiocchio, Davies, Diodati, Easton, Foster, Ganann, Heit, Huson, Ip, Jordan, Morocco, Redekop, Rigby, Seaborn, Siscoe, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen.

No (6): Bateman, Craitor, Gale, Grant, Kaiser, Sorrento.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide a list of available Regional development grants and incentives.
Councillor Kaiser.

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**

Councillor Foster advised that he would be bringing forward a motion to the next Council meeting in support of a motion from the Town of Lincoln respecting a comprehensive review of the *Emergency Management & Civil Protection Act, 1990*.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

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 Ugolini
Seconded by Councillor Huson

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

Bill 2023-87

A by-law to adopt the 2024 Water Budget and to set the requisition to be charged for water supplied to lower-tier municipalities for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 and to repeal By-law 2023-83.

Bill 2023-88

A by-law to adopt the 2024 Wastewater Budget and to set the requisitions to be charged for wastewater received from the lower-tier municipalities for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 and to repeal By-law 2023-84.

Bill 2023-89

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

Bill 2023-90

A by-law to establish fees and charges for the services and activities provided by The Regional Municipality of Niagara and the use of its property and to repeal By-law 2023-19.

Bill 2023-91

A by-law to amend By-law 2022-32 being a By-law to Regulate the Use of the Waste Management System for The Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 2023-92

A by-law to designate the authority to approve traffic signal designs and installations on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 2023-93

A by-law to adopt the 2024 Niagara Transit Commission Budget and Requisition for The Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 2023-94

A by-law to adopt the 2024 capital budget for The Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 2023-95

A by-law to adopt the 2024 operating budget and tax levy for The Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Bill 2023-96

A by-law to authorize long-term financing (1-30 years) in the amount of \$15,969,937 for Niagara Region Capital Projects.

Bill 2023-97

A by-law to amend By-law 120-2010, being The Procedural By-law.

Bill 2023-98

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at its meeting held December 14, 2023.

Carried

19. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Azra Basic
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk