

Minute Item 6.1

CSD 3-2024

Update of C-F-025 Regional Development Charges Deferral Policy

That Report CSD 3-2024, dated March 6, 2024, respecting Update of C-F-025 Regional Development Charges Deferral Policy, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That C-F-025 Regional Development Charges Payment Deferral Policy section 1.6 **BE AMENDED** to remove the requirement for a letter of credit for agreements arising from conditional approval under the Industrial Use RDC Grant, as more specifically provided in Report CSD 3-2024; and
2. That C-F-025 Regional Development Charges Payment Deferral Policy sections 1.12 and 3.1.1 **BE AMENDED** to remove the Director, Legal & Court Services as co-signatory to Regional Development Charge Deferral Agreements, as more specifically provided in Report CSD 3-2024.

Minute Item 6.2

CSD 7-2024

2024 Property Tax Policy, Ratios and Rates

That Report CSD 7-2024, dated March 6, 2024, respecting 2024 Property Tax Policy, Ratios and Rates, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations, **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the following tax ratios and sub-class reductions for the 2024 taxation year:

Property Classification	Tax Ratio	Sub-Class Reduction
Residential	1.000000	
New Multi-Residential	1.000000	
Multi-Residential	1.970000	
Commercial	1.734900	
Commercial – Excess Land	1.734900	
Commercial – Vacant Land	1.734900	
Industrial	2.630000	
Industrial – Excess Land	2.630000	
Industrial – Vacant Land	2.630000	
Pipeline	1.702100	
Farmland	0.250000	
Managed Forest	0.250000	
Farmland Awaiting Development 1	1.000000	25.00%
Farmland Awaiting Development 2	Class Ratio	
Landfill Sites	2.940261	

2. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Councils of the Area Municipalities for information; and
3. That Report CSD 7-2024 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Councils of the Area Municipalities for information.

Minute Item 6.3

CSD 10-2024

2023 Year-End Results and Transfer Report

That Report CSD 10-2024, dated March 6, 2024, respecting 2023 Year-End Results and Transfer Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations, **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the unaudited summarized financial results of the Niagara Region, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report CSD 10-2024, **BE RECEIVED** for information;
2. That the 2023 year-end operating surplus for the General Tax Levy-supported programs of \$4,988 thousand **BE TRANSFERRED** to reserves as follows:
 - a) \$21 thousand to the Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA) Reserve Fund as per NRPS recommendation to their Board (Appendix 5 to Report CSD 10-2024);
 - b) \$47 thousand to the Police Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund as per NRPS recommendation to their Board (Appendix 5 to Report CSD 10-2024);
 - c) \$1,910 thousand to the Police Contingency Reserve Fund as per NRPS recommendation to their Board (Appendix 5 to Report CSD 10-2024);
 - d) \$3,053 thousand to the Taxpayer Relief Reserve;
3. That the 2023 year-end operating deficit for the water and wastewater rate-supported programs of \$3,462 thousand **BE TRANSFERRED** from reserves as follows:
 - a) \$46 thousand from the Water Stabilization Reserve;
 - b) \$3,416 thousand from the Wastewater Stabilization Reserve;
4. That the 2023 year-end operating surplus for the Waste Management Special Tax Levy of \$3,534 thousand **BE TRANSFERRED** to the Waste Management Stabilization Reserve;
5. That the 2023 year-end operating surplus for the Transit Special Tax Levy of \$2,087 thousand **BE TRANSFERRED** to the Niagara Transit Commission Stabilization Reserve as per NTC recommendation to their Board (Appendix 7 to Report CSD 10-2024);
6. That the encumbrances of \$14,358 thousand (Appendix 2 to Report CSD 10-2024) **BE RECEIVED** for information and that the deferral of these expenditures be included in the 2024 operating budget;

7. That the transfers of \$10,551 thousand from the Capital Variance Projects to Capital Reserves **BE RECEIVED** for information and that the balances as per Table 6 **BE APPROVED** to be held in the Capital Variance Projects; and
8. That the \$5,590 thousand 2023 debt charge placeholder for the South Niagara Wastewater Treatment Solution Project **BE TRANSFERRED** to the South Niagara Wastewater Treatment Solution Project for substitution of approved but unissued long-term debt.

Minute Item 6.4

CSC-C 2-2024

Recommendations from the Joint Board of Management - Niagara Courts meeting held on February 1, 2024

That Memorandum CSC-C 2-2024, dated March 6, 2024, respecting Recommendations from the Joint Board of Management – Niagara Courts meeting held on February 1, 2024, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations, **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report JBM-C 2-2024, dated February 1, 2024, respecting Court Services Write-Off Recommendations for the Period Ending December 31, 2023, **BE RECEIVED**; and
2. That the delinquent cases summarized in the Analysis Section of Report JBM-C 2-2024, **BE APPROVED** for write-off and removal from the Integrated Court Offences Network (ICON) system in accordance with the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) Provincial Offences Act Write-off Directive and Operating Guideline and the Niagara Region Courts approved write off criteria.

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CSC-C 4-2024 REVISED

Motion - New Funding Model Resolution

That the Province of Ontario **BE REQUESTED** to commit to undertaking, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and

That a copy of this motion **BE SENT** to all local area municipalities in Niagara to be endorsed, the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs.

Minute Item 6.6
CSC-C 5-2024
Motion - Graphic Images

That the Office of the Deputy CAO **PROVIDE** a report to Corporate Services Committee by July 10, 2024, proposing how to govern the display of graphic images in the public right of way, with “graphic images” meaning: a visual image showing, or purporting to show any subject matter that is not in compliance with the Canadian Code of Advertising Standards and offends the standard of public decency prevailing among a significant segment of the population, including, but not limited to, images showing or purporting to show medical waste; images showing or purporting to show a fetus or any part of a fetus; or an image showing or purporting to show a dead or injured animal or human body or any part of a dead or injured animal or human body, or another definition the Office of the Deputy CAO determines to be appropriate.

Minute Item 7.1
HR 2-2024
People Plan Update

That Report HR 2-2024, dated March 5, 2024, respecting People Plan Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Minute Item 7.2
HR 3-2024
Non-Union Compensation Review Update

That Report HR 3-2024, dated March 5, 2024, respecting the Non-Union Compensation Review, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Minutes Item 7.3
CSC-C 1-2024
Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Council Appointees for 2023

That Memorandum CSC-C 1-2024, dated March 6, 2024, respecting the Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council and Council Appointees for 2023, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Minute Item 7.4

CSC-C 3-2024

Flag Raising and Niagara Sign Lighting Policy

That Memorandum CSC-C 3-2024, dated March 6, 2024, respecting the Flag Raising and Niagara Sign Lighting Policy, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to review the Flag Raising and Niagara Sign Lighting Policy to provide suggestions respecting possible amendments to the policy.

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CSC-C 6-2024

Motion respecting Graphic Images

That CSC-C 6-2024, being a letter from J. Arthur, Executive Director, Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, dated March 3, 2024, respecting the Motion respecting Graphic Images, **BE RECEIVED** for information.