

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

COTW 1-2024

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Bateman, Champion*, Chiocchio*, Craiton, Davies*, Foster*, Gale*, Ganann, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan*, Junkin*, Kaiser, Morocco*, Redekop, Rigby*, Seaborn, Secord*, Siscoe, Sorrento*, Ugulini, Villella, Witteveen, Zalepa*

Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Easton, Grant, Steele, Whalen

Staff: D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, L. Gallant, Poverty Reduction Strategy Advisor, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, C. Ogunniyi, Manager, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Indigenous Relations*, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, M. Todd, Manager, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Huson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Niagara Health - Our Future

Lynn Guerriero, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Angela Zangari, Executive Vice-President, Finance, Redevelopment & Facilities, Chief Financial Officer, Niagara Health, provided information respecting Niagara Health - Our Future. Topics of the presentation included:

- Profile of Niagara Health
- Patient Care by the Numbers 2022/2023
- Healthcare Provider Accountability
- Health System Pressures
- Current Context
- Our Future Vision
- What This Means for Our Teams
- What This Means for Our Community
- The Road Ahead
- Supporting All Communities in Niagara
- Education and Engagement
- How You Can Help

4.2 Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy

Lori Watson, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities, Community Services, and Mary Ellen Simon, Director of Housing, Niagara Regional Native Centre, provided information respecting Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy. Topics of the presentation included:

- Poverty in Niagara
- National Lived Realities of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Children
- Indigenous engagement
- How we got here
- Growing Better Together
- Regional Investment in Poverty Reduction
- Poverty Reduction Strategy
- Areas of focus
- How to create change
- Measuring change
- Strategy in motion

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 COTW-C 1-2024
Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Memorandum COTW-C 1-2024, dated March 7, 2024, respecting
Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the
Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk