

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

COTW 2-2024

Thursday, April 4, 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, Campion, Chiocchio*,
Craitor, Easton*, Foster, Gale, Ganann, Heit, Huson, Insinna,
Jordan, Kaiser*, Morocco, Redekop, Rigby, Seaborn, Secord*,
Siscoe, Sorrento*, Steele*, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Davies, Diodati, Grant, Ip, Junkin, Zalepa

Staff: D. Barnhart, Chief of Staff, Governance, D. Carnegie, Deputy
Chief Administrative Officer, B. Fucile, Corporate Performance
Specialist, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services*, T.
Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, S.
Hendrie, Chief Information Officer, A. Jugley, Commissioner,
Community Services, Dr. A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health*,
K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, S. Madder, Manager, Corporate
Strategy, K. Matreitz, Information Technology Security Manager,
F. Meffe, Director, Human Resources*, A.-M. Norio, Regional
Clerk, C. Ogunniyi, Manager, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion &
Indigenous Relations*, D. Pasto, Risk Management Program
Manager*, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works*, M.
Robinson, Director, Strategic Transformation Office, M. Sergi,
Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, G.
Spezza, Director, Economic Development, A. Stea, Director,
Community & Long Range Planning*, R. Tripp, Chief
Administrative Officer*

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Huson read the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7.1 **CAO 3-2024**

Growing Better Together: 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Update

Michelle Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy and Economic Development, provided information respecting 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Vision and Mission
- Guiding Principles
- Strategic Lenses
- Operational Plan
- Strategic Priority Operational Teams Approach
- Communications Plan
- Reporting Framework
- Strategic Priorities Highlights
- Effective Region
- Green and Resilient Region
- Equitable Region
- Prosperous Region

Moved by Councillor Seaborn

Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Report CAO 3-2024, dated April 4, 2024, respecting Growing Better Together: 2023-2026 Council Strategic Priorities, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7.2 COTW-C 2-2024
Niagara Region's Lobbyist Registry

Moved by Councillor Huson
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Memorandum COTW-C 2-2024, dated April 4, 2024, respecting
Niagara Region's Lobbyist Registry, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide a comparison of other municipal lobbyist by-laws to determine if
they include clauses similar to 4.1(e)(i) and 4.1(h). Councillor Gale.

Provide additional information respecting clause 5.3. Councillor Gale.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 Niagara Week

Councillor Villella requested an update respecting Niagara Week
attendance. Daryl Barnhart, Chief of Staff, Governance, advised that once
confirmation on the ministries attending was received, Councillors would
be notified.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Siscoe

That this Committee **DO NOW MOVE** into closed session for the purposes of
receiving information of a confidential nature respecting:

A Matter of the Security of the Property of the Municipality or Local Board, under
s. 239(2)(a) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Technology Update; and

An Education or Training Session held under s. 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act,
2001 – Lobbyist Registry Training Session

Carried

Committee resolved into closed session at 7:36 p.m.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Committee reconvened in open session at 9:42 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Chiocchio*, Craitor, Foster, Gale, Ganann, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Jordan, Morocco, Seaborn, Siscoe, Sorrento*, Steele*, Ugulini, Whalen, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Bateman, Campion, Davies, Diodati, Easton, Grant, Ip, Junkin, Kaiser, Redekop, Rigby, Secord, Villella, Zalepa

Staff: D. Barnhart, Chief of Staff, Governance, D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services*, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, S. Hendrie, Chief Information Officer, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services*, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, K. Matreitz, Information Technology Security Manager, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works*, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer*

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10.1 Confidential Presentation - Technology Update

A Matter of the Security of the Property of the Municipality or Local Board, under s. 239(2)(a) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Technology Update

Moved by Councillor Whalen

Seconded by Councillor Morocco

That the Confidential Presentation respecting A Matter of the Security of the Property of the Municipality or Local Board, under s. 239(2)(a) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Technology Update, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried

10.2 Training Session - Niagara Region's Lobbyist Registry

An Education or Training Session held under s. 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Lobbyist Registry Training Session

Moved by Councillor Seaborn

Seconded by Councillor Ganann

That the Confidential Training Session held under s. 239 (3.1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Lobbyist Registry Training, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried

11. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk