

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

**COTW 04-2019  
Thursday, May 2, 2019  
Council Chamber  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Steele, Ugulini, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Chiocchio, Edgar, Gale, Jordan, Sendzik, Villella, Whalen, Zalepa

Staff: D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Others Present: D. Pilon, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara District Airport

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Niagara Region Transportation Master Plan Overview**

Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, and Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, provided information respecting Niagara Region Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Overview.

Topics of the presentation included:

- Purpose and Vision
- Transportation Master Plan Schedule
- Public Consultation
- Recommended Strategies
- Road Networks
- Strategic Projects Underway
- Strategic Priority Projects
- Active Transportation
- Transportation Demand and System Management
- Strategic Road Capacity Investment
- Partnerships
- Transit: TMP Opportunities and Policies

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Confirm that the strategic road capacity investment figures include inflation. Councillor Heit.

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 CAO 4-2019

Airport Project Update

Rino Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, Kristen Delong, Manager, Internal Control and Organizational Performance, Robin Garrett, Chair, Niagara District Airport Commission, and Adam Moote, Councillor, Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission, provided information respecting Niagara Airport Strategy.

Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview
- Most recent Council Position
- Niagara District Airport Today and Tomorrow
- Achieving Our Potential 2017-2020 Strategic Plan
- Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport
- Southern Ontario Airport Network

- Airport as an Economic Asset: Benefits of an Airport to a Municipal Region
- Financial Considerations
- Airport Project Timeline
- Action Plan - Immediate Actions and Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Disero  
Seconded by Councillor Campion

That Report CAO 4-2019, dated May 2, 2019, respecting Airport Project Update, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **APPROVE** the Action Plan outlined in Appendix 1 of Report CAO 4-2019 which directs staff to enact Regional Council's direction to: pursue adopting sole-responsibility for the operations and governance of Niagara District Airport (NDA) and Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (NCDRA);
2. That the outcomes of the Action Plan **BE REPORTED** back to Council; and
3. That outcomes of the Action Plan and/or adoption of the operations of the airports, resulting in incremental operating and/or capital budget requirements **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

Clause #1 was considered separately as follows:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **APPROVE** the Action Plan outlined in Appendix 1 of Report CAO 4-2019 which directs staff to enact Regional Council's direction to: pursue adopting sole-responsibility for the operations and governance of Niagara District Airport (NDA) and Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport (NCDRA).

Recorded Vote:

Yes (14): Butters, Campion, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Gibson, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Rigby, Steele, Ugulini.

No (8): Bylsma, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Redekop, Witteveen.

**Carried**

Clause # 2 was considered separately as follows:

2. That the outcomes of the Action Plan **BE REPORTED** back to Council.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (20): Butters, Campion, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Steele, Ugulini.

No (2): Bylsma, Witteveen.

**Carried**

Clause # 3 was considered separately as follows:

3. That outcomes of the Action Plan and/or adoption of the operations of the airports, resulting in incremental operating and/or capital budget requirements **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (12): Butters, Campion, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Greenwood, Huson, Ip, Junkin, Nicholson, Rigby, Steele.

No (10): Bylsma, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Heit, Insinna, Redekop, Ugulini, Witteveen.

**Carried**

## 6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### 6.1 **CL-C 33-2019**

Provincial Review of Regional Government

Moved by Councillor Huson

Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

1. That Correspondence Item CL-C 33-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated April 25, 2019, respecting Provincial Review of Regional Government, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

2. That the Regional Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to compile the individual Councillor submissions (to be received by May 10, 2019), the recommendation from Dr. Sancton's final report (COTW-C 04-2019), the response from the Acting Chief Administrative Officer and the local area mayors respecting the review of regional governance to be sent to the Special Advisors in advance of the May 21, 2019 submission deadline.

**Carried**

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Jim Bradley  
Regional Chair

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk