

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

CSC 7-2024

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

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

Committee: Bateman*, Bradley (Regional Chair)*, Campion, Davies*,
Diodati*, Foster (Committee Chair), Gale*, Ganann*, Heit*, Ip,
Redekop*, Secord, Siscoe*, Whalen (Committee Vice-Chair) ,
Zalepa*

Other Councillors: Sorrento*

Absent/Regrets: Grant

Staff: A. Apfelbaum, Manager, Business Licensing, D. Barnhart, Chief
of Staff, Governance*, A. Basic, Legislative Coordinator, D.
Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, F. Fucile,
Manager, Real Estate, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court
Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate
Services, R. Hill, Legislative Assistant, B. Hutchings, Manager,
Revenue Planning & Strategy*, R. Ivanov, Legal Counsel*, B.
Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions*, A.-M.
Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Steele, Associate Director, Reporting
& Analysis, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works*, A.
Rotundo, Senior Tax & Revenue Analyst, A. Thomson, Legal
Counsel*, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer

* indicates participants who attended the meeting electronically,
all others participated in person

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Ip read the Land Acknowledgement 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**

6.1 **CSD 31-2024**

Development Charges Act – Exemption for Affordable and Attainable Residential Units

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Ganann

That Report CSD 31-2024, dated July 10, 2024, respecting Development Charges Act – Exemption for Affordable and Attainable Residential Units, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to draft a formal policy and procedures related to the authority and administration of the new affordable residential development charge (DC) exemption established by section 4.1 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (DC Act) to be brought forward to Council at a later date;
2. That Regional Council **DELEGATE** temporary authority to the CAO and Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer to execute affordable residential DC exemption agreements and other associated documents, including without limitation, registration of charges and postponements of interest, to secure affordable housing units in accordance with section 4.1 of the DC Act and this report, as an interim measure until such time as a policy is approved;
3. That, in the absence of a standard form of agreement established by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, staff, in consultation with Director of Legal Services, **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a form of agreement securing the requirements of *Section 4.1* of the DC Act and this report; and
4. That a copy of this report **BE FORWARDED** to all Niagara Local Area Municipalities.

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Gale

That clause 2 **BE AMENDED** as follows:

2. That Regional Council **DELEGATE** temporary authority to the CAO and Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer to execute affordable residential DC exemption agreements and other associated documents, including without limitation, registration of charges and postponements of interest, to secure affordable housing units in accordance with section 4.1 of the DC Act and this report, as an interim measure until such time as a policy is approved; ***provided that the template Agreements are provided to the Corporate Services Committee for review.***

Carried

The Committee Chair called the vote on the motion as amended as follows:

That Report CSD 31-2024, dated July 10, 2024, respecting Development Charges Act – Exemption for Affordable and Attainable Residential Units, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to draft a formal policy and procedures related to the authority and administration of the new affordable residential development charge (DC) exemption established by section 4.1 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (DC Act) to be brought forward to Council at a later date;
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3. That, in the absence of a standard form of agreement established by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, staff, in consultation with Director of Legal Services, **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a form of agreement securing the requirements of *Section 4.1* of the DC Act and this report; and
4. That a copy of this report **BE FORWARDED** to all Niagara Local Area Municipalities.

Carried

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 CSD 35-2024

Graphic Images in the Public Right of Way

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Secord

That Report CSD 35-2024, dated July 10, 2024, respecting Graphic Images in the Public Right of Way, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Committee did not resolve into Closed Session.

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

10.1 Confidential CSD 28-2024

A Matter Regarding a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality under s. 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Regional Road 10 in Grimsby

Moved by Councillor Bateman

Seconded by Councillor Campion

That Confidential CSD 28-2024, dated July 10, 2024, respecting A Matter Regarding a Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality under s. 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Regional Road 10 in Grimsby, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Councillor Foster
Committee Chair

Azra Basic
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk