

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

AC 3-2024

Monday, September 16, 2024

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

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair)*, Foster, Morocco, Redekop*, Rigby
(Committee Vice Chair)*, VILLELLA*, Whalen (Committee Chair)

Other Councillors: Craitor*

Absent/Regrets: Gale

Staff: D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Acting
Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer, J. Garritsen,
Associate Director, Labour & Employee Relations and Employee
Health, R. Hill, Legislative Assistant, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, F.
Meffe, Director, Human Resources, B. Menage, Director,
Procurement & Strategic Acquisitions, A.-M. Norio, Regional
Clerk, M. Steele, Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, H.
Vemuri, Manager, Internal Audit

Others Present: L. Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services, Niagara Peninsula
Conservation Authority*, L. Lee-Yates, Chief Administrative
Officer, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority*

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Whalen called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Foster 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 AC-C 6-2024
Appointment of Auditors

Moved by Councillor Morocco
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report AC-C 6-2024, dated September 16, 2024, respecting Appointment of Auditors, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That KPMG **BE APPOINTED** as the Niagara Region's (the Region) external auditor for the five-year term starting with the financial reporting for the calendar year ending December 31, 2024, until the fiscal year ending March 31, 2029, with the option to renew with Audit Committee approval until the fiscal year ending March 31, 2032.

Carried

7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Correspondence Item AC-C 7-2024 was dealt with separately.

7.1 AC-C 7-2024
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2023 Audited Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Correspondence Item AC-C 7-2024, dated May 10, 2024, respecting Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2023 Audited Financial Statements, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Morocco

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

PHD 3-2024

Approval of Public Health and Emergency Services Program Audits

COM 21-2024

Approval of 2024 Community Services Program Audits

AC-C 9-2024

Status Update on Internal Audit Engagements

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**

10.1 Confidential AC-C 8-2024

A Matter respecting Personal Matters about Identifiable Individuals -
Councillor Information Request - Referral of Confidential HR 4-2024 (A
Matter of Litigation pursuant to section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act:
Councillor Information Request connected to Active Litigation Matter)

Moved by Councillor Villella
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Confidential Memorandum AC-C 8-2024, dated September 16, 2024,
respecting A Matter respecting Personal Matters about Identifiable
Individuals - Councillor Information Request - Referral of Confidential HR
4-2024 (A Matter of Litigation pursuant to section 239(2)(e) of the
Municipal Act: Councillor Information Request connected to Active
Litigation Matter), **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried

11. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Tim Whalen
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk