

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
JOINT BOARD OF MANAGEMENT - NIAGARA COURTS
MINUTES**

**JBM 5-2024
Thursday, October 24, 2024
Meeting held by electronic participation**

Committee: K. Douglas (St. Catharines), A. Eckhart (Welland), D. Gibbs (Niagara Region), M. Tardif (Board Chair, Wainfleet)

Absent/Regrets: J. Bartol (West Lincoln), N. Punyarthi (Niagara Falls), J. Simpson, (Board Vice-Chair, Thorold)

Staff: D. Carnegie, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, A. Niece, Program Financial Specialist, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support, M. Vink, Associate Director, Court Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mark Tardif, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 JBM-C 7-2024

Court Services 2025 Operating Budget

Miranda Vink, Associate Director, Court Services, provided information respecting the Court Services 2025 Operating Budget. Topics of the presentation included:

- Core Services
- Service Delivery Model
- Service Outlook
- Division Priority Projects or Initiatives
- 2025 Operating Budget Overview
- 2025 Budget Investments (Program Changes)

Moved by D. Gibbs
Seconded by A. Eckhart

That Report JBM-C 7-2024, dated October 17, 2024, respecting Court Services 2025 Operation Budget, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2025 Court Services gross base operating budget of \$12,777,778 and net base revenue of \$218,342 (increase in net revenue of \$136,545 or 166.9% over the 2024 net operating budget) as outlined in Appendix 3 to Report JBM-C 7-2024, **BE APPROVED**;
2. That an increase of \$118,888 (or 245.4%) over the 2024 net operating budget **BE APPROVED** to support program changes for the transfer of Part III and Part IX prosecution and a digital evidence management system (DEMS); and
3. That the total 2025 Court Services gross operating budget of 12,896,666 and net revenue of \$99,454, as outlined in Appendix 3 to Report JBM-C 7-2024, **BE APPROVED** and **BE RECOMMENDED** to Niagara Region Council as part of the 2025 operating budget deliberations.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no consent items for information.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 28, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Mark Tardif
Board Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk