

Minute Item No. 6.1

CSD 48-2024

2025 Budget – Water and Wastewater Operating Budget, Rate Setting and Requisition

That Report CSD 48-2024, dated November 7, 2024, respecting 2025 Budget – Water and Wastewater Operating Budget, Rate Setting and Requisition, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2025 Water & Wastewater net operating base budget increase of \$5,751,426 (or 3.72%) plus \$11,160,869 (or 7.22%) for capital financing over the 2024 operating budget **BE APPROVED**;
2. That an increase of \$2,053,502 (or 1.33%) over the 2024 operating budget **BE APPROVED** to support additional staffing resources for service delivery;
3. That the 2025 Water Operations gross operating budget of \$57,615,260 and net budget in the amount of \$57,071,267 for the Water Budget, Rates and Requisition **BE APPROVED**;
4. That the proposed fixed water requisition shown in Appendix 3 of Report CSD 48-2024, based on 25% of the Region's water net operating budget for the year and divided by 12 to determine the monthly charge, to be billed to each of the serviced Local Area Municipalities starting January 1, 2025, apportioned based on their previous three year's average water supply volumes, **BE APPROVED**;
5. That the Region's proposed 2025 variable water rate of \$0.751 shown in Table 2 of Report CSD 48-2024, to be effective January 1, 2025 and calculated by taking 75% of the Region's water net operating budget and dividing by the estimated supply volume, to be billed on a monthly basis to each serviced Local Area Municipality based on the previous month's metered flows, **BE APPROVED**;
6. That the 2025 Wastewater Operations gross operating budget of \$121,023,619 and net budget in the amount of \$116,477,200 for the Wastewater Budget, Rates and Requisition **BE APPROVED**;
7. That the proposed 2025 fixed wastewater requisition as shown in Appendix 5 of Report CSD 48-2024, based on 100% of the Region's net operating budget for the year and divided by 12 to determine the monthly charge, to be billed to each of the Local Area Municipalities starting January 1, 2025, apportioned based on their previous three year's average wastewater supply volumes, **BE APPROVED**;
8. That the 2025 wastewater monthly bills **INCLUDE** the reconciliation for the 2023 net requisition allocation based on actual wastewater flows versus the estimated flows, as shown in Appendix 6 of Report CSD 48-2024;
9. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration; and
10. That a copy of Report CSD 48-2024 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Minute Item No. 6.2

BRC-C 2-2024

A letter from M. Siscoe, Chair, Niagara Transit Commission, dated September 23, 2024, respecting 2025 Proposed Operating Budget and Special Levy Requisition - Niagara Transit Commission

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 2-2024, being a letter from M. Siscoe, Chair, Niagara Transit Commission, dated September 23, 2024, respecting 2025 Proposed Operating Budget and Special Levy Requisition - Niagara Transit Commission, **BE RECEIVED**; and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Niagara Transit Commission proposed 2025 base gross operating budget submission of \$85,306,542 and net base Special Levy of \$60,488,929 for a net increase of \$2,137,219 or 3.66% **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the 2025 net special levy include additional capital financing of \$2,166,667 or 3.71% over 2024 net special levy **BE APPROVED**;
3. That the net Special Levy of \$62,655,596 (inclusive of recommendations 1 and 2 above) **BE APPORTIONED** between the local municipalities as per Appendix 2 of Report NTC 28-2024 determined in accordance with the methodology approved in Report PW 55-2021 and based on final 2024 current value assessment; and
4. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Regional Council for consideration.

Minute Item No. 7.1

CSD 59-2024

Water and Wastewater Rate Methodology Review

That Report CSD 59-2024, dated November 7, 2024, respecting Water and Wastewater Rate Methodology Review, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Minute Item No. 7

Consent Items for Information

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

BRC-C 3-2024

Niagara Transit Commission Additional Budget Information

CWCD 2024-172

Councillor Information Request Related to Legal Obligations of Council regarding the Safe Drinking Water Act

BRC-C 4-2024

Correspondence from S. Richards-Haynes, dated November 6, 2024, respecting Niagara Region Transit Budget Consideration