

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

BRCOTW 6-2024

Thursday, November 21, 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, Chiocchio*, Craitor*, Davies*, Easton, Foster*, Gale*, Ganann, Grant*, Heit, Insinna, Ip, Kaiser, Morocco, Redekop (Committee Chair), Seaborn, Secord*, Steele, Ugulini, Villella*, Whalen (Committee Vice-Chair), Zalepa*
- Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Huson, Jordan, Junkin, Rigby, Siscoe, Sorrento, Witteveen
- Staff: B. Brens, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, D. Carnegie, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services*, H. Koning, Commissioner, Community Services, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Raquion, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, M. Sergi, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, M. Steele, Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services*
- Others Present: L. Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services, L. Lee-Yates, Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Redekop called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Bateman 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 **BRC-C 8-2024**

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2025 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies

Leilani Lee-Yates, Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer, and Lise Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, provided information respecting Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2025 Budget and Municipal Levies.

Topics of the presentation included:

- Strategic Direction
- Natural Hazard Management
- Planning, Permits and Compliance
- Watershed Resource Management and Climate Change
- Restoration and Stewardship - Trees for all
- Conservation Areas
- Enabling Services
- Land Securement
- 2025 Budget Strategy
- 2025 Consolidated Operating Budget
- Leveraging Funding Sources
- Underfunded Budget Priorities
- Levy Summary 2025

Moved by Councillor Bateman
Seconded by Councillor Seaborn

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 8-2024, dated November 5, 2024, respecting Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2025 Draft Budgets and Municipal Levies, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2025 Municipal Levy Apportionment to Niagara Region **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 BRC-C 9-2024

2025 Budget Update – Planning vs Proposed and Approved Increases

Moved by Councillor Steele

Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Memorandum BRC-C 9-2024, dated November 21, 2024, respecting 2025 Budget Update – Planning vs Proposed and Approved Increases, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Councillor Redekop
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk