

**Minute Item No. 4.2.1**

**BRC-C 10-2024**

**Proposed Building Permit Fee Increase (Sewage System Applications)**

That Memorandum BRC-C 10-2024, dated December 5, 2024, respecting Proposed Building Permit Fee Increase (Sewage System Applications) **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Minute Item No. 7.1**

**BRC-C 14-2024**

**2025 Proposed Operating Budget - Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board Response to Budget Reduction Request**

That Memorandum BRC-C 14-2024, dated December 5, 2024, respecting 2025 Proposed Operating Budget – Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board Response to Budget Reduction Request, **BE RECEIVED** and the following **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Correspondence Item BRC-C 7-2024, dated November 5, 2024, respecting 2025 Proposed Operating Budget - Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board, **BE RECEIVED**;
2. That the Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board 2025 Proposed Operating Budget of \$213,308,546 or 13.18% **BE APPROVED** in principle subject to consideration of the general levy for Niagara Region;
3. That Niagara Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to write a letter to Premier Doug Ford and Solicitor General Michael Kerzner to request that the increase in the Niagara Regional Police Services operating budget of \$10,323,969 (5.7%) as a result of the replacement of the Police Services Act with the Community Safety and Policing Act, be funded by the province, rather than through the tax levy funded by the property taxes of Niagara residents; and
4. That this motion and the letter written by the Regional Chair **BE CIRCULATED** to all 12 local area municipalities, Niagara's four MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Inspectorate of Policing, and the Niagara Regional Police Service Board.

**Minute Item No. 7.2  
CSD 64-2024  
2025 Consolidated General Levy Budget**

That Report CSD 64-2024, dated December 5, 2024, respecting 2025 Consolidated General Levy Budget, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED** as amended:

1. That the 2025 levy relating to the Niagara Regional Departments budget of \$295,101,673 for an increase of \$12,139,392 or 2.51% over the 2024 general levy **BE APPROVED** to support operations;
2. That the 2025 levy increase of \$2,000,000 or 0.41% over the 2024 general levy relating to the 2022 Tax Deferral **BE APPROVED** to support a sustainable budget;
3. That the 2025 levy decrease of \$7,500,000 or (1.55%) under the 2024 general levy **BE APPROVED** to align with legislative changes related to Bill 23 and Bill 185;
4. That the 2025 levy increase of \$2,000,000 or 0.41% over the 2024 general levy related to Smart Growth Incentive Regional Development Charges Reduction Program (Smart Growth DC Incentive) **BE APPROVED** to support developer refunds when eligibility criteria are met;
5. That the 2025 levy include additional capital financing of \$12,075,960 or 2.50% over the 2024 general levy **BE APPROVED** to be used as per Appendix 4;
6. That \$3,145,654 gross, \$0 net in available levy debt charge budget **BE APPROVED** to be transferred to the General Capital Levy Reserve to be used for the substitution of approved but unissued long-term debt for the projects listed in Appendix 6;
7. That an additional 1.51% or \$7,293,880 of assessment growth revenue **BE APPROVED** to fund \$2,034,914 of Tax Increment Grants, \$290,900 of operating costs of capital and \$4,968,066 for council and capital priorities;
8. That the following items totalling \$8,358,760 gross, \$0 net **BE APPROVED** with funding from the Taxpayer Relief Reserve:
  - a) One-Time requests as detailed in Table 2 of Appendix 3 in the amount of \$950,915;
  - b) Industrial Development Charge Grant of \$5,418,000 for phase one of Asahi Kasei development (Project Eagle);
  - c) Transfers for timing impact of Emergency Services funding per Provincial agreement of \$1,861,845; and
  - d) One-Time request of \$128,000 for Welcoming Streets Pilot Project;

9. That a Vision Zero Road Safety Program Reserve **BE ESTABLISHED** as outlined in this report and in alignment the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy C-F-013; and
10. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

**Minute Item No. 7.4**

**BRC-C 15-2024**

**Recommendations for Consideration from the Public Works Committee Meeting held on December 3, 2024**

That Memorandum BRC-C 15-2024, dated December 5, 2024, respecting Recommendations for Consideration from the Public Works Committee meeting, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the low concentration hauled sewage rate of \$71/1000 gallons (2025 fee number PW 49) as outlined in the Draft 2025 Schedule of Fees and Charges attached as Appendix 1 to Report CSD 57-2024 **BE APPROVED**;
2. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to undertake focused consultation with those wineries most impacted by the high concentration rate before the Council meeting on December 12, prior to approval of the 2025 Fees and Charges By-law (specifically, wineries with reported high concentration annual volumes of greater than 170,000 imperial gallons resulting in a total Regional hauled sewage fee increase of \$20,000 or more); and
3. That Regional staff **REPORT BACK** to Council on December 12, 2024, to provide alternatives for addressing the high concentration hauled sewage rate (2025 fee number PW-50) as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report CSD 57-2024 respecting 2025 Schedule of Fees and Charges.

**Minute Item No. 7.3**

**CSD 57-2024**

**2025 Schedule of Fees and Charges**

That Report CSD 57-2024, dated December 4, 2024, respecting 2025 Schedule of Fees and Charges, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Draft 2025 Schedule of Fees and Charges, Appendix 1 to Report CSD 57-2024 (excluding PW-50), **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

**Minute Item No. 8  
Consent Items for Information**

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

CSD 65-2024

2025 Operating Budget Reconciliation and Financial Disclosure O. Reg 284/09

BRC-C 11-2024

Council Information Requests

BRC-C 12-2024

Non-Union Compensation Review Phase 2 - Budget Impacts

BRC-C 16-2024

City of St. Catharines Motion respecting Welcoming Streets Pilot Project

Correspondence Supporting City of St. Catharines Motion respecting Welcoming Streets Pilot Project (Agenda Item 8.5.1 to 8.5.9)