

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

COTW 2-2025

Thursday, March 6, 2025

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

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Bateman, Champion*, Chiocchio*, Davies, Diodati*, Easton*, Foster, Gale*, Ganann*, Heit, Insinna, Jordan*, Junkin*, Kaiser*, Morocco, Redekop*, Rigby, Seaborn*, Sorrento*, Steele, Ugulini, Villella*, Whalen, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Craitor, Grant, Huson, Ip, Secord, Siscoe, Zalepa

Staff: M. Ajibaye, Manager, Asset Management, R. Ball-Condron, Government Relations Program Manager, D. Carnegie, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer, R. Hill, Legislative Coordinator, Dr. A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health*, H. Koning, Commissioner, Community Services, A. Korchok, Chief of Staff, Governance, P. Lambert, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, P. Maposa, Director, Asset Management, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Raquion, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer*, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, M. Robinson, Director, Partnerships and Communication, M. Sergi, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, M. Singzon, Manager, Waste Collection & Diversion*, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, N. Wolfe, Director, Construction, Energy and Facilities Management*

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Ganann read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2025 Corporate Asset Management Plan (CAMP) - State of Assets Update

Pious Maposa, Director, Asset Management, Michael Ajibaye, Manager, Asset Management, and Phill Lambert, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, provided information respecting 2025 Corporate Asset Management Plan - State of Assets Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Key Objectives
- Asset Management Overview
- Asset Portfolio Overview
- Key Solutions
- Next Steps

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide the percentage of linear and non-linear assets attributed to water and wastewater included in the 7.2% of the Region's assets identified as being at risk (Slide 16). Councillor Sorrento.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 CAO 2-2025

Government Relations 2024 Year End Review and 2025 Initiatives

Rachel Ball-Condron, Government Relations Program Manager, and Andrew Korchok, Chief of Staff, Governance, provided information respecting Government Relations 2024 Year End Review and 2025 Initiatives. Topics of the presentation included:

- The Importance of Government Relations
- 2024 Corporate Government Relations Initiatives
- Annual Opportunities
- Niagara-Specific:
 - Niagara Week
 - South Niagara Wastewater Treatment Solution Project
 - Asahi Kasei Support
 - Joint Regional Advocacy
- Activities Completed 2023, 2024
- Positive Announcements
- Building on Success
- Advocacy Focus
- Niagara Week Approach

Moved by Councillor Morocco
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report CAO 2-2025, dated March 6, 2025, respecting Government Relations 2024 Year End Review and 2025 Initiatives, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide the total financial investment that Niagara Region is advocating for from both federal and provincial levels of government for the following "Niagara-specific" projects: South Niagara Wastewater Treatment Solution Project, Consolidated Housing Master Plan Implementation, Two-way, All Day Go Train Service and Shared Service Initiatives with Area Municipalities. Councillor Morocco.

7.2 CAO 3-2025
Niagara Week 2025

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report CAO 3-2025, dated March 6, 2025, respecting Niagara Week 2025, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk