

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

CL 7-2025

Thursday, May 1, 2025

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

- Council: Bradley (Regional Chair), Bateman*, Chiocchio*, Craitor*, Easton, Ganann, Grant*, Heit, Ip*, Morocco, Olson, Rigby, Seaborn, Secord*, Steele*, Villella*, Whalen*, Witteveen, Zalepa*
- Absent/Regrets: Campion, Davies, Diodati, Foster, Gale, Insinna, Jordan, Junkin, Kaiser, Redekop, Siscoe, Sorrento, Ugolini
- Staff: B. Brens, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, S. Dunsmore, Acting Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering, D. Falardeau-Mercier, Manager, Water Wastewater Design and Development*, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services*, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services*, P. Lambert, Director, Water & Wastewater Services, K. Lotimer, Deputy Clerk, D. Morreale, Director, Growth Management and Planning, M. Raquion, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, F. Tassone, Director, Transportation Services*, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer
- Others: P. DeMelo, Kagan Shastri DeMelo Winer Park LLP, External Legal Counsel

* indicates attendees who participated electronically, all other attendees participated in person

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Ganann read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Seaborn

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Council Agenda CL 7-2025, **BE ADOPTED**.

Carried

4. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **PW 22-2025**

Update to Report PDS 24-2022 – Development Agreement for Regional Trunk Watermain Phase 1 and Streamside Sewer Pumping Station Upgrade in Smithville, Township of West Lincoln

Diana Morreale, Director, Growth Management and Planning, provided information respecting Update to Report PDS-24-2022 – Development Agreement for Regional Trunk Watermain Phase 1 and Streamside Sewer Pumping Station Upgrade in Smithville, Township of West Lincoln. Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview
- Original Direction
- What has Happened Since 2022
- What has Changed
- Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Witteveen

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PW 22-2025, dated May 1, 2025, respecting Update to Report PDS 24-2022 – Development Agreement for Regional Trunk Watermain Phase 1 and Streamside Sewer Pumping Station Upgrade in Smithville, Township of West Lincoln, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **APPROVE** an updated financial strategy for an Agreement with Marz Homes (Smithville West) Inc. for the installation of a Phase 1 Trunk Watermain and Streamside Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades to service the Northwest Quadrant Secondary Plan in Smithville whereby 3% interest will be paid annually on agreed upon costs to the Developer with reimbursement of costs to be fully satisfied in 2028, in alignment with when the Region had planned for these capital works;

2. That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute this agreement in a form satisfactory to the Director, Legal and Court Services; and
3. That Report PW 22-2025 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Township of West Lincoln.

Carried

6. BY-LAWS

6.1 Bill No. 2025-20

Moved by Councillor Morocco
Seconded by Councillor Olson

That Bill 2025-20, being a by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Regional Council at its special meeting held May 1, 2025, **BE NOW READ** and **DO PASS**.

Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Jenna Spratt
Legislative Coordinator

Kelly Lotimer
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk