

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES - OPEN SESSION**

**BRCOTW 06-2019
Thursday, June 20, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Chiocchio, Darte, Disero, Edgar, Fertich, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen (Committee Vice Chair), Witteveen, Zalepa (Committee Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Campion, Diodati, Easton, Foster, Junkin, Sendzik

Staff: C. Banach, Manager, Housing Operations, Niagara Regional Housing, D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, C. Habermebl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, Dr. M. Hirji, Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Potts, Senior Budget Analyst, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Zalepa called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Huson declared a direct pecuniary interest with respect to Report CSD 40-2019 (Agenda Item 5.1) respecting 2020 Budget Planning as there is a line item that concerns Brock University and she has an employment relationship with Brock University.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **CSD 40-2019**

2020 Budget Planning

Helen Chamberlain, Director/Deputy Treasurer, Financial Management and Planning, provided information respecting 2020 Budget Planning.

Topics of the presentation included:

- Budget Overview
- 2020 Budget Plan
 - Base Services
 - Capital Requirements
 - New and Enhanced Services
 - Assessment Growth
- Budget Schedule
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report CSD 40-2019, dated June 20, 2019, respecting 2020 Budget Planning, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2020 base budget for existing services **BE PREPARED** with consideration of the Municipal Price Index as calculated in Appendix 1 of Report CSD 40-2019 in accordance with recommendations in Report CSD 41-2019 Budget Planning Policy Review as follows:
 - a. 2.7% for Regional Departments
 - b. 3.0% for Agencies, Boards, and Commissions
 - c. 2.1% for Waste Management
2. That consideration of a separate levy increase for capital **BE REFERRED** to the Capital Budget - Budget Review Committee of the Whole;
3. That the estimated assessment growth of 1.65% **BE APPORTIONED** to
 - i. tax increment grants estimated at 0.35%; and

- ii. that the remaining net assessment growth of 1.30% support growth related operating and capital costs requested by Regional Departments and ABCs through business cases;
4. That consideration of a separate levy increase for enhancements to or new programs **BE REFERRED** to the Operating Budget - Budget Review Committee of the Whole;
5. That the 2020 budget for Water and Wastewater **BE PREPARED** with an increase of 5.15% in accordance with recommendations in Report PW 4-2019 Water and Wastewater Financial Plan for O.Reg. 453/07;
6. That the 2020 budget schedule per Appendix 2 of Report CSD 40-2019 **BE APPROVED**; and
7. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to agencies, boards and commissions (ABC's) in accordance with the Budget Control By-law.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 CSD 49-2019

Q1 Financial Update

Moved by Councillor Ugolini
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Report CSD 49-2019, dated June 20, 2019, respecting Q1 Financial Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Councillor Zalepa
Committee Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk