

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

**COTW 6-2019
Thursday, August 1, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Greenwood, Heit, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Nicholson, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Gibson, Huson, Junkin, Redekop

Staff: D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Enterprise Resource Management Services, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Reynolds, Manager, Economic Development Trade Investment, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Regional Governance Review Survey - Presentation of Findings

Jodi Shanoff, Vice President, Consultation and Engagement, Environics Research, provided information respecting Regional Governance Review Survey. Topics of the presentation included:

- Methodology
- Delivery of Two-Tier Government
- Effectiveness of Governance Structure
- Value for Tax Dollars

- Representation Preference
- Citizen Priorities
- Definitions of Potential Structures
- Preferred Government Structure
- Effect of Larger Government on Services
- Key Takeaways

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1 **CAO 11-2019**

Update to Councils – Public Opinion Research related to Provincial Governance Review

Moved by Councillor Ugulini
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Item CAO 11-2019, being a memorandum from R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, dated August 1, 2019, respecting Update to Councils – Public Opinion Research related to Provincial Governance Review, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk