

In accordance with the notice and submission deadline requirements of Sections 18.1(b) and 11.3, respectively, of Niagara Region's Procedural By-law, the Regional Clerk received from Councillor Huson a motion to be brought forward for consideration at the September 19, 2019 Council meeting respecting establishing a Women's Advisory Committee.

Whereas women have traditionally been underrepresented in public office, on corporate boards and in leadership positions;

Whereas women have unique economic, social and cultural experiences that are directly impacted by public policy decisions;

Whereas gender-based policy can have a direct and positive impact on economic diversification, income equality and other positive development outcomes; and

Whereas Women's Advisory committees have been established in the municipalities of Vancouver, Edmonton and Hamilton.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Regional Council **ENDORSE** the establishment of a Women's Advisory Committee to:
 - a. advocate for gender-based issue resolutions and opportunities related to Regional policies, priorities and decisions;
 - b. promote leadership development that empowers women in Niagara to fully participate in civic life;
 - c. research and provide information and resources about women's gender-based issues to Niagara
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a report respecting a draft Terms of Reference and membership requirements for a Women's Advisory Committee for consideration at the Corporate Services Committee meeting being held on November 6, 2019.