

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

**BRCOTW 7-2019
Thursday, October 10, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen (Committee Vice Chair), Witteveen, Zalepa (Committee Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Disero, Gale, Gibson, Jordan, Junkin, Steele

Staff: D. Ane, Manager, Program Financial Support, D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to Regional Chair, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, R. Cheung, Senior Budget Analyst, C. Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, M. Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, C. Ryall, Director, Transportation Services, J. Tonellato, Director, Water/Wastewater Services, R. Tripp, Commissioner, Public Works/Acting Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Zalepa called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **CSD 53-2019**

2020 Capital Budget

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

Topics of the presentation included:

- 2020 Capital Expenditure
- 2020 Financing Strategy
- Multi-year Forecast
- Risks and Opportunities
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Fertich
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Report CSD 53-2019, dated October 10, 2019, respecting 2020 Capital Budget, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2020 Capital Budget for the Niagara Regional Departments and Agencies, Boards and Commissions of \$375,524,889 as per Appendix 1 to Report CSD 53-2019, **BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** pending final by-law approval anticipated to be on December 12, 2019;
2. That a separate levy of \$5,620,496 or 1.54% for the Long Term Care redevelopment **BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE** and **REFERRED** to the 2020 Operating budget;
3. That \$1,580,200 for the incremental costs of capital projects as per Appendix 6 to Report CSD 53-2019, **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 Operating Budget to be funded from Assessment Growth;
4. That financing in the amount of \$374,524,889 gross and \$267,767,415 net **BE INITIATED** upon approval of the 2020 Capital Budget and **BE ALLOCATED** to the projects as summarized in Appendix 2 to Report CSD 53-2019; and
5. That the necessary by-laws **BE PREPARED** and **BE PRESENTED** to Council for consideration to coincide with the approval of the operating budget.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information for a budget scenario that would assume maximum allowable debt of \$320 million (120% of own source revenue) that considers the amount of expenditures allowed, the deferred projects that could be included, the amount of the annual repayment limit and impacts to the operating budget. Councillor Easton.

Provide information on the local area municipal rate increases. Councillor Heit.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 BRC-C 9-2019

Response to Budget Planning - Niagara Regional Police Services 2020 Operating Budget Report - 136.2019

Moved by Councillor Ugolini
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Memorandum BRC-C 9-2019, dated October 10, 2019, respecting Response to Budget Planning – 2020 Operating Budget 136.2019, **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, November 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Councillor Zalepa
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk