

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

**BRCOTW 8-2019
Thursday, November 21, 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, Disero, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Jordan, Junkin, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen (Committee Vice Chair), Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Easton, Ip, Zalepa (Committee Chair)

Staff: H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, Dr. 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, T. Potts, Senior Budget Analyst, R. Tripp, Commissioner, Public Works/Acting Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Vice Chair Whalen 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 Introduction to the 2020 Levy Budget

Todd Harrison, Commissioner, Corporate Services provided information respecting Introduction to the 2020 Levy Budget. Topics of the presentation included:

- Levy Budget/Consolidated Levy Budget
- ABCs as Percentage of Tax Levy
- General Levy Operating Budget
- Summary of Budgets Submitted - NRPS, NPCA, Court Services and NRH

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **CSD 77-2019**

Court Services - 2020 Budget Report

Jackie Foley, Acting Manager, Court Services provided information respecting the Court Services - 2020 Budget Report. Topics of the presentation included:

- Program/Service Definition
- Joint Board of Management
- Provincial Offences Court Organizational Chart
- Annual Charging Volume (2019 Q3)
- 2019 Charges by Enforcement Agency
- New Delinquent Fine Volumes (2019 Q3)
- 2020 Operating Budget
- Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Summary - Base Budget
- 2020 Operating Budget Summary
- Risks and Opportunities

Moved by Councillor Disero

Seconded by Councillor Campion

That Report CSD 77-2019, dated November 21, 2019, respecting Court Services - 2020 Budget Report, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the 2020 Court Services Operating Budget **BE APPROVED** in principle subject to consideration of the total tax levy for Niagara Region on December 5, 2019.

Carried

5.2 BRC-C 12-2019

2020 Proposed Operating Budget Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Services Board

Ken Gansel, Chair, Police Services Board, provided introductory remarks on the Niagara Regional Police Service 2020 Proposed Operating Budget and introduced Chief Bryan MacCulloch, Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS).

Chief Bryan MacCulloch, Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS), presented the NRPS 2020 proposed operating budget. Topics of the presentation included:

- Policing in a Modern Day Ontario
- Strategic Plan Aligns with Council Priorities
- Budget Objective and Process
- 2020 Operating Budget
- Managing Patrol Performance (MPP) Study
- Impact of Adequacy Standards on Frontline Patrol
- Response Times
- Calls for Service
- Frontline Investment
- Budget Risk Assessment

Moved by Councillor Huson

Seconded by Councillor Champion

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 12-2019, being a letter from D. Reid, Executive Director, Police Services Board, dated October 30, 2019, respecting 2020 Proposed Operating Budget Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Services Board, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the Niagara Regional Police Service 2020 Operating Budget **BE APPROVED** in principle subject to consideration of the total tax levy for Niagara Region on December 5, 2019.

Carried

5.3 BRC-C 13-2019

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2020 Municipal Levy Apportionment

Councillor Bylsma, Chair, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, provided introductory remarks related to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2020 Municipal Levy Apportionment and introduced Gayle Wood, Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary Treasurer, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Gayle Wood, Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary Treasurer, and Lise Gagnon, Director, Corporate Services, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, presented the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2020 Municipal Levy Apportionment. Topics of the presentation included:

- Who is NPCA?
- What is Watershed Management?
- NPCA Strategic Plan 2018-2020
- Our Mission - Your Official Plan (OP) Objectives
- Your OP Objectives - Our Programs
- Why Invest in NPCA? Leveraging Your Funds
- What does our Budget Entail?
- NPCA Budget History
- Proposed Special Levy (Capital) Budget 2020

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 13-2019, being a presentation from G. Wood, Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary Treasurer, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, dated November 21, 2019, respecting Proposed 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority 2020 Municipal Levy Apportionment to Niagara Region **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

5.4 BRC-C 11-2019

Niagara Regional Housing 2020 Operating Budget

Councillor Sendzik, Chair, Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors, provided introductory remarks related to the Niagara Regional Housing 2020 Operating Budget and introduced Donna Woiceshyn, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Regional Housing.

Donna Woiceshyn, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Regional Housing, presented the Niagara Regional Housing 2020 proposed operating budget. Topics of the presentation included:

- What Does NRH Do?
- NRH Programs & Services
- 2020 Budget Main Drivers
- 2020 Operating Budget
- 2020 Operating Budget Analysis
- Budget Summary

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Chiochio

That Correspondence Item BRC-C 11-2019, being a letter from W. Sendzik, Chair, Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors, dated October 18, 2019, respecting Niagara Regional Housing 2020 Operating Budget, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the Niagara Regional Housing 2020 Operating Budget **BE APPROVED** in principle subject to consideration of the total tax levy for Niagara Region on December 5, 2019.

Carried

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no consent items for information.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

There were no closed session items.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Councillor Whalen
Committee Vice Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk