

# THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

## CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

### OPEN SESSION

### REPORT 2-2012

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Minutes of the Open Session portion of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, 2201 St. David's Rd., Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 commencing at 9:44 a.m.

Committee: Councillors Augustyn, Co-Chair; D'Angela Co-Chair; Burroughs, Regional Chair; Badawey; Barrick; Bentley; Bylsma; Caslin; Eke; Grenier; Hodgson; Joyner; Maves; Petrowski; Rigby; Teal; Timms; Zimmerman.

Councillors

Other: Councillor Jeffs.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer; Mr. Bain, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Others: Corporate Services: Mr. Diakow, Director, IT Solutions; Mr. Hughes, Director, Properties Management; Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Ms. Marr, Manager, Real Estate; Ms. Murphy, Associate Director, Current and Capital Budgets; Mr. Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality & Improvement.

Administration: Mr. McQueen, Director, Organizational Performance; Mr. Robinson, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair.

Community Services: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services.

Integrated Community Planning: Mr. Robson, Commissioner, Integrated Community Planning Ms. Khoury, Manager, Corporate Records & Information Services; Ms. Tanner, Regional Policy Planning.

Public Health: Dr. Jaeger, Medical Officer of Health (A); Mr. McKay, Associate Director, Administration.

Regrets: Councillor Volpatti.

## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

### Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Timms declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report CSD 18-2012, Approval Process for Alternative Energy Projects, as he is a representative on an alternative energy firm and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor D'Angela declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report CSD 18-2012, Approval Process for Alternative Energy Projects, as he has micro fit solar panels being installed at his residence and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

19. Approval Process for Alternative Energy Projects  
**CSD 18-2012**

Moved by Councillor Teal  
Seconded by Chair Burroughs

That Report CSD 18-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Approval Process for Alternative Energy Projects, be received.

That resolutions from the Town of Pelham, Town of Niagara on the Lake, and the Township of Mulmur regarding the approval process for alternative energy projects be supported, **as amended**;

That the Province of Ontario be urged to amend the requirements for **alternative energy projects** to ensure that all such facilities are subject to a **standardized** municipal consultation/approval process; and.

That this report be circulated for information to the Ministry of Energy & Infrastructure and our local municipal partners.

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Report CSD 18-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Approval Process for Alternative Energy Projects, be referred to the next Integrated Community Planning Committee meeting.

Carried.

20. Initiation of Community Services Capital Budgets  
**CSD 12-2012**

Moved by Councillor Petrowski  
Seconded by Councillor Teal

That Report CSD 12-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Initiation of Community Services Capital Budgets, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$1,397,100 gross and net be approved and initiated from the 2011 and 2012 Community Services capital budgets and allocated as provided in Appendix A;

That the projects be funded with \$447,100 from the Seniors Capital Reserve Fund and \$950,000 from the Capital Levy as approved in the 2011 and 2012 capital budgets;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws be prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

21. Initiation of Niagara Regional Police Service  
Capital Project ZPO1209 – Police Vehicles  
**CSD 13-2012**

Moved by Councillor Petrowski  
Seconded by Councillor Teal

That Report CSD 13-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Initiation of Niagara Regional Police Service Capital Project ZPO1209 – Police Vehicles, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$1,620,000 gross and net be approved and initiated from the 2012 Police Services capital budget and allocated to ZPO1209 – Police vehicles;

That the project be funded with \$1,620,000 from the Police Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund as approved in the 2012 capital budget;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) be prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

22. Initiation of Public Health Capital Project ZGR1201  
– Ambulance & Equipment Replacement  
**CSD 14-2012**

Moved by Councillor Petrowski  
Seconded by Councillor Teal

That Report CSD 14-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Initiation of Public Health Capital Project ZGR1201 – Ambulance & Equipment Replacement, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$1,450,000 gross and net be approved and initiated from the 2012 Public Health Capital Program and allocated to ZGR1201 – Ambulance & Equipment Replacement;

That the project be funded with \$725,000 from the Ambulance Replacement Reserve Fund and \$725,000 from the Capital Levy as approved in the 2012 capital budget;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws be prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

23. Initiation of Niagara Regional Police Service  
Capital Project ZPO0811 – IA Pro System  
**CSD 15-2012**

Moved by Councillor Petrowski  
Seconded by Councillor Teal

That Report CSD 15-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Initiation of Niagara Regional Police Service Capital Project ZPO0811 – IA Pro System, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$50,000 gross and net be approved and initiated from the 2008 Police Services capital budget and allocated to ZPO0811 – IA Pro System;

That the project be funded with \$50,000 from the Police Capital Levy Reserve as approved in the 2008 capital budget;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council

Carried.

24. Initiation of 2012 Capital Project Budgets  
Integrated Community Planning & Corporate Services  
**CSD 17-2012**

Moved by Councillor Petrowski  
Seconded by Councillor Teal

That Report CSD 17-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Initiation of 2012 Capital Project Budgets – Integrated Community Planning & Corporate Services, be received;

That financing in the amount of \$13,890,000 gross and \$13,390,000 net be approved and initiated from the 2012 capital budget for Integrated Community Planning (ICP) and Corporate Services capital programs, and allocated as provided in Appendix A;

That the project be funded with \$2,190,000 from the Capital Levy reserve, \$10,700,000 the issue of long-term debentures; \$500,000 from the POA Facility Renewal reserve fund and \$500,000 from external sources as approved in the 2012 capital budget;

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-laws be prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

25. Niagara Regional Housing  
Capital Budget Increase and Initiation  
**CSD 19-2012**

Moved by Councillor Petrowski  
Seconded by Councillor Teal

That Report CSD 19-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Niagara Regional Housing – Capital Budget Increase and Initiation, be received;

That the capital project for ZRH1107 – Community Remediation be increased in the amount of \$1,640,500 and subsequently initiated;

That the gross and net funding for this project be allocated from the NRH Owned Units Reserve Fund;

The Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate bylaw(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

26. Councillor Electronic Communications vis-à-vis Corporate Records  
**CSD 03-2012 (Amended)**

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Chair Burroughs

That Amended Report CSD 03-2012, February 1, 2012, respecting Councillor Electronic Communications vis-à-vis Corporate Records, be received;

That a secure sub-site of e-Council be developed on Sherpa where Councillors can view confidential reports in advance of receiving hard copies at the meetings; and

That the practice of emailing confidential reports to Councillors be discontinued as of February 10, 2012.

Carried.

**CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

27. Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That the following reports, correspondence and minute items be received for information:

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| CSD 16-2012 | Strategic Accommodations Study<br>Community Services and Public Health Departments  |
| CSC 4-2012  | Memorandum from Brian Hutchings, Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer (February 1, 2012) regarding Progress Report on the Gun Range 3042 Cataract Road, Thorold, ON |
| CSC 5-2012  | Letter from R. Bratina, Mayor, City of Hamilton (December 19, 2011) regarding Canada-European Community Free Trade Agreement – Impact on City of Hamilton                 |

- CSC 6-2012 Memorandum from Dan Mathieson, Chair, Municipality Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Board of Directors (December 28, 2011) regarding Settlement with Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Ratified
- CSC 7-2012 Letter from Regional Chair Gary Burroughs (January 25, 2012) to John Clark, President, Niagara Parks Police Association regarding Lease Agreement for 3042 Cataract Road, Thorold, Ontario
- CSC 8-2012 Letter from the Niagara Regional Police Revolver Club regarding the Lease Agreement for 3042 Cataract Road, Thorold, Ontario
- CSC 9-2012 Letter from Jerry Mitrovich, President, St. Catharines Game & Fish Association (January 24, 2012) regarding the termination of the lease of the Niagara Regional Police Revolver Club
- CSC 10-2012 Letter from Gerry Gamble, President, The Sporting Clubs of Niagara, (January 25, 2012) respecting the Closure of the Niagara Regional Police Revolver Club

Carried.

(Councillor Timms submitted a petition signed by nine residents in close proximity to the Niagara Regional Police Revolver Club advising that they have no objection to the continuing use and operation of the club, as per the attachment to CSC 8-2012.)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

28. **Request for Information - Leasing of Regional Properties**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Joyner

That additional information be provided for the review of the Niagara Regional Police Revolver Club as it relates to the Region's leasing of other properties at the market and non-market value and the organizations (government, private, non-profit) to which these properties are leased.

Carried.

29. Request for Information – Joint and Several Liability

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Legal staff provide information on joint and several liability.

Carried.

30. Location – Corporate Services Committee Meeting

Councillor Augustyn inquired as to whether the Corporate Services Committee meetings should be held in CE 101 now that the membership of the Committee has been reduced. Upon a vote being taken, Committee agreed that the meetings should continue to take place in the Council Chambers.

**CLOSED SESSION**

31. Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Chair Burroughs

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality Lakefront Water Purchase – Lakewood Beach, Wainfleet and A Matter of Litigation or Potential Litigation Affecting the Region – Casino Niagara Update.

Carried.

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 11:20 a.m.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 12:45 p.m.



**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 12:46 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Dave Augustyn  
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Henry D'Angela  
Co-Chair

Kevin Bain  
Regional Clerk