



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES/REPORT

The members of the Committee of the Whole met on Monday June 14, 2021 in the Council Chambers, at 06:00 PM.

PRESENT:

This meeting was held via Video Conference due to COVID-19 and public health concerns and was able to be viewed via Livestream on the Town's website.

Chair Councillor Erwin Wiens, Lord Mayor Betty Disero, Councillors: Al Bisback, John Wiens (6:00 p.m.), Sandra O'Connor, Norm Arsenault, Wendy Cheropita, Gary Burroughs, Clare Cameron

REGRETS:

STAFF:

Marnie Cluckie	Chief Administrative Officer
Kyle Freeborn	Director, Corporate Services
Sheldon Randall	Director, Operations
Kevin Turcotte	Manager, Parks & Recreation
Mike Komljenovic	Engineering Supervisor
Brett Ruck	Irrigation & Drainage Superintendent
Nick Ruller	Fire Chief
Craig Larmour	Director, Community & Development Services
Tara Druzina	Administrative Assistant
Colleen Hutt	Acting Town Clerk

OTHERS:

MEDIA:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Councillor Erwin Wiens called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A Coyote update will be added to the agenda by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Moved by Councillor Wendy Cheropita that the agenda be adopted, as amended.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared at this time.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Doug Hamilton & Barry Wright, 2022 Canada Games
OPS-21-019 - Canada Summer Games

Barry Wright, CEO, 2021 Canada Summer Games, Niagara Region was present to speak in support of the staff report. Mr. Wright stated the games were postponed in 2020 due to the pandemic and moved to 2022 to host and permit spectators. The plan was to originally have the tennis games indoor but it was decided to re-plan. In discussions with the Lord Mayor, the Tennis Club and staff, Niagara-on-the-Lake was chosen to host the tennis games. Mr. Wright also noted that they would be cost sharing with Town. Mr. Wright also provided an update on the 13 for 13 event.

5. RESPONSE TO DELEGATIONS

- 4.1 OPS-21-019 - Canada Summer Games

Moved by Lord Mayor Betty Disero that Operation Services Report OPS-21-019 be lifted for discussion.

APPROVED.

The report was discussed was lifted, voted on and approved

6. PRESENTATIONS

Nick Ruller, Fire Chief
FES-21-004 - Rural Firefighting - Mobile Water Supply - Tanker Shuttle Operations

Fire Chief Nick Ruller spoke to an electronic presentation on Rural Firefighting - Mobile Water Supply - Tanker Shuttle Operations. Fire Ruller spoke to the Level of Service, Water Availability, Tanker Shuttle Operations with an example of Firelane 11A, Data-drive & Outcome-focused volunteers and mutual/automatic aid. Chief Ruller further provided a Conclusion, Financial Impact and Recommendation. The Committee asked questions with regard to the presentation and report.

Moved by Norm Arsenault that Fire & Emergency Services Report FES-21-004 be lifted for discussion.

APPROVED.

Fire & Emergency Services Report FES-21-004 was lifted, voted on and approved

7A. COYOTE UPDATE

Chief Administrative Officer Marnie Cluckie provided the Committee an update on the current coyote situation.

If there is an actively aggressive or cornering coyote, a call should be made to 911 immediately. Police are authorized to handle these emergency situations, and they will frequently engage the Humane Society when they attend the call. They won't respond to a coyote sighting, so if you just happen to see one that should be reported to the tower, but to emergencies when they coyote is behaving aggressively in the moment. 911 is the appropriate action

So staff have taken several steps to investigate, including but not limited to, reaching out to many community partners for assistance such as Niagara Regional Police Service, Niagara Humane Society, Municipal Partners, Coyote Watch Canada, and a trapper. Investigations into this matter are ongoing. At this time, staff is working very closely with Coyote Watch Canada regarding their investigation and their findings, as well as appropriate next steps.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the new web page that has been created. It can be found at www.model.com/coyotes. There are many helpful tips, videos, an e-learning module from Coyote Watch Canada, FAQs and all kinds of other information as well.

There is a sighting form located on the new web page and it will assist staff in tracking the general location of coyotes and the potential increase of activity throughout the town. The information provided through this form is being supplied to, where appropriate, authorities as well, including Coyote Watch Canada.

Information has also been posted on the Town social media pages advising people of what to do if they encounter a coyote, signage has been posted in various parks advising the public about coyotes giving some quick tips, it also includes a QR code that you can scan that will take you straight to the website URL to link people directly to the coyote page For more information.

A reminder to areas around your home free from food and water and cover trash cans to help keep them away. Don't turn your back on them and use a hazing techniques such as shaking your car keys, popping in umbrella open, or throwing an object in their direction. Try to be prepared of your surroundings when enjoying the outdoors and be a

good visitor. Don't leave a trace by leaving food or garbage behind.

There was a report of a teenage boy who had a puncture bite and others that have had some encounters with some being injured or frightened. So we extend our sympathy to them. And also I just want to reiterate that staff understand how serious this situation is and we're working to respond as quickly and effectively as we possibly can.

7B. COVID-19 UPDATE

Chief Administrative Officer Marnie Cluckie provided the Committee with an update on the recent COVID-19 regulations.

The following was noted:

- Province moved in Step One on June 11, 2021
- outdoor activities with small crowds are limited with limited indoor settings including singles & doubles for tennis & pickleball
- Niagara Regional Public Health, Section 22 is still effect
- Indoor dining or buffet style service is permitted
- Patio dining permits four persons per table, more if everyone is from the same household and the premises will ask for confirmation
- Wearing of masks is still recommended by the Medical Officer of Health for the Region
- Short Term Rentals are also permitted to operated and it is the responsibility of the operator to ensure compliance with regulations
- Vaccination update - NOTL has added another clinic date statistics are reporting 63.8% of Niagara residents have been vaccinated
- Traffic did not see much of an increase from the previous week
- By-law Enforcement & tickets issued - 179 parking tickets with an expected increase over the summer
- Temporary patios have been inspected
- Step challenge finished the second week and the goal was reached
- Communities in Bloom Garden of Week contest has started
- Drive-thru tulip sale at the Community Centre starting June 22nd at 10:00 am with proceeds going to the tree fund

The Committee answered questions with regard to the update.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

At this time the Chair asked for members to identify any items to be lifted for separate discussion.

The following report was lifted for separate discussion: CS-21-019, FES-21-004, OPS-21-017, and OPS-21-018.

Moved by Councillor Al Bisback that the Consent Agenda be approved, with the exception of item listed for separate discussion above, and that the reports and

recommendations contained therein be forwarded to Council for adoption.

APPROVED.

- (1) Reports not requiring separate discussion

CS-21-016 Kinsmen Scout Hall

- 1.1 The draft lease agreement, attached as Appendix II, between the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Kinsmen Club for Town-owned lands where the Scout Hall exists, be forwarded to Council for approval.

CS-21-017 Transfer of Lands to Niagara Region - Sewer Pumping Station

- 1.1 Council authorize the Lord Mayor and Town Clerk to sign documents to complete the Agreement of Purchase and Sale, attached as Appendix II, between the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake for the Pump Station at the rear of 42 Raiana Drive.

CS-21-018 The Settlement Extension Subdivision - Development Charges Credit

- 1.1 The attached amended agreement, Appendix II, for Development Charges Credits for The Settlement of St. Davids Subdivision (Stormwater Management Pond) be forwarded to Council for approval.

CS-21-020 Streetlighting Debenture

- 1.1. The draft by-law, attached as Appendix I, being a by-law to request the Regional Municipality of Niagara to issue a debenture on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the amount of \$542,519.07 over a 10-year term, to fund the installation of street lights; and
- 1.2 The Treasurer is authorized to execute all related documents as required by the debt issuance.

- (2) Reports lifted for separate discussion

CS-21-019 Niagara College Teaching Distillery Application - Sale by the Glass

Moved by Councillor John Wiens that the recommendation contained in Corporate Services Report CS-21-019 be approved.

- 1.1 Council approve the request from Niagara College Teaching Distillery to

endorse their application to obtain a “Manufacturer’s Limited Liquor Sales Licence - Sale by the Glass” to sell and serve their products to patrons for consumption at their manufacturing site.

APPROVED.

FES-21-004 Rural Firefighting - Mobile Water Supply

This report was dealt with under Item No. 6 - Presentations.

Moved by Lord Mayor Betty Disero that the recommendation contained in Fire & Emergency Services Report FES-21-004 be approved.

- 1.1 Council enhance the level of fire protection in rural Niagara-on-the-Lake through increased mobile water supply capabilities for rural firefighting;
- 1.2 Council approve, in principle, an increase in the Fire Department fleet from two (2) 11,500-litre tankers to four (4) 11,500-litre tankers in order to meet minimum targeted fire flow rates;
- 1.3 Council approve the immediate purchase of one additional fire department tanker truck capable of transporting a minimum of 11,500 litres of water, at an estimated cost of \$425,000, to be funded by development charges through a future debenture; and
- 1.4 Council direct the Fire Chief to report back as part of the 2022 capital budget process on a funding strategy for the second additional fire department tanker truck capable of transporting a minimum of 11,500 litres of water.

APPROVED.

OPS-21-017 Providing 1/3 Grant - Irvine Road Municipal Drain

Moved by Councillor Sandra O'Connor that the recommendations contained in Operation Services Report OPS-21-017 be amended, as follows:

- 1.1 *Whereas the Irvine Road municipal drain is a unique situation and this one-time-only one-third (1/3) grant to non-agricultural properties should not be construed as precedence setting for future municipal drains;*
- 1.2 Council provide a one-time-only one-third (1/3) grant to the non-agricultural properties within the Irvine Road Municipal Drain watershed to help offset the significant costs assessed to the non-agricultural, primarily residential, properties;
- 1.3 Council has the Town Clerk direct the drainage engineer to modify his assessment schedule to reflect the one-time, one-third non-agricultural grants; and
- 1.4 Council approve including \$66,350.00 in the 2022 Roads Capital Budget to cover this expenditure.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED.

OPS-21-018 Canada Summer Games

This report was dealt with under Item No. 5 - Response to Delegations.

Moved by Councillor John Wiens that the recommendations contained in Operation Services Report OPS-21-018 be approved.

- 1.1 Council directs staff to enter into a Venue Use Agreement with Canada Summer Games 2022 to use Town-owned facilities; and
- 1.2 Council approve \$50,000 from the Parks Dedication Reserve in 2022 to support renovations to the Memorial Park Tennis Courts for the 2022 Canada Summer Games.

APPROVED.

9. COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MINUTES

- 9.1 Irrigation Committee Minutes - March 24, 2021
- 9.2 Heritage Trail Committee Minutes - May 25, 2021

Moved by Councillor Gary Burroughs that the minutes of the Irrigation Committee of March 24, 2021 and the Heritage Trail Committee of May 25, 2021 be received.

APPROVED.

10. INFORMATION PACKAGES

The following items were lifted for discussion:

June 10, 2021

- Item No. 2 - Information Report - Service Line Warranties Update
- Item No. 6 - Lincoln resolution re Climate Change Adaption Plan & Crisis
- Item No. 10 - Fort Erie resolution re Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence
- Item No. 12 - Halton Hills resolution re Elimination of LPAT

Moved by Councillor Gary Burroughs that Item No. 2 - Information Report of the June 10, 2021 Information Package be returned to the Chief Administrative Offices and staff to redraft the correspondence to consider comments made and address concerns with communication prior to the letter being sent out.

DEFEATED.

Moved by Councillor Norm Arsenault that Council endorse the resolution from the Town of Lincoln with regard to Climate Change Adaption Plan & Crisis.

APPROVED.

Moved by Councillor Norm Arsenault that Council endorse the resolution from the Town of Fort Erie with regard to Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.

APPROVED.

The balance of the Information Package was voted on.

Moved by Councillor Norm Arsenault that the Information Package of June 10, 2021 be received.

APPROVED.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding:

- Protestors

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Lord Mayor, this concludes the Minutes/Report of the Committee of the Whole General Meeting. I Councillor _____ move, seconded by Councillor _____ that the Minutes/Report of the June 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole General Meeting be adopted.