

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**REPORT 3-2007**

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The Municipal Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara met in Committee of the Whole in the Council Chamber, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, March 22, 2007, commencing at 2:10 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Augustyn; Badawey; Baty; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; Collins; Cordiner; D'Angela; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Heit; Henderson; Hodgson; Lepp; Marshall; Martin; Puttick; Rigby; Salci; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms; Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Neville, Commissioner of Public Works; Bergsma, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk.

Staff  
(Part-Time): Messrs. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; McQueen, Director, Administration; Ms. Elliott, Director, Organizational Development and Compensation Services; Ms. Abrahams, Human Resources Associate; Ms. Casement, Manager Employee Relations.

**CALL TO ORDER**

11. Regional Chair Partington called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**RESOLVE INTO CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

12. Moved by Councillor Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That this Council do now resolve into Closed Committee of the Whole for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to legal, personnel and property matters.

Carried.

13. Corporate Labour Relations Strategy: 2007-2010  
**HR 12-2007 Confidential**

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Confidential Report HR 12-2007 (February 21, 2007) regarding the Corporate Labour Relations Strategy for the Region of Niagara for the period 2007 – 2010 be received, and that staff be authorized to follow the guidelines as noted in the Report.

Defeated.

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Confidential Report HR 12-2007 (February 21, 2007) regarding the Corporate Labour Relations Strategy for the Region of Niagara for the period 2007 – 2010 be received, and that staff be authorized to proceed as directed with a revised maximum percentage over the specified number of years.

Defeated.

Moved by Councillor Puttick  
Seconded by Councillor Saracino

That Confidential Report HR 12-2007 (February 21, 2007) regarding the Corporate Labour Relations Strategy for the Region of Niagara for the period 2007 – 2010 be deferred for two weeks, in order to review the affects of the federal and provincial budgets.

Defeated.

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Confidential Report HR 12-2007 (February 21, 2007) regarding the Corporate Labour Relations Strategy for the Region of Niagara for the period 2007 – 2010 be received, and that staff be authorized to proceed as directed with a revised maximum percentage over the specified number of years.

Carried.

14. A Matter of Solicitor and Client Advice – Legal Resources  
**CSD 39-2007 Confidential**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Confidential Report CSD 39-2007 (March 14, 2007), respecting A Matter of Solicitor and Client Advice – Legal Resources, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

15. A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality  
**CAO 3-2006 Confidential**

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Smeaton

That Confidential Report CAO 3-2007, February 21, 2007, respecting A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

16. A Matter of Solicitor and Client Advice  
- POA Prosecution Guidelines  
**CSD 34-2007 Confidential & Confidential Memorandum**

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Puttick

That the approval of the POA Prosecution Guidelines (March 7, 2007), as attached as Appendix A of the Confidential Memorandum dated March 15, 2007, be dealt with in Open Session of the Regional Council meeting March 22, 2007.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Confidential Report CSD 34-2007, March 14, 2007, respecting A Matter of Solicitor and Client Advice - POA Prosecution Guidelines and the Confidential Memorandum dated March 15, 2007 respecting CSD 34-2007 - POA Prosecution Guidelines, be received.

Carried.

**CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, RISE AND REPORT**

17. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That this Committee of the Whole do now rise with report.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Peter Partington  
Regional Chair

Janet Pilon  
Deputy Clerk

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk