

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT 5-2008

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, April 10, 2008, commencing at 4:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Council: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Augustyn, Badawey, Baty; Bentley; Bylsma; Casselman; Collins; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Heit; Henderson; Hodgson; Katzman; Lepp; Marshall; Martin; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms; Zimmerman.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Brothers, Commission, Public Works; Farley, Director, Special Planning Initiatives; Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk.

Others: Ms. Beckwith, General Manager, Niagara Regional Housing and Ms. Murray, Chair, Niagara Regional Housing Board.

CALL TO ORDER

46. Regional Chair Partington called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

47. Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

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

Carried.

48. A Matter of Labour Relations
Corporate Organizational Design Review
CAO 1-2008 Confidential

Mr. Trojan provided Regional Council with an update.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That the CAO be authorized to proceed as directed.

Carried.

49. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the General Manager and Board Chair of Niagara Region Housing be invited into the meeting to respond to questions.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION, RISE AND REPORT

50. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

Committee of the Whole recessed at 6:00 p.m. for dinner. At 6:30, Regional Council met in Closed Session, then Open Session at 7:00 p.m. and was recessed to allow Committee of the Whole to reconvene at 8:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

51. Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Timms

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

Carried.

52. A Matter of Labour Relations
Organizational Restructuring
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Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Regional Council give notice to Niagara Regional Housing Board that it wishes to open the operating agreement to seek better operational efficiencies for the benefit of our clients;

That the memos of concerns and response be shared with the Niagara Regional Housing Board;

That the current governance structure of Niagara Regional Housing remains unchanged; and

That Council will review the Operating Agreement and Niagara Regional Housing corporate structure in two years, as of the date of passing of this motion, to assess the results of any revisions to the Operating Agreement and consider any corporate or additional agreement changes at that time.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Council will review the Operating Agreement and Niagara Regional Housing corporate structure in **one year**, as of the date of passing of this motion, to assess the results of any revisions to the Operating Agreement and consider any corporate or additional agreement changes at that time.

Carried.

Upon a vote being taken, the Regional Chair declared the original motion, **as amended**, carried.

CLOSED SESSION, RISE AND REPORT

53. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Peter Partington
Regional Chair

Janet Pilon
Deputy Clerk

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk