

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REPORT 3-2011 BUDGET

Minutes of a meeting of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Thursday, September 16, 2010, commencing at 6:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

- Committee: Councillors Rigby, Vice-Chair presiding as Chair; Augustyn; Badawey, Baty; Bentley; Burroughs; Bylsma; Casselman; Cordiner; D'Angela; Forster; Gabriel; Garcia; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Henderson; Hodgson; Katzman; Lepp; Marshall; McMullan; Salci; Saracino; Smeaton; Timms; Zimmerman.
- Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Mr. Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Mr. McQueen, Operating Officer, PH; Mr. Bain, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.
- Staff (Others): Corporate Services: Mr. Boles, Manager, Financial Reporting; Ms. Brens, Tangible Capital Assets Analyst; Ms. Crowley, Current Budget Analyst; Mr. Diakow, Director, IT Solutions; Mr. Dirks, Treasurer/Director, Financial Management & Reporting; Mr. Lockyer, Associate Director, Finance Research & Strategy; Ms. Murphy, Associate Director, Current & Capital Budgets; Mr. Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality & Improvement; Mr. Roach, Manager, Public Works Financial Services; Ms. Stranges, Capital Assets Analyst.
Administration: Mr. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Mr. Weir, Director, Administration.
Community Services: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services.
Integrated Community Planning: Ms. Papaiz, Associate Director, Communications.
Public Works: Mr. Steele, Associate Director, Strategic Business Management.
- Others: Ms. Beckwith, General Manager; Ms. Mino, Financial Program Analyst, Niagara Regional Housing.

PRESENTATION

4. 2011 Budget Update

Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services, provided a presentation on the “2011 Budget Update”. The presentation highlighted the proposed 2011 Budget Schedule; 2011 Known Impacts; and the Public Engagement Process.

(Mr. Bergsma’s presentation regarding the 2011 Budget Update is attached to the minutes.)

Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that staff received Council feedback this year indicating that they would like to see more public engagement around the budget and budget process and the programs and services funded by the budget. As a result, a phased approach to a comprehensive communication and public engagement strategy is proposed.

(The schedule outlining Phase One of the Public Engagement and Budget Process is detailed in the slide presentation and Communication BRCOTW(C) 2-2011 attached to the minutes.)

Moved by Councillor Smeaton
Seconded by Councillor D’Angela

That the presentation by Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services, regarding the 2011 Budget Update, be received.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

CORRESPONDENCE

5. Moved by Councillor Bentley
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Communication BRCOTW(C) 1-2011, Email from Michael Matheson, Georgia-Pacific Canada, Thorold (August 15, 2010) regarding lower tax rates for Niagara manufacturers, be received.

Carried.

6. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That Communication BRCOTW(C) 2-2011, Mike Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, to Chair and Members of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole (September 8, 2010) regarding Programs and Services/Budget Public Engagement Process, be received and approved.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

That staff:

- (i) Include the Regional Chair and/or Chair of the Budget Review Committee of the Whole as Council representative(s) for the Public Engagement Process. (Committee) Refer to Minute 6.

ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Review Committee of the Whole adjourned at 8:00 p.m, to meet again on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Tim Rigby
Vice-Chair Presiding as Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk