



## **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 December 13, 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.

Lord Mayor Betty Disero, Councillors: Norm Arsenault, Al Bisback, Gary Burroughs, Clare Cameron, Wendy Cheropita, Sandra O'Connor, Erwin Wiens (6:14 pm), John Wiens (6:18 pm)

### **REGRETS:**

### **STAFF:**

Marnie Cluckie	Chief Administrative Officer
Kyle Freeborn	Director, Corporate Services
Nick Ruller	Fire Chief
Sheldon Randall	Director, Operations
Rick Wilson	Acting Director, Community & Development Services
Colleen Hutt	Acting Town Clerk

### **OTHERS:**

### **MEDIA:**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Councillor Gary Burroughs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVED.**

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were declared at this time.

**4. DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS**

There were delegations or presentations at this time.

**5. RESPONSE TO DELEGATIONS**

**6. COVID-19 UPDATE**

Marnie Cluckie, Chief Administrative Officer provided the following update for the Committee:

- Province still in Step 3 of Roadmap to Reopen
- As of December 9 90% of Ontarians 12 and over received first dose, 87% with complete series, and 25% of children 5-11 years received first dose
- Omicron variant significant impacting case count
- Province adjusting COVID response
- Proof of vaccination for youth 12-17 years participating in sports
- strongly advising limitation with social gatherings
- Province encouraging employers to continue to allow work from home
- Province put a pause on lifting capacity limited in higher risk settings
- Section 22 permits municipalities to enact by-laws to target specific transmission risks
- December 13th people 50 and over eligible for the booster, January 4th 18 years and old eligible
- Niagara Region stats 79.9% first dose and 75.9% with a complete series
- 17 people currently in Niagara hospitals
- 9% decrease in traffic with 73 parking tickets issued
- Non-compliant STRs decreased by 99%
- Impact of high winds resulted in power outages, downed hydro lines and leaning poles
- Operations crew worked with Hydro to quickly mitigate issues
- Santa around Town was moved to Sunday December 12th
- December 18th Santa coming to Town hosted by NOTL Palliative Care

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

All reports were lifted for discussion.

**CS-21-034      Noise By-law Exemption for the Regional Municipality of Niagara (Region) Niagara Stone Road (Regional Road 55) Reconstruction**

Moved by Councillor Norm Arsenault that the recommendation contained in Corporate Services Report CS-21-034 be approved as follows:

- 1.1 An exemption to Noise Control By-law No. 4588-12, Schedule C - #4 be granted to the Regional Municipality of Niagara, to allow construction to take place from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. for the Niagara Stone Road (Regional Road 55) Reconstruction project between Four Mile Creek Road and East and West Line, scheduled to begin in the spring of 2022.

**APPROVED.**

**OPS-21-030 All-Way Stop Control Investigation - John Street West @ Gate Street & Parking and Traffic Bylaw Amendments**

Moved by Lord Mayor Betty Disero that the recommendations contained in Operation Services Report OPS-21-030 be approved as follows:

- 1.1 Council approve the implementation of the following parking controls along the following streets as shown in Appendix I, attached hereto:

Gate Street

- a) The east and west sides of Gate Street to 15 m north of John Street West.
- b) The east and west sides of Gate Street to 15 m south of John Street West.

John Street West

- a) The north and south sides of John Street West to 15 m west of Gate Street.
- b) The north and south sides of John Street West from Gate Street to Victoria Street.
- c) The north and south sides of John Street West to 15 m east of Victoria Street.

Victoria Street

- a) The east and west sides of Victoria Street to 15 m north of John Street West.
- b) The east and west sides of Victoria Street to 15 m south of John Street West.

- 1.2 The Town Clerk be directed to amend "Schedule C - Parking Prohibitions" of the Traffic and Parking By-law 4308-09 to provide for the above-noted parking prohibitions; and
- 1.3 The Town installs the necessary signage to implement the parking control measures at an estimated cost of \$2,500, to be charged to the Roads Department operating budget sign account.

**APPROVED.**

**OPS-21-031 Policy for Entranceways onto Municipal Roads**

Moved by Councillor Sandra O'Connor that the Operations Service Report OPS-21-031 - Policy for Entrances onto Municipal Road be referred back to staff to review and strengthen the language regarding trees to increase the protection of such trees wording regarding trees and discussion regarding wording take place with staff.

**APPROVED.**

## **8. COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **8.1 Audit & Finance Committee Minutes - November 26 & December 3, 2021**

Moved by Councillor Norm Arsenault that the Audit and Finance Committee Minutes of November 26, 2021 and December 3, 2021 be approved.

**APPROVED.**

## **9. INFORMATION PACKAGES**

### **9.1 December 9, 2021**

The following was lifted for discussion:

Item No. 2 - Information Report - Concession 6 Road

Item No. 8 - Kitchener resolution re Ontario Fire Code

Item No. 9 - Niagara Region - Parking Prohibition By-law

Item No. 10 - St. Catharines resolution re National Childcare Program

Item No. 11 - Niagara Region - 2022 Budget - Waste Management Services

Item No. 15 - Request for Icewine Day Proclamation

Moved by Councillor Sandra O'Connor that Council support the resolution from the City of St. Catharines in regard to the National Childcare Program.

**APPROVED.**

Moved by Lord Mayor Betty Disero that the Iceday Day Proclamation be approved.

**APPROVED.**

Moved by Lord Mayor Betty Disero that the Information Package of December 9, 2021 be received.

**APPROVED, AS AMENDED.**

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion took place regarding:

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

## **ADJOURNMENT: 07:01 PM**

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 December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole General Meeting be adopted.