Report of Regional Councillor

Diana Huson

Overview of Updates

Levy Budget

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*Agencies, Boards and Commissions

	2021	2022	\$ Change	% Change	Levy Impact
Niagara Regional Police Services (NRP)	161.1	168.4	7.3	4.53%	1.80%
Niagara Regional Housing (NRH)	4.1	3.9	-0.2	-5.33%	-0.05%
NPCA	5.9	6.3	0.4	6.78%	0.10%
Court Services	-0.7	-0.9	-0.2	28.57%	-0.05%
Subtotal	170.4	177.7	7.3		1.80%

^{*} If triple majority is successful, we will see a future line item for the Niagara Transit Commission

Regional Departments & Priorities

	2021	2022	\$ Change	% Change	Levy Impact
Departmental Base Budget	234.9	239.9	5	2.15%	1.22%
Capital Financing		3.4	3.4		0.85%
Council Priorities		1.9	1.9		0.48%
Subtotal					2.55%

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Draft Levy

	Levy Impact
Agencies, Boards and Commissions	1.80%
Regional Departments & Council Priorities	2.55%
Subtotal	4.35%
Taxpayer Reserve Fund utilized to offset increase	
*Final Levy Rate	2.87%

^{*}To be ratified at Dec. 16 Council meeting.

Regional Transit Governance Model



- November 25th Meeting (Nearly unanimous support)
- Next steps require:
 - Majority support of local tier municipalities (minimum 7)
 - Majority support must represent a majority of electorate
- Revised model represents:
 - Increased service in rural areas
 - Better connectivity across municipal borders
 - Governance Board with representation of all municipalities
 - Advisory Committee with specific representation of groups

Climate Change Action Plan

- Hiring of Climate Change Specialist to led and develop key climate action plans, projects and initiatives in collaboration with municipalities and NPCA
- Developing a corporate climate change action inventory and team
- Establish a regional climate change working group with stakeholders
- Climate Summit to be held in Q2 2022

Regional Chair's Youth Advisory Panel

- Proposal received by the Niagara Falls Mayors Youth Advisory Committee
- Committee will be comprised of one representative from each municipality plus one Regional Councillor
 - Natalie Anderson, Pelham
- First meeting was held on November 30th

Questions?