

February 25, 2022

LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Invitation – Regional Council Indigenous Education Training Session

Regional Council will be holding a Special Regional Council meeting, by electronic participation, on Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. for an Indigenous Education Training Session for Councillors. Regional Council is extending an invitation for all local area municipal Councils to also take part.

This preliminary education session will provide Councillors with an introduction to core topics and themes important to understanding Indigenous worldviews, the legacies of colonialism and anti-Indigenous racism, and key considerations to create culturally safe programs and services. This will include:

- The importance of land to Indigenous ways of knowing and being
- How colonial and assimilationist policies have impacted land use, Indigenous governance and sought to define Indigeneity
- Current forms of systemic anti-Indigenous racism within the child welfare, criminal justice, housing and health care systems
- Foundational principles of cultural safety to inform work *with* Indigenous communities

Please note that the intention is for this educational and training session to be held in closed session as permitted in accordance with section 239(3.1) of the Municipal Act. Therefore, in order to facilitate this session and to ensure adherence to the closed session meeting provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001, local councils that are interested in having their members attend, are requested to pass the following motions:

That the Council Members of <insert municipality name> **BE PERMITTED** to attend and participate electronically in the Special Regional Council meeting being held on March 31, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to receive indigenous education and training in closed session in accordance with Subsection 239(3.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

That the Council of <insert municipality name> **CONFIRM** that this session is for training and education purposes only and no direction will be issued to staff and no decisions or motions will be made that advance the business or decision-making of the Council of <insert municipality name>;

That the Council of <insert municipality name> **WAIVE** the Rules of Procedure to adopt Niagara Region Procedural By-law 120-2010, as amended, for the purpose and duration of the Special Regional Council meeting being held on March 31, 2022;

That the Council of <insert municipality name> **AUTHORIZE** the delegation of the duties of the Clerk to the Regional Clerk for the purpose and duration of the Special Regional Council meeting in accordance with subsection 228(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001;

That Regional Chair Jim Bradley **BE APPOINTED** as the presiding officer for the purpose and duration of the Special Regional Council meeting; and

That the Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to provide a copy of this resolution to the Regional Clerk so that it may be included as part of the Minutes of the Special Regional Council meeting.

To ensure transparency, it is further suggested that notice of this meeting be included on your website with a link to the Region's website, where the agenda and minutes will be posted.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann-Marie', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk