



**City of Port Colborne**  
**Special Meeting of Council Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** M. Aquilina, Councillor  
M. Bagu, Councillor  
R. Bodner, Councillor  
G. Bruno, Councillor  
F. Danch, Councillor  
D. Elliott, Councillor  
T. Hoyle, Councillor  
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)

**Member(s) Absent:** E. Beauregard, Councillor

**Staff Present:** J. Beaupre, Deputy Clerk  
B. Boles, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer  
G. Long, Director of Development and Government Relations  
C. Madden, City Clerk  
S. Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works

**Others Present:** L. Guerriero, President and CEO Niagara Health  
H. Bassi, Executive Vice-President, Strategy and Communications; Executive Lead, Research and Niagara Health Knowledge Institute; Interim Executive Vice-President, Capital Planning and Redevelopment Niagara Health  
Dr. M. Vandenberg, Family Physician

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor T. Hoyle  
Seconded by Councillor M. Bagu

That the Special Council agenda, dated December 3, 2024, be confirmed, as amended with the addition of the delegations.

Carried

## **3. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

## **4. Presentations**

### **4.1 Partnering for the Future of Healthcare in South Niagara**

Lynn Guerriero, President and CEO from Niagara Health, Harpreet Bassi, Executive Vice-President, Strategy and Communications; Executive Lead, Research and Niagara Health Knowledge Institute; Interim Executive Vice-President, Capital Planning and Redevelopment from Niagara Health and Dr. Matthew Vandenberg, a family physician in Port Colborne, presented to Council on partnering for the future of healthcare in South Niagara.

## **5. Staff Reports**

### **5.1 Port Colborne Hospital Update, 2024-225**

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno  
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Chief Administrative Officer Report 2024-225 be received; and

That Council approve option three, which entails the development of the Port Colborne hospital site to facilitate expanded primary care services, and the \$6.2 million local share contribution to the South Niagara Hospital.

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Corporate Services be directed to negotiate and execute:

- An agreement with Niagara Health to transfer the ownership of the Port Colborne Hospital site to the City for \$2.
- An agreement with Niagara Health to temporarily lease space within the current Port Colborne Hospital site, beginning as soon as possible, until Niagara Health vacates the site.

- An agreement with a primary care team to sublease the space within the current Port Colborne Hospital site to facilitate an expansion of primary care within the community.

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That the following lease agreements be referred back to staff for further negotiation:

- An agreement with Niagara Health to temporarily lease space within the current Port Colborne Hospital site, beginning as soon as possible, until Niagara Health vacates the site; and
- An agreement with a primary care team to sublease the space within the current Port Colborne Hospital site to facilitate an expansion of primary care within the community; and

That the lease agreements be brought before Council for consideration at a special meeting on December 17, 2024.

Carried

Moved by Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That the following motions be deferred until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 28, 2025:

- That Council approve option three, which entails the development of the Port Colborne hospital site to facilitate expanded primary care services, and the \$6.2 million local share contribution to the South Niagara Hospital
- That staff be directed to negotiate an agreement with Niagara Health to transfer the ownership of the Port Colborne Hospital site to the City for \$2.

Carried

**a. Delegations**

- a. Alexander Fazzari - 626 Stanley Street**
- b. Angie Desmarais - 270 Davis Street**

- c. **Barbara Butters - 1152 Weaver Road**
- d. **Melissa Bigford - 173 Chippawa Road**
- e. **Brian Lofthouse - 450 Northland Avenue**
- f. **Anna Maria Crognale - 630 Stanley Street**
- g. **Larry Rosnuk - 62 Fraser Street**

**6. Procedural Motions**

There were no procedural motions.

**7. Closed Session**

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina  
Seconded by Councillor R. Bodner

That Council do now proceed to meet in Closed Session at 9:13 p.m. under:

- Section 239(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, where a closed meeting is held if the subject matter being considered are personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.
- Section 239(2)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, where a closed meeting is held if the subject matter being considered is labour relations or employee negotiations.
- Section 239(2)(f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, where a closed meeting is held if the subject matter being considered is advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

**7.1 Confidential Human Resources (HR) Matter - Verbal Report**

**7.2 Confidential Human Resources (HR) Matter - Verbal Report**

**8. Back to Open Session**

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu  
Seconded by Councillor T. Hoyle

That Council does now rise and reconvene from closed session at 9:55 p.m. without report.

Carried

**9. Disclosures of Interest Arising from Closed Session**

Mayor Steele disclosed a conflict of interest on item 7.1 - Confidential Human Resources (HR) Matter - Verbal Report.

**10. By-laws**

**10.1 By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne**

Moved by Councillor M. Aquilina  
Seconded by Councillor G. Bruno

That the By-law to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne, Dated December 3, 2024, be enacted and passed, as presented.

Carried

**11. Adjournment**

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

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William C. Steele, Mayor

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Charlotte Madden, City Clerk