

RESOLUTION No. 2019-

***RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PANEL***

BY:

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Niagara Falls spends more each year than non-casino revenues are able to cover, by roughly \$10 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, city taxpayers would benefit from a restructuring of government such that non-casino revenues could sustain government services so that casino revenues could be used for infrastructure and economic development, as originally intended; and

**WHEREAS**, the nature of government can make it difficult to identify opportunities for improved efficiency, and even if efficiencies are identified it can be difficult to make such efficiencies known due to the political nature of all government bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, there are individuals who have experience identifying efficiencies in various industries in Niagara Falls and nearby communities, many of whom would volunteer their time and talents to help the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council shall establish a Government Efficiency Panel charged with identifying expense reduction opportunities and efficiencies in operations. This panel shall last through the end of 2019 though may be extended by the Council. There shall be 6 to 10 members of this panel, with the Council appointing three members, one of whom shall be the Council-appointed chair of the panel who, working with the other two Council appointees shall recruit the remainder of the panel which shall be constructed as follows:

- A minimum of 6 members must be from non-government sectors of the economy.
- A minimum of 2 members must be non-residents of the City of Niagara Falls.
- A minimum of 2 members must be from small businesses, defined here as having less than 50 employees (may also include the CPA designee mentioned below.)
- A minimum of 1 member must be a Certified Public Accountant.

Timeline:

- Council shall appoint three members no later than February 20, 2019
- Three appointed members shall recruit other members no later than March 15, 2019
- Panel shall immediately have full access to city government information
- Panel shall present initial findings and recommendations to Council no later than the last Council meeting in July. Further findings and discoveries may be presented to Council throughout the remainder of 2019.

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