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Transparency improved with written report vote

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In an attempt to develop its focus of expanding transparency and accountability - at its Oct. 6 meeting - Grimsby council established a new policy to have reports made to all committees and task forces be included with agendas to "ensure consistent public access" to information.

The motion, brought by Coun. Veronica Charrois, stopped short of demanding all meetings be recorded - which could have solved an issue Coun. Delight Davoli noted has been an ongoing issue with Grimsby's Business Improvement Area board of directors where she said there are no written reports, "only verbal."

"I find it extremely hard - to actually know what happened at the meeting," said Davoli.

Clerk Victoria Steele said written reports have always been preferred over verbal, but with the new policy, "We can remind them and do our best to move away from verbal updates."

Davoli wanted to go a step further

to have written reports mandated to ensure the public has access to details of BIA affairs.

A key clarification with the expanded direction is it only addresses open session reports and it does not include either Grimsby Power Inc. or Niagara Power Inc. reports.

Charrois noted her concern was

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Green thumbs

Lyle and Janet Killins were among the volunteers who turned out in West Lincoln on Saturday morning to help out at Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's Twenty Mile Creek tree planting. This year, 12 such plantings were done across Niagara with about 11,000 trees being planted.

Province announces new hydro review panel

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A new provincial hydro supply panel may make any debate about local distribution companies moot.

On Monday, Minister of Energy and Mines Stephen Lecce announced the launch of the Panel for Utility Leadership and Service Excellence (PULSE) - a strategic advisory group mandated to ensure Ontario's electricity distribution system can power the most competitive economy in the G7.

"Ontario's aging and capacity-constrained distribution system requires a significant infusion of capital, with the Electricity Distribu-

tors Association (EDA) estimating \$103-\$120 billion over the next two decades to maintain existing assets. This level of investment for stronger and smarter power lines, digital grid management tools and new substations, dwarfs the current spending trajectory of most Local Distribution Companies (LDCs)," stated a release from Lecce's ministry.

Grimsby Power Inc. and Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. are LDCs.

The government is also seeking recommendations to end the vast disparity of service standards and connection timelines, including response times follow-

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