

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**PEDC 6-2020  
Wednesday, July 15, 2020  
Council Chamber/Teleconference  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Huson (Committee Chair)

Committee Members Present via Teleconference: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Darte (Committee Vice-Chair), Easton, Fertich, Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Junkin, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Redekop

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: L. Glynn, Technology Support Analyst, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Development Engineering, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk

Staff Present via Teleconference: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, I. Banach, Manager, Long Range Planning, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, S. Norman, Senior Planner, K. Provost, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Huson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

#### 4. **DELEGATIONS**

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Darte

That Liz Benneian **BE PERMITTED** to appear before Committee as a delegate respecting Report PDS 26-2020, concerning Natural Environment Work Program - Phase 4: Identification and Evaluation of Options (Agenda Item 5.1).

**Carried**

There being no objection, the staff presentation respecting Report 26-2020, concerning Natural Environment Work Program - Phase 4: Identification and Evaluation of Options (Agenda Item 5.1) was received prior to the delegation on this matter (Agenda Item 4.1).

Sean Norman, Senior Planner, provided information respecting Report PDS 26-2020 - Natural Environment Work Program - Phase 4: Identification and Evaluation of Options. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project Overview - Natural Environment
- Overview of Phase 4
- Identification, Evaluation and Comparison of Options
- Preliminary Preferred Options
- Next Steps

##### 4.1 Natural Environment Work Program - Phase 4: Identification and Evaluation of Options (Agenda Item 5.1)

###### 4.1.1 Liz Benneian, Resident, Town of Lincoln

Liz Benneian, resident, Town of Lincoln, provided information respecting the Natural Heritage System approach to a Natural Environment Work Program and spoke in support of Option 3C as described in Report PDS 26-2020, respecting Natural Environment Work Program - Phase 4: Identification and Evaluation of Options.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **PDS 26-2020**

Natural Environment Work Program – Phase 4: Identification and Evaluation of Options

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Zalepa

That Report PDS 26-2020, dated July 15, 2020, respecting Natural Environment Work Program - Phase 4: Identification and Evaluation of Options, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to initiate the 2nd point of engagement with the public, stakeholders, and Indigenous groups;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to report back on the 2nd point of engagement, and that based on the incorporation of input received, staff **BE DIRECTED** to make a recommendation for the final preferred options for endorsement by Council; and
3. That Report PDS 26-2020 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Area Municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA).

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Explore 3C as a potential option for the Natural Environment Work Program - Phase 4. Regional Chair Bradley

Provide information respecting the cost of this project to date and projected costs going forward. Councillor Rigby

5.2 PDS 12-2020

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control and Wet Weather Management (WWM) Program – 2020 Funding Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Report PDS 12-2020, dated July 15, 2020, respecting Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control and Wet Weather Management (WWM) Program – 2020 Funding Recommendations, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the twenty-six (26) Local Area Municipal projects under the 2020 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control / Wet Weather Management (WWM) Cost Sharing Program, as identified in Appendix 1 of Report PDS 12-2020, **BE APPROVED** in the amount of \$4,000,000;
2. That the respective partnership funding agreements with the Local Area Municipalities **BE PREPARED** and **EXECUTED** in compliance with the terms and conditions, as outlined in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of Report PDS 12-2020; and
3. That the respective Local Area Municipalities **BE ADVISED** of the results of Regional funding support, as outlined in Appendix 1 of PDS 12-2020.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting combined sewer overflow (CSO) control and storm water to the Public Works Committee. Councillor Rigby.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1 ED 9-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Economic Development

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Correspondence Item ED 9-2020, being a memorandum from V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, dated July 15, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Economic Development, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

6.2 PDS-C 7-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Planning and Development

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Ugolini

That Correspondence Item PDS-C 7-2020, being a memorandum from R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, dated July 15, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Planning and Development, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

6.3 PDS 21-2020

Updated Employment Work Plan for the New Niagara Official Plan

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PDS 21-2020, dated July 15, 2020, respecting Updated Employment Work Plan for the New Niagara Official Plan, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to local municipal Planning Directors and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Correspondence Item PDS 21-2020 **BE DEFERRED** until such time as the City of St. Catharines has completed their Employment Lands Study.

**Carried**

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

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Councillor Huson  
Committee Chair

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Matthew Trennum  
Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk