

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

**COTW 1-2021
Thursday, May 6, 2021
Council Chamber / Video Conference
Regional Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Council Members Present in the Council Chamber:	Bradley (Regional Chair), Foster
Council Members Present via Video Conference:	Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Gale, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Nicholson, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Steele, Ugulini, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen, Zalepa
Absent/Regrets:	Bellows, Junkin
Staff Present in the Council Chamber:	M. Elia, Technology Support Analyst, D. Giles, Acting Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk
Staff Present via Video Conference:	E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, I. Banach, Acting Direction, Community & Long Range Planning, G. Bowie, Planner, T. Harrison, Treasurer/Commissioner, Corporate Services, D. Heyworth, Official Plan Policy Consultant, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure, Planning & Development Engineering, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, S. Norman, Senior Planner, G. Spezza, Director, Economic Development, A. Tikky, Planner, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Others Present via Video Conference:	N. McDonald, President, Meridian Planning, Sal Spitale, Principle - Senior Ecologist, North-South Environmental

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Niagara Official Plan Review

Doug Giles, Acting Director, Planning & Development Services, Isaiah Banach, Acting Director, Community & Long Range Planning, Erik Acs, Manager, Community Planning, Sean Norman, Senior Planner, Community Planning, and David Heyworth, Official Plan Coordinator, provided information respecting Niagara Official Plan Review. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Comprehensive review and timeline
- Growth
 - Trends
 - Housing Trends and Affordability
 - Strategic Growth Areas
 - Implementation Tools
 - Outcomes
- Natural Environment System (NES)
 - Project Overview
 - Consultation Breakdown
 - Options Development and Breakdown
 - Next Steps
 - Recommended NES Option 3B
- Climate Change
 - Modelling
 - Policies
 - Greening Initiative
- Economic Competitiveness & Diversity
 - Aggregates Policy Direction
 - Land Needs Assessment
 - Draft Results Land Need
 - Settlement Area Expansions

Councillor Information Requests(s):

Provide information respecting the comparison of population growth projections for 2031 and 2051 broken down by local area municipality. Councillor Fertich.

Provide information respecting local independence and flexibility, and Regional jurisdiction with respect to Provincial Policy. Councillor Easton.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no consent items for information.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk