

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

**PEDC 4-2019
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Campion, Darte (Committee Vice-Chair), Easton, Greenwood, Heit, Huson (Committee Chair), Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Ugulini, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Bylsma, Diodati, Foster, Sendzik, Zalepa

Other Councillors: Ip

Staff: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, I. Banach, Manager, Long Range Planning, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, D. Giles, Director, Community & Long Range Planning, J. Gilston, Legislative Coordinator, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Development Engineering, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, J. Sinclair, Homelessness Action Plan Advisor, I. Stetic, Water and Wastewater Development Planning Project Manager, A. Tikky, Planner, Planning and Development Services, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, J. Whyte, Development Industry Consultant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Vice-Chair Darte called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m.

2. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Niagara Housing Statement: Affordable Housing Data (Agenda Item 6.2)

Paul Smetanin, President/CEO, Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis, provided information respecting Niagara Housing Statement: Affordable Housing Data. Topics of the presentation included:

- Objectives
- Households and Housing (2016)
- Core Housing Need (2016)
- Core Housing Need and Affordability (2016)
- Key Takeaways

There being no objection, Report PDS 17-2019 (Agenda Item 6.2) was considered at this time.

At this point of the meeting, Councillor Huson assumed the Chair.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.2 PDS 17-2019

Niagara Housing Statement: Affordable Housing Data

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Report PDS 17-2019, dated April 17, 2019, respecting Niagara Housing Statement: Affordable Housing Data, **BE RECEIVED** for information and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 PDS 14-2019

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control and Wet Weather Management (WWM) Program - 2019 Funding Recommendations

Ilija Stetic, Water and Wastewater Development Planning Project Manager, provided information respecting Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control and Wet Weather Management (WWM) Program - 2019 Funding Recommendations. Topics of the presentation included:

- Wet Weather Management/CSO Program
- Defining the Problem
- CSO Control and WWM Policy
- Types of Projects
- Wet Weather Management Committee
- 2019 Recommended Projects

Moved by Councillor Ugolini
Seconded by Councillor Darté

That Report PDS 14-2019, dated April 17, 2019, respecting Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control and Wet Weather Management (WWM) Program – 2019 Funding Recommendations, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2019 Local Area Municipal projects under the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control / Wet Weather Management (WWM) Cost Sharing Program, as identified in Appendix 1 of Report PDS 14-2019, **BE APPROVED** in the amount of \$3,944,230;
2. That Regional staff **PREPARE AND EXECUTE** the respective partnership funding agreements with the Local Area Municipalities for qualifying projects to reflect the terms and conditions set out in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 of Report PDS 14-2019; and
3. That information respecting Regional funding support, as outlined in Appendix 1 of PDS 14-2019, **BE PROVIDED** to the Local Area Municipalities for information.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the responsibilities of Public Works Department and Planning and Development Services to manage and operate the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control and Wet Weather Management (WWM) Program. Councillor Redekop.

5.2 PDS 8-2019

Comments on the Province of Ontario's Draft Environment Plan

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report PDS 8-2019, dated April 17, 2019, respecting Comments on the Province of Ontario's Draft Environment Plan, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1 ED 4-2019

Q1 Economic Development Quarterly Update Report

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report ED 4-2019, dated April 17, 2019, respecting Q1 Economic Development Quarterly Update Report, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.3 PDS 18-2019

Niagara Investment in Culture 2019 Funding Recipients

Committee Chair Huson advised that this item was removed from the agenda and included on the Council Weekly Correspondence Distribution circulated on Friday, April 12, 2019.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Grants and Incentives Programs

Committee members requested clarification regarding the Region's grants and incentives programs and the qualifying criteria for the Region's support of local area municipal Community Improvement Plans (CIPs).

Councillor Redekop advised he would bring forward a motion on this matter respecting the Smarter Niagara Investment Program at the Regional Council meeting being held on April 25, 2019.

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide Niagara Region's qualifications for supporting local area municipal Community Improvement Plans. Councillor Heit.

7.2 Affordable Housing

Councillor Witteveen raised concerns with affordable housing in the region and noted alternative means to providing housing, such as establishing space for modular homes, which should be considered.

At this point of the meeting, Councillor Darte assumed the Chair.

7.3 Roundtable/Forum for Cannabis and Greenhouse Industry

Moved by Councillor Huson
Seconded by Councillor Butters

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a proposal and budget for a facilitated Regional roundtable/forum to discuss regulations, policies and enforcement pertaining to the cannabis production and greenhouse industry which would include Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and Local Area Municipalities; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a report that identifies options, including associated budgets and timelines, for managing the current and future growth of the greenhouse industry in a consistent manner across Niagara including consideration of best practice and relevant federal/provincial regulations.

After debate on the motion, Councillor Huson withdrew Clause 2.

The Committee Vice-Chair called the vote on the motion as follows:

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Carried

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Councillor Huson
Committee Chair

Councillor Darte
Committee Vice-Chair

Jonathan Gilston
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk