

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

PEDC 1-2020

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Council Chamber

Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West

1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Fertich, Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Huson (Committee Chair), Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Darte (Committee Vice-Chair), Easton

Staff: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning, K. Costantini, Planning Analyst, Regional Official Plan, M. Evelyn, Legislative Coordinator, D. Giles, Director, Community & Long Range Planning, D. Heyworth, Official Plan Policy Consultant, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Development Engineering, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, S. Norman, Senior Planner, L. Savage, Senior Planner, Regional Official Plan

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Huson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 PDS 1-2020

New Niagara Official Plan - Public Consultation Summary

David Heyworth, Consultant, Official Plan Policy, Lindsey Savage, Senior Planner, Official Plan, and Karen Costantini, Planning Analyst, Regional Official Plan, provided information respecting New Niagara Official Plan - Public Consultation Summary. Topics of the presentation included:

- Project Timeline
- Public Consultation Formats
- Public Information Centres (PICs) - November 2019
 - Map Where You Live
 - Digital Survey
 - Interactive Boards
- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PDS 1-2020, dated January 15, 2020, respecting New Niagara Official Plan – Public Consultation Summary, **BE RECEIVED** for information and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Carried

6.2 ED 1-2020

Q4 Economic Development Quarterly Update and Annual Strategic Action Plan Report Card

Val Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, provided information respecting Q4 Economic Development Quarterly Update and Annual Strategic Action Plan Report Card. Topics of the presentation included:

- Economic Development Strategic Action Plan 2019-2024
- Regional Council Strategic Priorities 2019-2022
 - Objective 1.1 Economic Growth and Development
 - Objective 1.2 Support Retention and Development of a Skilled Labour Force
 - Objective 1.3 Collaborative Approach to Business Growth and Retention
 - Objective 1.4 Strategically Target Industry Sectors
 - Economic Development Long Term Strategy

Moved by Councillor Ugulini
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report ED 1-2020, dated January 15, 2020, respecting Q4 Economic Development Quarterly Update and Annual Strategic Action Plan Report Card, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That the motion **BE AMENDED** to add the following clause:

That the Director of Economic Development **BE DIRECTED** to engage the lower tier municipal Economic Development offices respecting a ten-year economic development strategy including funding opportunities and resource allocation and provide a report respecting the outcome of this engagement.

Carried

The Chair called the vote on the motion, as amended, as follows:

That Report ED 1-2020, dated January 15, 2020, respecting Q4 Economic Development Quarterly Update and Annual Strategic Action Plan Report Card, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

That the Director of Economic Development **BE DIRECTED** to engage the Lower Tier Municipal Economic Development offices respecting a ten year strategy including funding and resources allocation and provide a report back respecting these discussions.

Carried

6.3 ED-C 1-2020
Tourism Stakeholder Consultation

Moved by Councillor Butters
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Correspondence Item ED-C 1-2020, being a memorandum from V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, dated January 15, 2020, respecting Tourism Stakeholder Consultation, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Port Colborne Aquifer

Councillor Redekop requested information respecting how much the Region has been engaged in the Port Colborne quarry proposal and any action taken as part of the Region's obligations under Provincial policies.

Moved by Councillor Butters
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to consider the highly vulnerable aquifer as an important, vital source of water to our rural residents in Niagara from Wainfleet, through Port Colborne to Fort Erie and ensure specific Official Plan policies are developed to reflect the importance and subsequent protection of this water source.

Carried

7.2 68 Church Street, St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to initiate a review of the potential uses for the property located 68 Church Street in the City of St. Catharines currently operated by Niagara Regional Police 1 District; and

That this review **BE CONDUCTED** in cooperation with the City of St. Catharines.

Carried

7.3 Greenbelt Plan Legislation

Councillor Rigby requested information respecting previously approved developments and if they are subject to the provisions of greenbelt legislation (i.e. grandfathering provisions). Diana Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, advised that she would provide information at a future meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Councillor Huson
Committee Chair

Mark Evely
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk