

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

PEDC 4-2020

Wednesday, May 13, 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, Dart (Committee Vice-Chair), Easton, Fertich, Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Junkin

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: L. Glynn, Technology Support Analyst, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Teleconference: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, I. Banach, Manager, Long Range Planning, M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Development Engineering, K. McCauley, Senior Planner, Secondary Plans, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, A. Morrison, Planner,

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Huson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, and V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, provided comments respecting the COVID-19 pandemic and advised all core and essential services are continuing to be delivered and progress is being made on key initiatives to support economic recovery.

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

5.1 PDS 14-2020

Niagara Region's Employment Area Strategy: Background Report and Recommendations

Isaiah Banach, Manager, Long Range Planning, provided a presentation respecting Niagara Region's Employment Area Strategy: Background Report and Recommendations. Topics of the presentation included:

- Provincial Policy and Context
- Employment Area Strategy
 - Timeline
 - Process and Contents
 - Recommendations
- Next Steps
 - Official Plan Employment Policy Paper
 - ROPA 16
 - New Niagara Official Plan

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Report PDS 14-2020, dated May 13, 2020, respecting Niagara Region's Employment Area Strategy: Background Report and Recommendations, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report PDS 14-2020 **BE ENDORSED**; and
2. That Report PDS 14-2020 **BE CIRCULATED** to the local municipal Planning Directors and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Report PDS 14-2020 **BE DEFERRED** to allow for further public consultation.

Carried

5.2 PDS 15-2020
Draft Glendale District Plan

Kirsten McCauley, Senior Planner, Secondary Plans, provided information respecting Draft Glendale District Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- What is a District Plan?
- Endorsement Process
- Glendale Demonstration Plan
- Key Directions
- District Plan Summary

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Report PDS 15-2020, dated May 13, 2020, respecting Draft Glendale District Plan, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **PROVIDE** a presentation to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to seek endorsement for the Glendale District Plan;
2. That after endorsement has been received by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, staff **PREPARE** a report for the Planning and Economic Development Committee seeking approval for the Glendale District Plan; and
3. That Report PDS 15-2020 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the City of St. Catharines for their information.

Carried

5.3 PDS 20-2020

Housekeeping to Appendix A of the Regional Official Plan

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report PDS 20-2020, dated May 13, 2020, respecting Housekeeping to Appendix A of the Regional Official Plan, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regionally-initiated Official Plan Amendments listed in Appendix A of the Regional Official Plan as 24, 70, 156, 2-2011, ROPA 2, ROPA 4, ROPA 6, ROPA 9, ROPA 12 **BE CLOSED** due to inactivity;
2. That the privately-requested Official Plan Amendments listed in Appendix A of the Regional Official Plan as 52, 55, 68, 96, 124, 165, 166, 4-2008 **BE CLOSED** at the request of the applicants; and
3. That additional Official Plan Amendments listed in Appendix A of the Regional Official Plan as 54, 80, 89, 102, 155, 8-2005 **BE CLOSED** for reasons explained in report PDS 20-2020.

Carried

5.4 ED 5-2020

Economic Development Offices Collaboration

Moved by Councillor Ugolini

Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report ED 5-2020, dated May 13, 2020, respecting Economic Development Offices Collaboration, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That, in the current circumstances, staff **BE DIRECTED** to defer the development of a 10 year Regional Economic Development Strategy in collaboration with the Local Area Municipalities' economic development offices.

The following friendly *amendment* was accepted by the Committee Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion:

1. That, in the current circumstances, staff **BE DIRECTED** to defer the development of a 10 year Regional Economic Development Strategy in collaboration with the Local Area Municipalities' economic development offices *until after an Economic Recovery Strategy is completed*.

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

That Report ED 5-2020, dated May 13, 2020, respecting Economic Development Offices Collaboration, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That, in the current circumstances, staff **BE DIRECTED** to defer the development of a 10 year Regional Economic Development Strategy in collaboration with the Local Area Municipalities' economic development offices until after an Economic Recovery Strategy is completed.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Butters
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

ED 7-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Economic Development

PDS-C 4-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Planning and Development

PDS 22-2020

Implications of the New Provincial Policy Statement, 2020

ED 4-2020

Q1 Economic Development Update

PDS-C 5-2020

A letter from N. DeRuyter, Partner, MHBC, dated May 8, 2020, respecting Kaneff Properties Limited Comments on Draft Glendale District Plan

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other business items.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Councillor Huson
Committee Chair

Mark Evely
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk