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:

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


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 Ugulini

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


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                Matthew Trennum
Committee Chair                 Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk