

Minute Item No. 4.1

Securing a Ramsar Designation for the Niagara River - Canadian Portion (PDS-C 11-2020 - Agenda Item 6.4)

WHEREAS, the Ramsar Convention is a voluntary global treaty, signed in Ramsar, Iran in 1971, that promotes the conservation and wise use of water-based ecosystems, including lakes and rivers;

WHEREAS, a nomination for the Niagara River to become a Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar Site) and the first transboundary Ramsar Site in the America's is being sought by U.S. and Canadian partners in order to recognize the importance of the Niagara River's contribution to the global natural environment;

WHEREAS, a binational steering committee was formed to pursue the nomination, including oversight of the development of nomination documents, engagement plans, and other procedural requirements, as outlined in the Ramsar policy documents for each respective country;

WHEREAS, the designation will not impose any additional regulations on property owners along the Niagara River Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the designation will open up greater opportunities for expanding tourism programming, promote increased public awareness of the River's importance to global biodiversity through research and development, and allow the Niagara River region to further foster cooperation and partnership between the United States and Canada to ensure conservation both within and around the Niagara River Corridor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara **ENDORSE** the nomination of the Niagara River as a Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar Site).

Minute Item No. 5.1

PDS 27-2020

Endorsement of the Glendale District Plan

That Report PDS 27-2020, dated September 9, 2020, respecting Endorsement of the Glendale District Plan, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **ENDORSE** the Glendale District Plan (Appendix 1 to Report PDS 27-2020) as a land use strategy for the future growth, design and development of the Glendale area;
2. That Council **AUTHORIZE** staff to work collaboratively with the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake on the update to the Glendale Secondary Plan;

3. That Council **AUTHORIZE** the ongoing work of the Glendale District Plan Technical Advisory Committee with the mandate to implement the key directions, strategies and recommendations of the District Plan; and
4. That Report PDS 27-2020 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the City of St. Catharines for their information.

Minute Item No. 6.0

CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

That Correspondence Item PDS-C 11-2020, being a memorandum from E. Acs, Manager of Community Planning, dated September 9, 2020, respecting Ramsar Request for Endorsement, **BE RECEIVED** and staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide information respecting the Ramsar designation on the Councillor Weekly Correspondence Distribution.

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

ED 10-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Economic Development

PDS-C 8-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Planning and Development

PDS-C 10-2020

Glendale District Plan

ED 11-2020

Economic Recovery Plan Update

Minute Item No. 6.6

PDS 28-2020

Regional Structure Background Report

That Report PDS 28-2020, dated September 9, 2020, respecting Regional Structure Background Report, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to local municipal Planning Directors and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Minute Item No. 6.7

PDS 29-2020

Settlement Area Boundary Review Program: Growth Plan Forecasts and Land Needs Assessment Update

That Report PDS 29-2020, dated September 9, 2020, respecting Settlement Area Boundary Review Program: Growth Plan Forecasts and Land Needs Assessment Update, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to local municipal Planning Directors and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.