

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

**PEDC 9-2020  
Monday, November 9, 2020  
Council Chamber / Video Conference  
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 Video Conference: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Darte (Committee Vice-Chair), Easton, Fertich, Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugulini, Witteveen, Zalepa

Other Councillors Present via Video Conference: Disero

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Junkin

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: E. Fabiani, Technology Support Analyst, Doug Giles, Acting Commissioner, Planning and Economic Development, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Video Conference: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, K. Ahmad, Manager, Urban Design, I. Banach, Acting Director, Community & Long Range Planning, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning, P. D'Souza, Legal Counsel, D. Heyworth, Official Plan Policy Consultant, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Development Engineering, C. Lampman, Manager, Environmental Planning, B. Landry, Manager, Economic Research and Analysis, K. Provost, Manager, Strategic Economic Development, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, J. van der Laan de Vries, Urban Designer

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**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. **STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT**

At 1:03 p.m. Committee Chair Huson called the Statutory Public Meeting under the *Planning Act* to order and stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with Section 17 of the *Planning Act*.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive comments and answer questions from the public regarding proposed Amendment 17 to the Niagara Region Official Plan (Report PDS 30-2020).

The proposed amendment would add policy direction to ensure that future decisions within the Glendale Study Area are consistent with the vision and direction of the Council-endorsed Glendale District Plan.

The Committee Chair stated that any person present on the video conference, or by phone, who wished to make representation on the proposed amendment would be given an opportunity to do so. She additionally advised that written submissions may be placed on a public agenda and become part of the public record. Personal information will be collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record and may be available to the general public pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*, and any other relevant Acts.

#### 3.1 **Presentations**

##### 3.1.1 Overview of the Application

Kirsten McCauley, Senior Planner, Secondary Plans, provided information respecting Overview of the Application - Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 17: Glendale District Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Glendale Study Area
- Purpose of ROPA 17
- Glendale Key Directions
- Summary of Next Steps

#### 3.2 **Registered Speakers**

There were no registered speakers.

3.3 Reports and Correspondence (For Information Only)

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Zalepa

That Report PDS 30-2020, dated November 9, 2020, respecting Statutory Public Meeting for Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 17 – Glendale District Plan, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and the City of St. Catharines; and

That the following correspondence items **BE RECEIVED** and **REFERRED** to the preparation of the final report on Regional Official Plan Amendment 17:

PDS-C 24-2020

Memorandum from Kirsten McCauley, Senior Planner – Secondary Plans, dated November 9, 2020, respecting Correspondence received for Regional Official Plan Amendment 17 – Glendale District Plan

PDS-C 26-2020

An email from G. Stratford, resident, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, dated November 6, 2020, respecting Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) No. 17 – Glendale District Plan.

**Carried**

3.4 Summary and Next Steps

Kirsten McCauley, Senior Planner, Secondary Plans, advised that any comments received would be considered in the preparation of the final report on Regional Official Plan Amendment 18.

3.5 Adjournment of the Statutory Public Meeting under the *Planning Act*

The Committee Chair declared the Statutory Public Meeting under the *Planning Act* adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

There being no objection, Correspondence Item PDS-C 14-2020 (Agenda Item 7.5), respecting Niagara Biennial Design Awards: Update and Announcement of Award Winners, was considered at this time.

7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7.5 **PDS-C 14-2020**

Niagara Biennial Design Awards: Update and Announcement of Award Winners

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Correspondence Item PDS-C 14-2020, being a memorandum from Julia van der Laan de Vries, Urban Designer, dated November 9, 2020, respecting Niagara Biennial Design Awards - Update and Announcement of Award Winners, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 **PDS 25-2020**

Woodland Conservation By-law, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee

Moved by Councillor Fertich  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report PDS 25-2020, dated November 9, 2020, respecting Woodland Conservation By-law, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **CIRCULATE** a copy of Report PDS 25-2020 and the new Niagara Region Woodland Conservation By-law No. 2020-79 to the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee (APAC); and
2. That the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee **INCLUDE** the Woodland Conservation By-law as a standing item to its quarterly meetings.

**Carried**

**7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7.1 PDS-C 23-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Planning and Development Services

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Ugolini

That Correspondence Item PDS-C 23-2020, being a memorandum from R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, dated November 9, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Planning and Development, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

7.2 ED 14-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Economic Development

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Correspondence Item ED 14-2020, being a memorandum from V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, dated November 9, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Economic Development, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

7.3 ED 16-2020

Niagara Economic Update

Blake Landry, Manager, Reporting and Analysis, provided information respecting Niagara Economic Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Population
- Employment
- Investment in Building Construction
- Building Permit Values
- Business with and without Employees
- Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- International Trade
- Import and Export Growth Rate
- Retail Sales

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Report ED 16-2020, dated November 9, 2020, respecting Niagara Economic Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Agenda Items 7.6 and 7.8 were considered separately.

Moved by Councillor Easton  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

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

ED 15-2020  
Economic Recovery Plan Update 2

PDS-C 27-2020  
Woodlands Conservation By-law Advisory Committee Considerations

**Carried**

**7.6 PDS 32-2020**

Miller's Creek Marina

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PDS 32-2020, dated November 9, 2020, respecting Miller's Creek Marina, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**7.7 PDS-C 25-2020**

Woodland Tree Bylaw and Its Impact on Natural Heritage and Water Resource System Planning

Moved by Councillor Butters  
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Correspondence Item PDS-C 25-2020, being a letter from concerned groups, dated November 3, 2020, respecting Woodland Tree Bylaw and Its Impact on Natural Heritage and Water Resource System Planning, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Ensure the comments respecting natural heritage and water resource system planning outlined in Correspondence Item PDS-C 25-2020 are included in future work on this matter. Councillor Butters.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

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Councillor Huson  
Committee Chair

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Matthew Trennum  
Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk