

Minute Item No. 6.1

PDS 6-2021

Climate Change Work Program Update

That Report PDS 6-2021, dated January 13, 2021, respecting Climate Change Work Program Update, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an update to the Climate Change Work Program for the Niagara Official Plan **BE ENDORSED**;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to initiate research into a greening initiative for Niagara; and
3. That Council **BE INFORMED** of the Commissioner's delegated authority to enter into a contract with the Ontario Climate Consortium to complete climate modeling and projections for Niagara.

Minute Item No. 6.2

PDS 3-2021

Regional Official Plan Amendment 18 and Local Official Plan Amendment 24 – Northwest Welland Urban Boundary Expansion Request

That Report PDS 3-2021, dated January 13, 2021, respecting Regional Official Plan Amendment 18 and Local Official Plan Amendment 24 – Northwest Welland Urban Boundary Expansion Request, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 18 – Northwest Welland Urban Area Boundary Expansion **BE APPROVED** (attached as Appendix 2 to Report PDS 3-2021);
2. That Local Official Plan Amendment No. 24 to the City of Welland Official Plan **BE APPROVED** as modified (Attached as Appendix 3 to Report PDS 3-2021);
3. That all parties **BE NOTIFIED** of Regional Council's decision in accordance with Planning Act, 1990 requirements;
4. That staff **ISSUE** a declaration of final approval for Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 18 and Local Official Plan Amendment No. 24, 20 days after notice of Council's decision has been given, provided that no appeals have been filed against the decision, in accordance with Planning Act, 1990 requirements; and
5. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of Welland.

Minute Item No. 6.3

ED 2-2021

Tourism Adaption and Recovery Fund

That Report ED 2-2021, dated January 13, 2021, respecting Tourism Adaption and Recovery Fund, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Director of Economic Development **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the necessary documentation to provide funding to successful applicants to the Tourism Adaption and Recovery Fund, granted by Fed Dev Ontario, and to administer the program funds.

Minute Item No. 7

Consent Items for Information

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

ED 1-2021

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Economic Development

PDS-C 2-2021

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

PDS-C 3-2021

Treed Areas Estimation in Niagara Region

PDS-C 1-2021

Update on Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) Decision, Regional Official Plan Amendment 3-2013, Hamlet Policies - Settlement of Wellandport/Township of Wainfleet Hamlets Mapping

Minute Item No. 7.3

PDS 4-2021

Niagara Official Plan - Steps and Directions Moving Forward

That Report PDS 4-2021, dated January 13, 2021, respecting Niagara Official Plan – Steps and Directions Moving Forward, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Minute Item No. 8
Economic Development Local Business Event

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has created recessionary pressures on communities across Canada and internationally;

WHEREAS local businesses have been negatively impacted and employment opportunities in Niagara have significantly declined as a direct result of the pandemic, especially with regard to the tourism, accommodation, hospitality, and retail trade sectors;

WHEREAS local businesses have needed to adapt or diversify their web-based presence to support business activities during the pandemic;

WHEREAS research shows that job loss and reduced labour market opportunities can create an economic landscape that can lead to greater self-employment opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Niagara Region Economic Development Department **INITIATE** an event in collaboration with local business support organizations and municipal partners to:

1. Provide an online forum to support and promote online business opportunities to local businesses;
2. Promote local grants and other funding available for business and start up opportunities; and
3. Connect existing businesses or new entrants to municipal partners and business support services.