

**Minute Item No. 6.4**

**PDS 9-2021**

**Review of Options – South Niagara Aquifer**

That Report PDS 9-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Review of Options - South Niagara Aquifer, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of Port Colborne, Town of Fort Erie, City of Welland, Township of Wainfleet, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA), and the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee.

Committee subsequently passed the following motion:

That staff **BE FURTHER DIRECTED** to state within the new Regional Official Plan that groundwater across the Region is an important resource to all Niagara residents and specifically a source of potable drinking water to many rural residents.

**Minute Item No. 5.2**

**ED 4-2021**

**Tourism Adaption and Recovery Fund Budget Adjustment**

That Report ED 4-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Tourism Adaption and Recovery Fund Budget Adjustment, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an operating budget adjustment in the amount of \$2,000,000 gross and \$0 net **BE APPROVED** (and **INITIATED**) for the Niagara Tourism Adaption and Recovery Fund and that the initiative **BE FUNDED** from a Fed Dev Ontario grant.

**Minute Item No. 5.3**

**PDS 13-2021**

**Municipal By-law Enforcement Appointments – Woodland Conservation By-law**

That Report PDS 13-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Municipal By-law Enforcement Appointments - Woodland Conservation By-law, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the following Regional staff **BE APPOINTED** as Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing Niagara Region By-law No. 2020-79, being the Woodland Conservation By-law:
  - Cara Lampman, Manager, Environmental Planning
  - Daniel Root, Regional Forester
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

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**PDS-C 10-2021**

**Motion from Councillor Sendzik respecting Support for the Wine Sector**

1. That Niagara Region **CALLS** on the Province of Ontario to create a level playing field and to provide Ontario's entrepreneurial wine industry with opportunities to invest more into innovation and job creation while providing consumer choice and convenience for the purchase of Ontario wines;
2. That the Province **BE URGED** undertake the following:
  - Eliminate the 6.1% tax applied to VQA (100% Ontario-grown) wines on sales in the 2021 Budget;
  - Enable Ontario wines to offer direct delivery, with margin, to grocery stores;
  - Establish long-term VQA wine support programs at the LCBO that would increase shelf space for VQA wines and;
  - Eliminate import taxes on 100% Ontario VQA wines
  - Continue working towards more equitable inter-provincial trade on wines
3. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to municipalities in Niagara, Prince Edward County and Lake Erie North Shore and to the Premier, Minister of Finance and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Grape Growers of Ontario, Wine Council of Ontario, the local MPs and MPPs.

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**Consent Items for Information**

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

ED 3-2021

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Economic Development

PDS-C 5-2021

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

ED 5-2021

Economic Recovery Plan Update 3

PDS 7-2021

Niagara Official Plan Process and Local Municipality Conformity

PDS-C 8-2021

2021 Public Realm Investment Program Launch

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**PDS 1-2021**

**Natural Environment Work Program – 2<sup>nd</sup> Point of Engagement**

That Report PDS 1-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Natural Environment Work Program - 2nd Point of Engagement, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA).

**Minute Item No. 6.8**

**PDS-C 4-2021**

**Response to Town of Pelham Motion on Cannabis Appeals**

That Correspondence Item PDS-C 4-2021, being a memorandum from P. Busnello, Acting Director, Development Approvals, dated February 17, 2021, respecting Response to Town of Pelham Motion on Cannabis Appeals, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

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**PDS-C 11-2021**

**A letter from Jocelyn Baker, Canadian Co-Chair, and Jajean Rose-Burney, U.S. Co-Chair, Niagara River Ramsar Binational Steering Committee, dated February 12, 2021, respecting Confidential Report PDS 2-2021**

That Correspondence Item PDS-C 11-2021, being a letter from Jocelyn Baker, Canadian Co-Chair, and Jajean Rose-Burney, U.S. Co-Chair, Niagara River Ramsar Binational Steering Committee, dated February 12, 2021, respecting Confidential Report PDS 2-2021, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Minute Item No. 9.1**

**Confidential PDS 2-2021**

**A Matter of Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-Client privilege under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Implications of a Ramsar Designation on the Niagara River**

That Confidential Report PDS 2-2021, dated February 17, 2021, respecting A Matter of Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-Client privilege under s. 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Implications of a Ramsar Designation on the Niagara River, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the Planning and Economic Development Committee **RECOMMEND** that Confidential Report PDS 2-2021 including Appendix 1 authored by Willms & Shier dated January 18, 2021, respecting Implications of a Ramsar Designation on the Niagara River, be released publicly subject to Council approval.