

**Niagara Industrial Association****34 Scott Street West  
St. Catharines, ON L2R 1C9****To:** Office of the Regional Clerk (Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca)**From:** Don Cyr, Chair of the Board, Niagara Industrial Association**Date:** March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**Re:** Niagara Region Planning and Economic Development Committee, Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Agenda  
Item 6.1: PDS 10-2021 Local Official Plan Amendment No. 26 - Employment and Institutional Related Policy Amendments – City of St. Catharines (OPA 26)

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On behalf of the Niagara Industrial Association (NIA) Board of Directors I write in strong support of the recommendations of the Local Official Plan Amendment No. 26 Employment and Institutional Related Policy Amendments, City of St. Catharines (OPA 26).

In particular the NIA has become concerned, in recent years, with respect to the re-designation of employment lands, and/or the encroachment on such lands in the Region. In particular we note and strongly support the element of OPA 26 which:

“..identifies and designates six Employment Areas for the protection of existing Employment Land clusters for long-term provision of Employment Land jobs”

and would be strongly opposed to any change to this aspect of the motion for approval.

We believe that in order to foster a sustainable economy it is important that municipalities and the Region maintain the designation of significant employment lands. The long term economic multipliers from industrial establishment are very significant, providing the opportunity for future sustainable growth.

Don Cyr  
Chair of the Board of Directors  
Niagara Industrial Association

