

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

**PEDC 7-2021  
Wednesday, July 14, 2021  
Council Chamber/Video Conference  
Regional Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber:      Huson (Committee Chair), Witteveen (Committee Vice Chair)

Committee Members Present via Video Conference:      Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Darte, Easton, Fertich, Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugulini

Absent/Regrets:      Bellows, Zalepa

Staff Present in the Council Chamber:      E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, M. Elia, Technology Support Analyst, D. Giles, Acting Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, G. Spezza, Director, Economic Development, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, C. Ventura, Legislative Coordinator

Staff Present via Video Conference:      I. Banach, Acting Director, Community & Long Range Planning, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning, K. Desharnais, Strategic Marketing Manager, S. Dunsmore, Manager, Development Engineering, D. Heyworth, Official Plan Policy Consultant, K. McCauley, Acting Manager, Long Range Planning, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, K. Young, Planner, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

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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.      PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5.1 PDS 29-2021**

Northwest Welland Secondary Plan (OPA 29) – City of Welland

Kirsten McCauley, Acting Manager, Long Range Planning, provided information respecting the Northwest Welland Secondary Plan (OPA 29). Topics of the presentation included:

- Northwest Welland Secondary Plan Area
- Northwest Welland Timeline
- Vision and Objectives
- Northwest Welland Land Use Schedule
- Supporting Technical Studies
- Modifications to Local Official Plan Amendment (LOPA) 29
- Recommendation for LOPA 29

Moved by Councillor Campion  
Seconded by Councillor Ugolini

That Report PDS 29-2021, dated July 14, 2021, respecting Northwest Welland Secondary Plan (OPA 29) – City of Welland, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Local Official Plan Amendment No. 29 to the City of Welland Official Plan (Appendix 1 of Report PDS 29-2021) **BE APPROVED**, as modified;
2. That all parties **BE NOTIFIED** of Regional Council's decision in accordance with *Planning Act, 1990* requirements;
3. That staff **ISSUE** a declaration of final approval for Local Official Plan Amendment No. 29, 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
4. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of Welland, the City of Thorold and the Town of Pelham.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting the natural heritage system mapping of the Northwest Welland Secondary Plan and any supporting documentation.  
Councillor Easton

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**6.1 ED 14-2021**

Economic Development Marketing Update

Katie Desharnais, Manager, Strategic Marketing, provided information on the Economic Development Marketing Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview
- Executed Marketing Campaigns
- Upcoming Marketing Campaigns

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Circulate the articles referred to in the presentation. Councillor Heit

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

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

ED 14-2021

Economic Development Marketing Update

PDS-C 44-2021

Regional Greening Initiative Update

PDS-C 45-2021

Tree Planting at Decew Falls Water Treatment Plant

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting the Region's approach to tree planting on lands owned by Niagara Region as it relates to the Niagara Region Greening Initiative and Government of Canada two billion trees program. Councillor Sendzik

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Rain Barrel Initiative**

Councillor Junkin requested information respecting the discontinuation of the sale of rain barrels to residents that Niagara Region previously offered.

**7.2 New Commissioner of Planning & Development Services**

Committee Chair Huson announced that Michelle Sergi would be starting as the Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, on Monday July 19.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

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Councillor Huson  
Committee Chair

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Chris Ventura  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk