

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

COTW 6-2021

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

**Council Chamber / Video Conference
Regional Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Bradley (Regional Chair), Insinna

Committee Members Present via Video Conference:: Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Jordan, Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Ugulini, Whalen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Gale, Ip, Nicholson, Sendzik, Steele, Villella, Witteveen

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, K. Costantini, Senior Planner, D. Giles, Director, Community and Long Range Planning, S. Guglielmi, Technology Support Analyst, C. Lampman, Manager, Environmental Planning, M. Leckey, Program Financial Specialist, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, S. Norman, Senior Planner, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, K. Smith, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Video Conference: I. Banach, Manager, Long Range Planning, D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, R. Ferron, Deputy Chief, EMS, System Planning, T. Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Corporate Services, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, K. Lutz, Deputy Chief, EMS, Operations, R. McDougall, Commander, EMS Logistics,

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

Moved by Councillor Butters
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That David Samis **BE PERMITTED** to appear as a delegate respecting Niagara Official Plan: Natural Environment System.

Carried

4.1 Niagara Official Plan: Natural Environment System (Report PDS 8-2021 (Agenda Item 5.1))

4.1.1 Mike Kraft, Resident, City of St. Catharines

Mike Kraft, resident, City of St. Catharines, appeared before Committee in support of Natural Environment System (NES) Option 3C.

4.1.2 Liz Benneian, Resident, Town of Lincoln

Liz Benneian, resident, Town of Lincoln, appeared before Committee in support of Natural Environment System (NES) Option 3C.

4.1.3 Annette Gibbons, Resident, Town of Grimsby

Annette Gibbons, resident, Town of Grimsby, appeared before Committee in support of Natural Environment System (NES) Option 3C.

4.1.4 Colleen Kenyon, Resident, Town of Pelham

Colleen Kenyon, resident, Town of Pelham, appeared before Committee in support of Natural Environment System (NES) Option 3C.

4.1.5 Susan Murphy, Resident, Town of Lincoln

Susan Murphy, resident, Town of Lincoln, appeared before Committee in support of Natural Environment System (NES) Option 3C and provided information regarding threatened, endangered and extirpated species.

4.1.6 Ellen Qualls, Resident, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Ellen Qualls, resident, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, appeared before Committee in support of Natural Environment System (NES) Option 3C.

4.1.7 Dahlia Steinberg, Resident, City of St. Catharines

Dahlia Steinberg, resident, City of St. Catharines, appeared before Committee in support of Natural Environment System (NES) Option 3C.

4.1.8 Dr. David Nicholson, Resident, Town of Pelham

Dr. David Nicholson, resident, Town of Pelham, appeared before Committee in support of Natural Environment System (NES) Option 3C.

4.1.9 David Samis, Phelps Homes

David Samis appeared on behalf of the Niagara Home Builders' Association, in support of Natural Environment System (NES) Option 3B as recommended by staff.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 PDS 8-2021

Niagara Official Plan: Natural Environment System

Sean Norman, Senior Planner, provided information respecting Niagara Official Plan: Natural Environment System. Topics of the presentation included:

- Purpose of the Natural Environment System (NES)
- Overview of Natural Environment Consultation
- NES Options Timeline
- Endorsed NES Options
- Difference Between Options 3B and 3C
- Summary of Difference Between Options 3B and 3C
- Relationship Between NES Mapping and Policies
- NES Overlay
- Individual Components
- Key Hydrologic Areas
- Direction Required
- Next Steps and Ongoing Consultation

Moved by Councillor Darte
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Report PDS 8-2021, dated December 1, 2021, respecting Niagara Official Plan: Natural Environment System, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the policies and revised mapping, reflective of local municipal input, for Natural Environment System Option 3C, **BE INCORPORATED** into the consolidated draft of the new Niagara Official Plan for further consultation; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue consultation on the Natural Environment System mapping and policies as part of the overall Official Plan process.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (22): Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Chiocchio, Darte, Disero, Easton, Edgar, Fertich, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood, Heit, Huson, Insinna, Jordan, Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Ugulini, Whalen, Zalepa.

No (0).

Carried

5.2 PHD 3-2021

Niagara EMS Primary Hub – Background and Site Opportunities

Kevin Smith, Chief, Niagara Emergency Medical Services, provided information respecting Niagara EMS Primary Hub - Background and Site Opportunities. Topics of the presentation included:

- Current State
- Decentralized Model
- Risk Assessment
- As it Relates to Our People
- Future Planning
- Timeline
- What is the Hub?
- Community Presence
- Primary Benefits
- Third Party Lease Model
- Hub Model - 3rd Party Lease - Capital Budget Impact
- 30 Year Net Operating Cashflow
- Hub 3rd Party Lease Model - Operating Budget Impact
- Moving Ahead

Moved by Councillor Junkin
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 3-2021, dated December 1, 2021, respecting Niagara EMS Primary Hub – Background and Site Opportunities, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report PHD 3-2021 **BE RECEIVED** as a summary of activities and information concerning the proposed construction of a new facility known as the EMS Primary Hub; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue with exploration of site assessment and partnership opportunities as detailed within Report PHD 3-2021, and provide an update no later than end of Q2 2022.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 COTW-C 16-2021

Niagara Official Plan: Natural Environment System

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Correspondence Item COTW-C 16-2021, being an email from Debra Jackson-Jones, Resident, City of Niagara Falls, dated November 27, 2021, respecting Niagara Official Plan: Natural Environment System, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk