

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

**PEDC 7-2023**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

**Council Chamber - In Person and Electronic Meeting  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bateman, Bradley (Regional Chair) (via Video Conference),  
Campion, Davies (Committee Vice Chair), Foster, Ganann,  
Huson (Committee Chair), Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Seaborn,  
Siscoe, Sorrento (via Video Conference), Steele (via Video  
Conference), Ugulini, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Ip, Jordan, Kaiser, Morocco

Staff: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, K. Costantini, Senior  
Planner, C. Lampman, Manager, Environmental Planning, M.  
Marino, Associate Director, Economic Development, R. Muzzell,  
Manager, Program Financial Support (via Video Conference), S.  
Norman, Senior Planner, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M.  
Robinson, Director, Strategic Transformation Office, D. Root,  
Regional Forester (via Video Conference), M. Sergi,  
Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, G.  
Spezza, Director, Economic Development, J. Spratt, Legislative  
Coordinator, A. Stea, Director, Community & Long Range  
Planning

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Huson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### 3. **PRESENTATIONS**

#### 3.1 **Thorold Peaker Bid**

Shahid Khan, Plant General Manager, Northland Power, provided information respecting the Thorold Peaker Bid. Topics of the presentation included:

- Northland Overview
- Growing Demand for Electricity in Ontario
- The Role of Natural Gas in the Short Term
- Aligning with the Niagara Region Strategic Plan
- Project Benefits
- Planning for the Future of the Niagara Region
- Community Investment
- Community Engagement Planning
- Demand Forecast
- Project Location

### 4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

### 5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### 5.1 **PDS 23-2023**

Citizen Appointments to Sub-committees – Accessibility Advisory Committee, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee and Women’s Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Bateman  
Seconded by Councillor Ganann

That Report PDS 23-2023, dated July 12, 2023, respecting Citizen Appointments to Sub-committees – Accessibility Advisory Committee, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee and Women’s Advisory Committee, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the recommendations contained in Confidential Appendix I to Report PDS 23-2023, **BE APPROVED**, confirming the citizen appointments for the remainder of this term of Council to the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Agricultural Policy and Action Committee and Women’s Advisory Committee.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1 ED 7-2023

Emerging Sectors Research and Analysis

Paul Blais, Sarah Lewis, and Matt Hobbs, Deloitte Canada, provided information respecting the Analysis of Emerging Sectors. Topics of the presentation included:

- Emerging Sector Profiles
- Marine Industries Highlights
- Electric Vehicle and Supply Chain Highlights
- Aerospace Highlights
- Health Care and Life Sciences Highlights
- Sport Tourism and Active Economy Highlights
- Film Sector Highlights

Moved by Councillor Seaborn  
Seconded by Councillor Davies

That Report ED 7-2023, dated July 12, 2023, respecting Emerging Sectors Research and Analysis, **BE RECEIVED**.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Providing information regarding the next steps to the analysis and the alignment with the strategic plan. Councillor Witteveen.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

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

PDS 10-2023  
Strategic Transformation Office – Overview and Priorities

PDS 20-2023  
Niagara Region Seat at the Table Project Report

PDS 21-2023  
Woodland Conservation By-law Annual Report 2022 (and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee)

PDS 22-2023

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement – Natural Heritage Policies (and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities and the Niagara Peninsula Conversation Authority)

PDS-C 30-2023

Eco-Park Initiative Update

PDS-C 31-2023

An email from M. Freeman, Resident, City of Thorold, respecting Proposed Thorold Gas Plant Expansion

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Ganann  
Seconded by Councillor Seaborn

That this Committee **DO NOW MOVE** into Closed Session for the purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature respecting:

A Matter of Litigation Affecting the Municipality under s. 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of West Lincoln OPA 63

**Carried**

Committee resolved into closed session at 2:35 p.m.

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Committee reconvened in open session at 3:02 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

Committee: Bateman, Bradley (Regional Chair) (via Video Conference),  
Campion, Davies (Committee Vice Chair), Foster, Ganann,  
Huson (Committee Chair), Junkin, Rigby, Seaborn, Siscoe,  
Sorrento (via Video Conference), Steele (via Video Conference),  
Ugulini, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Ip, Jordan, Kaiser, Morocco, Redekop

Staff: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, S. Crocco, Legal  
Counsel, J. Federici, Senior Planner, B. Fricke, Senior Planner,  
R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support (via Video  
Conference), A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Sergi,  
Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, J.  
Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, A. Stea, Director, Community &  
Long Range Planning

**9.1 Confidential PDS 15-2023**

A Matter of Litigation Affecting the Municipality under s. 239(2)(e) of the  
Municipal Act, 2001 – Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of West Lincoln OPA  
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Moved by Councillor Bateman  
Seconded by Councillor Campion

That Confidential Report PDS 15-2023, dated July 12, 2023, A Matter of  
Litigation Affecting the Municipality under s. 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act,  
2001 – Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal of West Lincoln OPA 63, **BE  
RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

**Carried**

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the  
Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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Councillor Huson  
Committee Chair

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Jenna Spratt  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk