

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

**PEDC 3-2024**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

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

Committee: Bateman, Bradley (Regional Chair)\*, Champion\*, Davies (Committee Vice Chair), Foster\*, Huson (Committee Chair), Ip, Junkin\*, Kaiser\*, Morocco\*, Redekop\*, Rigby, Seaborn\*, Siscoe, Ugolini, Witteveen

Other Councillors: Craitor\*

Absent/Regrets: Ganann, Jordan, Steele

Staff: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning, D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, S. Dunsmore, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development Engineering, R. Hill, Legislative Assistant, M. Marino, Associate Director, Economic Development, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support\*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Robinson, Director, Strategic Transformation Office, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, G. Spezza, Director, Economic Development, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, A. Stea, Director, Community & Long Range Planning, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer\*, K. Young, Senior Development Planner

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Huson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Committee Chair Huson read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Economic Development Dynamics Implementation

Turab Haider, Senior Manager, BDO Lixar, provided information respecting Economic Development Dynamics Implementation. Topics of the presentation included:

- Introduction to the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system
- Key capabilities
- Timeline and Approach
- Next Steps

**5. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

**7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Ip

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

PDS 6-2024

Development Applications Monitoring Report- 2023 Year End (and **BE CIRCULATED** to Local Area Municipalities, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Home Builders Association, Niagara Industrial Association, local Chambers of Commerce, and School Boards)

PDS 7-2024

Regional Archaeological Management Plan (and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Niagara Parks Commission, and Niagara Escarpment Commission)

PDS-C 11-2024

Inventory of Current Regional Grant and Incentive Programs

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting the budgeted amount allocated to the Regional Archeological Management Plan. Councillor Redekop.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

8.1 Invitations for Groups to Present at Committee

Councillor Bateman enquired about the process regarding inviting groups to speak at future Committee meetings. Michelle Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy and Economic Development, advised she would follow up directly with the Councilor.

8.2 Regional Planning Staff and Bill 23 Implications

Councillor Redekop enquired when information would be provided to Committee regarding the implications of Bill 23 legislation on Regional Planning. Michelle Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, advised that information would be provided to Committee once Bill 23 has been proclaimed and staff have a fulsome understanding of the implications for Planning at the Region.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:39 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

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