

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

PEDC 7-2024

Wednesday, August 14, 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)*, Campion*, Davies (Committee Vice Chair), Foster*, Ganann, Huson (Committee Chair), Morocco*, Redekop*, Rigby, Seaborn*, Siscoe, Steele*, Ugulini, Witteveen

Other Councillors: Sorrento*

Absent/Regrets: Jordan, Junkin, Kaiser

Staff: K. Ahmad, Manager, Urban Design, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning*, D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Acting Commissioner, K. Desharnais, Manager, Strategic Marketing, D. Gibbs, Director, Legal & Court Services*, R. Hill, Legislative Assistant, R. Ivanov, Legal Counsel, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, M. Marino, Acting Director, Economic Development, G. Morello, Landscape Architect, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk*, M. Robinson, Director, Strategic Transformation Office, C. Selig, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, A. Stea, Director, Community & Long Range Planning*, D. Turner, Manager, Strategic Growth Services

* indicates members who participated electronically, all other members participated in person

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

Councillor Morocco declared a conflict with respect to PDS-C 24-2024 respecting Smart Growth Program Extension Request - 75 Ormond Street, Thorold, (Agenda Item 5.1), as they are a business client; therefore, she did not participate in any discussion or vote on this matter.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Smart Growth Program Extension Request - 75 Ormond Street, City of Thorold

5.1.1 Dayna Edwards, Q9 Planning + Design (PDS-C 24-2024)

Dayna Edwards, Q9 Planning + Design, appeared before Committee to provide information respecting the development of the property at 75 Ormond Street in the City of Thorold and requested that Committee consider extending the Smart Growth Incentive Program for a minimum of one year in order to allow for site plan approval to be obtained.

Moved by Councillor Siscoe
Seconded by Councillor Bateman

That the request from Dayna Edwards, Q9 Planning + Design, respecting the Smart Growth Program Extension for 75 Ormond Street, Thorold, **BE REFERRED** to the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 5, 2024.

Carried

5.2 Seniors Housing Options, Niagara-on-the-Lake (PDS 14-2024 Agenda Item 6.1)

5.2.1 Cindy Grant, Niagara-on-the-Lake Seniors Housing Options Group (PDS-C 25-2024)

Cindy Grant, Niagara-on-the-Lake Seniors Housing Options Group, appeared before Committee in support of the Attainable Housing Strategy and discussed the necessity for affordable housing options to meet the needs of the aging population in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 PDS 14-2024

Attainable Housing Strategy

Cheryl Selig, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, provided information respecting Attainable Housing Strategy. Topics of the presentation included:

- The Housing Spectrum
- Attainable Housing
- Niagara's Housing Stats by Unit Type
- Age Distribution of Niagara's Population
- Monthly Cost of Housing and Maximum Affordable Rent Level in Niagara
- Goals
- Actions

Moved by Councillor Davies

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PDS 14-2024, dated August 14, 2024, respecting Attainable Housing Strategy, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report PDS 14-2024 respecting Niagara Region Attainable Housing Strategy **BE ENDORSED**.

Carried

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 ED 10-2024

Niagara Signature Sites

Daniel Turner, Manager, Strategic Growth Services, provided information respecting Niagara Signature Sites. Topics of the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Collaboration
- Key Data and Features
- Tools and Additional Resources
- Detailed Overview of Identified Sites
- Detailed Site Listings
- Engagement
- Prosperous Region
- Effective Region

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Seaborn

That Report ED 10-2024, dated August 14, 2024, respecting Niagara
Signature Sites, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Ugulini
Seconded by Councillor Ganann

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

ED 9-2024
Economic Development Q1 and Q2, 2024 Update
PDS-C 22-2024
2024 Public Realm Investment Program Funding Commitments

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.

Councillor Huson
Committee Chair

Jenna Spratt
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk