

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

PEDC 8-2024

Wednesday, September 11, 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), Ganann*, Huson (Committee Chair), Jordan*, Junkin*, Kaiser*, Morocco, Redekop*, Rigby, Seaborn*, Siscoe, Steele*, Ugulini

Absent/Regrets: Foster, Witteveen

Staff: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, D. Carnegie*, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, F. Chinen, Electric Mobility Industry Specialist, R. Hill, Legislative Assistant, S. Madder, Manager, Corporate Strategy*, M. Marino, Associate Director, Economic Development, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support*, S. Norman, Senior Planner, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works*, 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, 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

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Approval of Regional Official Plan Amendment and Approval of Local Official Plan Amendment, Law Quarry Extension (PDS 23-2024, Agenda Item 6.1)

5.1.1 Caitlin Port, MHBC Planning, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture

Caitlin Port, MHBC Planning, Urban Design and Landscape Architecture, appeared on behalf of Waterford Sand and Gravel, in support of the Regional Official Plan Amendment respecting the proposed Law Quarry extension.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 PDS 23-2024

Recommendation Report – Approval of Regional Official Plan Amendment and Approval of Local Official Plan Amendment, Law Quarry Extension

Sean Norman, Senior Planner, provided information respecting Recommendation Report - Regional Official Plan Amendment Proposed Law Quarry Extension, Township of Wainfleet. Topics of the presentation included:

- Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA)
- Supporting Information
- Timeline of ROPA Application
- Concurrent Applications
- Approval Process
- Joint Agency Review Team (JART) Report
- Consideration of Key Issues
- Policy Review
- Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Report PDS 23-2024, dated September 11, 2024, respecting Recommendation Report – Approval of Regional Official Plan Amendment and Approval of Local Official Plan Amendment, Law Quarry Extension, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Official Plan Amendment, Law Quarry Extension **BE APPROVED** (attached as Appendix 2 to Report PDS 23-2024);
2. That Township of Wainfleet Official Plan Amendment No. 4 **BE APPROVED** (attached as Appendix 3 to Report PDS 23-2024);
3. That all parties **BE NOTIFIED** of Regional Council's decision in accordance with Planning Act requirements;
4. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to inform the Ministry of Natural Resources of the decision of Regional Council, 20 days after notice of Council's decision has been given, provided that no appeals have been filed against the decision, to inform the licencing process under the Aggregate Resources Act; and
5. That Report PDS 23-2024 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Township of Wainfleet and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA).

Carried

6.2 ED 12-2024

Niagara Gateway Application from City of Port Colborne – E-Materials Canada Corporation

Moved by Councillor Davies
Seconded by Councillor Steele

That Report ED 12-2024, dated September 11, 2024, respecting Niagara Gateway Application from City of Port Colborne – E-Materials Canada Corporation, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Gateway CIP Tax Increment Grant Application for E-Materials Canada Corporation **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That notice of the approval decision **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of Port Colborne.

Carried

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 ED 11-2024

Niagara Electric Vehicle Blueprint – EV Sector Development

Daniel Turner, Manager, Strategic Growth Services, provided information respecting Niagara Zero Emissions Vehicle Blueprint. Topics of the presentation included:

- Niagara Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Blueprint
- Background
- FedDev Funding
- Electric Mobility Sector Specialist
- Creating the ZEV Blueprint
 - Supply Chain Development Analysis
 - Workforce Analysis
 - Skills Development Analysis
 - Support Analysis
 - Indigenous Inclusion Analysis
 - Community Coordination Analysis
- Prosperous Region
- Effective Region

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Junkin

That Report ED 11-2024, dated September 11, 2024, respecting Niagara Electric Vehicle Blueprint – EV Sector Development, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Councillor Huson
Committee Chair

Jenna Spratt
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk