

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

**PEDC 5-2025**

**Wednesday, July 9, 2025**

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

Committee: Badawey, Bateman\*, Bradley (Regional Chair)\*, Campion, Ganann, Junkin\*, Kaiser (Committee Vice Chair), Morocco, Olson, Redekop\*, Rigby, Seaborn (Committee Chair), Siscoe\*, Ugolini, Witteveen\*

Absent/Regrets: Foster, Jordan, Steele

Staff: K. Ahmad, Manager, Urban Design, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning\*, K. Costantini, Manager, Growth Management and Analytics, T. Ellis, Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer, R. Hill, Legislative Coordinator, K. Lotimer, Deputy Regional Clerk, M. Marino, Associate Director, Economic Development, D. Morreale, Director, Growth Management & Planning, R. Muzzell, Manager, Program Financial Support\*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk\*, T. Ricketts, Commissioner, Public Works, M. Robinson, Director, Partnerships and Communication, M. Sergi, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, G. Spezza, Director, Economic Development, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer\*

\* indicates participants who attended the meeting electronically, all others participated in person

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Committee Vice Chair Kaiser read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

#### 4. **PRESENTATIONS**

##### 4.1 **Brock University**

Lesley Rigg, President, Brock University, provided a presentation respecting Brock University. Topics of the presentation included:

- History of Brock University
- Number of Alumni
- Economic Impact in Niagara
- Co-op Placements in Niagara
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Institutional Strategic Plan 2025-2030
- Guiding Principles
- Strategic Direction

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

##### 5.1 **PDS 13-2025**

Repeal of By-laws Delegating Planning Application Approvals to Local Area Municipalities

Moved by Councillor Ugulini

Seconded by Councillor Ganann

That Report PDS 13-2025, dated July 9, 2025, respecting Repeal of By-laws Delegating Planning Application Approvals to Local Area Municipalities, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the following By-laws **BE REPEALED** to reflect the changes in the Region's planning authority under the *Planning Act*: By-Law Nos. 124-1999, 186-1999, 187-1999, 188-1999, 185-1999, 180-1999, 189-1999, 181-1999, 184-1999, 179-1999, 183-1999, 182-1999, 2019-70, 8619-97, 8620-97, 8760-97, 8761-97, 8764-97, 8763-97, 8762-97, 8807-97, 8793-97, 8792-97, 8819-97, and 8974-98;
2. That the necessary repealing By-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Regional Council for consideration; and
3. That Report PDS 13-2025 and a final copy of the repealing By-law, **BE CIRCULATED** to Local Area Municipalities.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

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

PDS 12-2025

Niagara Region Growth and Forecasting Report: 2024 Year-End Summary (and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Home Builders Association, Niagara Industrial Association, local Chambers of Commerce and School Boards)

PDS-C 7-2025

Niagara Region Model Urban Design Guidelines

PDS-C 9-2025

2025 Public Realm Investment Program Funding Commitments

PDS-C 8-2025

Brock University Presentation

ED 7-2025

Economic Development Update Q1 and Q2

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Consider consulting with the local area municipalities again to confirm the total residential building permits issued (PDS 12-2025). Councillor Redekop.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

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Councillor Seaborn  
Committee Chair

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Jenna Spratt  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk