

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

**PEDC 8-2019
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bellows, Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Darte (Committee Vice-Chair), Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Huson (Committee Chair), Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Ugulini, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Easton, Sendzik, Zalepa

Staff: I. Banach, Manager, Long Range Planning, B. Brens, Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning, M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, D. Giles, Director, Community & Long Range Planning, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, K. Provost, Economic Development Officer, K. Scholtens, Manager, Business Development Expedited Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Brock University LINC (Agenda Item 5.1)

Gervan Fearon, President and Vice-Chancellor, Mark Robertson, University Librarian, and Meaghan Rusnell, Director, Government and Community Relations, Brock University, provided information respecting Brock University LINC. Topics of the presentation included:

- Strategic Priorities
- Rankin Family Pavilion
- Resources Available
- Benefits and Outcomes
- Funding

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information on the return on investment of the Brock University LINC for reference during the 2020 budget deliberations. Councillor Redekop.

3.2 Niagara Gateway Tourism Information Kiosk

Bruce Timms, West Niagara Tourism Association, and Brian Purdy, General Manager, Niagara Gateway Information Centre, appeared before committee to request funding for signage and maps for the five scenic routes.

Councillor Information Request(s):

Included options for funding signage and maps for the five scenic routes for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process. Regional Chair Bradley.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 ED 9-2019

Brock University LINC

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor Ugulini

That Report ED 9-2019, dated August 7, 2019, respecting Brock University LINC **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the funding request for Brock University's LINC facility **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide options (i.e. installments) for funding of the Brock University LINC. Councillor Ugulini.

5.2 PDS-C 15-2019

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Board Appointments

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Correspondence Item PDS-C 15-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated August 7, 2019, respecting Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Board Appointments **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPOINT** Ken Kawall (Lincoln), Mal Woodhouse (Thorold), Deborah Coon-Petersen (West Lincoln) and Jack Hellinga (Port Colborne) to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board of Directors effective August 17, 2019; and
2. That Regional Council **EXTEND** the current appointment of Councillor Zalepa on the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board of Directors until September 30, 2019 and **APPOINT** William Rapley (Niagara-on-the-Lake) to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board of Directors effective October 1, 2019 in accordance with the recommendation of the Council of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Carried

5.3 PDS 28-2019

Bill 108 - Transition Regulations to the Planning Act and Development Charges Act

Moved by Councillor Witteveen

Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Report PDS 28-2019, dated August 7, 2019, respecting Bill 108 - Transition Regulations to the *Planning Act* and *Development Charges Act* **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue to provide detailed comments on Bill 108 and any associated matters, as needed;
2. That a copy of Report PDS 28-2019 **BE CIRCULATED** to local area municipal Planning Directors and Area Treasurers; and
3. That staff **FURTHER REPORT** to Council with additional information on any legislation changes to Bill 108 and associated regulations that arise after the date of this report.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no consent items for information.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Sports Tourism Update

Councillor Heit requested an update respecting sports tourism. Ron Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the Region is currently consulting with tourism stakeholders.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Councillor Huson
Committee Chair

Mark Evelyn
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk