

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

**PEDC 9-2019**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

**Council Chamber**

**Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Bylsma, Campion, Darté (Committee Vice-Chair), Easton, Foster, Greenwood, Heit, Huson (Committee Chair), Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugolini

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Junkin, Witteveen, Zalepa

Staff: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, I. Banach, Manager, Long Range Planning, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning, M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, D. Giles, Director, Community & Long Range Planning, D. Heyworth, Official Plan Policy Consultant, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, K. McCauley, Senior Planner, Secondary Plans, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, K. Provost, Economic Development Officer, I. Stetic, Project Manager, Water & Wastewater Development Planning

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**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**

There were no presentations.

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 PDS 30-2019

Regional Official Plan Amendment 15 (ROPA 15) - Recommendation Report

Moved by Councillor Foster  
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Report PDS 30-2019, dated September 11, 2019, respecting Regional Official Plan Amendment 15 (ROPA 15) - Recommendation Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 15 - exemption policies **BE APPROVED** (attached as Appendix 1 to Report PDS 30-2019);
2. That all parties **BE NOTIFIED** of Regional Council's decision in accordance with *Planning Act, 1990* requirements;
3. That staff **ISSUE** a declaration of final approval of the Official Plan Amendment 20 days after notice of Council's decision has been given, provided that no appeals have been filed against the decision;
4. That the new exemption by-law **BE APPROVED** (attached as Appendix 3 to Report PDS 30-2019); and
5. That existing By-law 129-2001 and By-law 43-2002 **BE REPEALED**.

**Carried**

5.2 ED 10-2019

Five Scenic Trails Mapping Request

Moved by Councillor Ugulini  
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That Report ED 10-2019, dated September 11, 2019, respecting the Five Scenic Trails Mapping Request, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the funding request of \$50,000 for the design and implementation of the five scenic trails mapping **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

Moved by Councillor Ugolini  
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That the motion **BE AMENDED** to read as follows:

1. That the funding request of \$50,000 for the design and implementation of the five scenic trails mapping **BE REFERRED *with a staff report*** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

**Defeated**

Committee Chair Huson called the vote on the motion as follows:

That Report ED 10-2019, dated September 11, 2019, respecting the Five Scenic Trails Mapping Request, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the funding request of \$50,000 for the design and implementation of the five scenic trails mapping **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

**Defeated**

Moved by Councillor Sendzik  
Seconded by Councillor Campion

That Report ED 10-2019, dated September 11, 2019, respecting the Five Scenic Trails Mapping Request, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

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

PDS 29-2019  
2018 Reserve Water and Wastewater Treatment Capacities  
PDS 33-2019  
Growth Management Program Update for New Official Plan

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Niagara Region's Role in Tourism Sector

Committee members requested information respecting Niagara Region's role in the tourism sector. Valerie Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, advised that she would bring a report to a future Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting.

7.2 Use of Regional Road 20 (Lundy's Lane) as an Alternative Tourism Route in Niagara Region

Committee Chair Huson requested information identifying existing and proposed Regional projects that would contribute to the use of Regional Road 20 as an alternative tourism route within Niagara Region.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

There were no closed session items.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

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Councillor Huson  
Committee Chair

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Mark Evely  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk