

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

PEDC 10-2019

Wednesday, October 9, 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, Greenwood, Heit, Huson (Committee Chair), Junkin, Redekop, Rigby, Sendzik, Ugolini, Witteveen, Zalepa

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Foster

Staff: E. Acs, Manager, Community Planning, I. Banach, Manager, Long Range Planning, P. Busnello, Manager, Development Planning, M. Evelyn, Legislative Coordinator, D. Giles, Director, Community & Long Range Planning, D. Heyworth, Official Plan Policy Consultant, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, P. Lambert, Director, Infrastructure Planning & Development Engineering, D. Morreale, Director, Development Approvals, R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning & Development Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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 **Cannabis Regulation Framework**

Samuel Bouabane, Director of Quality and Regulatory, Cannabis Compliance Inc., provided information respecting Cannabis Regulation Framework. Topics of the presentation included:

- Regulatory Models
- Federal Licenses
 - Types of Cannabis Licenses
 - Cultivation Licenses
 - Processor Licenses
- Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Considerations

At this point in the meeting Committee Vice-Chair Darte assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Huson
Seconded by Councillor Junkin

That Regional Staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to coordinate a facilitated workshop with local municipal stakeholders to discuss operational and land use concerns related to cannabis growing facilities and to identify potential local zoning and by-law regulations to address these concerns; and

That following the workshop a summary report **BE PROVIDED** to Planning and Economic Development Committee for consideration.

Carried

At this point in the meeting Committee Chair Huson assumed the Chair.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1 **Niagara-on-the-Lake Non-conforming Incentive Request (PDS-C 17-2019) (Agenda Item 6.4).**

4.1.1 Denise Horne, Planner II/Heritage Advisor, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Denise Horne, Planner II/Heritage Advisor, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, appeared before Committee to request approval for a non-conforming incentive request for a one time retroactive grant of \$4,565.20 to cover work at 16 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 PDS 31-2019

Proposed Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report PDS 31-2019, dated October 9, 2019, respecting Proposed Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue to provide detailed comments on the Provincial initiatives under the “More Homes, More Choice: Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan”, and any associated matters, as warranted; and
2. That a copy of Report PDS 31-2019 **BE CIRCULATED** to local area municipal Planning Directors.

Carried

5.2 PDS 36-2019

Response to the Town of Grimsby Council’s Resolution Regarding Regional Official Plan Amendment 13 (ROPA 13)

Moved by Councillor Ugolini

Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PDS 36-2019, dated October 9, 2019, respecting Response to the Town of Grimsby Council’s Resolution Regarding Regional Official Plan Amendment 13 (ROPA 13), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Official Plan Amendment 13 – Transportation Policies **BE ADOPTED** under Section 26 of the Planning Act.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Bylsma
Seconded by Councillor Butters

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

PDS 35-2019

Employment Policies Update: Project Initiation Report

ED 11-2019

Q3 Economic Development Quarterly Update

PDS-C 16-2019

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Policy In-year Application

PDS-C 18-2019

Glendale Niagara District Update Plan

Carried

Correspondence item PDS-C 17-2019 was considered separately.

6.4 PDS-C 17-2019

Niagara-on-the-Lake Non-conforming Incentive Request

Moved by Councillor Zalepa
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Correspondence Item PDS-C 17-2019, being a memorandum from R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, dated October 9, 2019, respecting Niagara-on-the-Lake Non-conforming Incentive Request, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Moved by Councillor Zalepa
Seconded by Councillor Bylsma

That the motion **BE AMENDED** to add the following clause:

- 1. That Smarter Niagara Incentive Program (SNIP) funding of \$4,565.20 for one time retroactive grant to cover work at 16 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, BE APPROVED.***

Carried

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

1. That Correspondence Item PDS-C 17-2019, being a memorandum from R. Mostacci, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, dated October 9, 2019, respecting Niagara-on-the-Lake Non-conforming Incentive Request, **BE RECEIVED**; and
2. That Smarter Niagara Incentive Program (SNIP) funding of \$4,565.20 for one time retroactive grant to cover work at 16 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Total Solar Eclipse - April 8, 2024

Councillor Rigby informed Committee of the upcoming total solar eclipse to take place on April 8, 2024. He suggested, given that the Niagara region is considered one of the best viewing areas, that Economic Development staff should consider tourism opportunities for the event.

7.2 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) Thanksgiving Festival

Councillor Bylsma announced NPCA will be hosting its 45th Annual Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival from October 11 to 14, 2019.

7.3 Niagara Official Plan Public Information Centres (PICs)

Councillor Huson informed Committee that the Niagara Region will be hosting four PICs to share key findings from the plans and studies that will inform the new Niagara Official Plan. The dates, times and locations are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Regional Headquarters from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 7, 2019 at Gale Centre Arena, Niagara Falls from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at Livingston Activity Centre, Grimsby from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 14, 2019 at Leisureplex, Fort Erie from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Councillor Huson
Committee Chair

Mark Evely
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk