

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES POLICY TASK FORCE

REPORT 1-2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Regional Development Charges Policy Task Force held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, 2201 St. David's Road, Thorold, Ontario, on Monday, February 6, 2012 commencing at 2:09 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Regional Chair Burroughs; Councillors Augustyn (Chair), Barrick, Greenwood, Marshall, Petrowski, Rigby.

Staff: Messrs. Hutchings, Commissioner Corporate Services; Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning; Weaver, Director, Community and Corporate Planning; Ms. Maddalena, Economist; Ms. Tanner, Associate Director Regional Policy Planning; Ms. Dawn, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Others: Colosimo, Director, Development Services; Cowan, Associate Director Public Works Finance; Lambert, Manager, Engineering, Planning & Development;

Regrets: Councillors Badawey, Joyner

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2012 Development Charges Status Update

Mr. Watson, President, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., provided the Task Force with a presentation on the Development Charges (DC) By-law Update Status Report. The presentation reflected the revised growth forecasts, water and wastewater Masterplans to 2031 and updated 10-year capital forecasts for other services. The results were presented as Options respecting uniform Region-wide charges for water and wastewater versus area-specific charges and new, use-specific charges versus the traditional approach. The presentation represents key input to the DC Background Study proposed for release to the public in early April.

Moved by Councillor Barrick
Seconded by Regional Chair Burroughs

That Mr. Watson's presentation respecting 2012 Development Charges Status Update, be received for information.

Carried.

(A copy of Mr. Watson's presentation is attached to these minutes.)

CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

2. Moved by Regional Chair Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Barrick

That the following minutes and correspondence items be received for information:

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| Minutes | Regional Development Charges Policy Task Force July 7, 2011 |
| RDCPTF 1-2012 | A memorandum from Ms. K. Maddalena, Economist, dated February 6, 2012, respecting Area and Use Specific Development Charge Update & Next Steps. |

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Determine whether funds have been recovered from recent Decew infrastructure upgrades. Councillor Petrowski. (Refer to Minute Item #1.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:16 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Councillor Augustyn
Chair

Natasha L. Dawn
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk