

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
SMARTER NIAGARA STEERING COMMITTEE

REPORT 7-2011

Minutes of a meeting of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 commencing at 5:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Augustyn (Chair), Messrs. Barr, Dr. Gayler, Halverson, Henriques, Looby, Palma, Slepko; Ms. Shipley, Ms. Speck.

Staff: Ms. Tanner, Associate Director Regional Policy Planning; Mr. Dick, Policy Planner; Ms. Landry, Policy Planner; Ms. Dawn, Legislative Assistant.

Quorum

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to eight (8) members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 120-2010.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

73. **The Meaning of "Smart Growth" Worksheet**
SNSC 30-2011

Moved by Mr. Henriques
Seconded by Ms. Shipley

That this Committee recommends to the Integrated Community Planning Committee:

That Report SNSC 30-2011, respecting The Meaning of "Smart Growth" Worksheet, be received;

That the completed worksheets submitted by members of the Committee, be received; and

That Mr. Barr and Mr. Halverson work with staff to create a revised meaning of Smart Growth.

Carried.

Quorum

At this point in the meeting, quorum was achieved.

74. 2012 Smarter Niagara Steering Committee Meeting Schedule Meeting Schedule

Moved by Mr. Henriques
Seconded by Mr. Palma

That the 2012 Smarter Niagara Steering Committee Meeting Schedule, be received and approved.

Carried.

CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

75. Moved by Mr. Barr
Seconded by Mr. Looby

That the Report ICP 97-2011 respecting Review and Update of the *Smarter Niagara* Incentive Programs, be received for information.

Carried.

76. Moved by Mr. Slepko
Seconded by Mr. Henriques

That the following correspondence items be received for information:

SNSC 28-2011 New Urban News (September 2011)

SNSC 29-2011 New Urban News (October/November 2011)

Carried.

77. Moved by Mr. Slepko
Seconded by Ms. Shipley

That correspondence item SNSC 31-2011 respecting Application for Refund of Regional Development Charges, be received for information.

Carried.

78. Moved by Mr. Barr
Seconded by Mr. Slepko

That correspondence item SNSC 32-2011 being an email from Mr. Glenn Barr, SNSC Member, to Councillor Dave Augustyn, dated November 7, 2011, respecting the Draft Regional Council Business Plan for 2012-2015 and the lack of inclusion of a plan to implement Smart Growth policies, be received; and

That this Committee recommends to the Integrated Community Planning Committee:

That Regional Council consider the addition of a strategy to maximize existing infrastructure and a strategy to promote Smart Growth as an economic tool as part of the Draft Regional Council Business Plan for 2012-2015.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

79. Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
October 5, 2011 Minutes

Moved by Mr. Henriques
Seconded by Mr. Looby

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of October 5, 2011, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

80. Traditional Neighbourhood Development (TND)

Mr. Henriques informed the Committee that the State of Massachusetts has a website which explains and provides information on Traditional Neighbourhood Development. Information may be accessed at the following links:

http://www.mass.gov/envir/smart_growth_toolkit/pages/mod-tnd.html

81. Congress for the New Urbanism

Mr. Barr announced that the Congress for the New Urbanism 2012 Conference will be held from May 9 to 12 in West Palm Beach, Florida. He encouraged members of the SNSC attend. More information may be found at www.cnu20.org.

82. Urban Life in Israel

Mr. Slepko informed the Committee that he recently returned from a trip to Israel. He will share his experience with the Committee via correspondence, but noted that it was interesting to witness the changes that have taken place in Israel over the past 20 years.

83. Pelham Community Cultural Planning

Councillor Augustyn announced that the Town of Pelham's Community Cultural Planning exercise has been progressing well. Recently members of Town staff and community groups were able to participate in discussions with Mr. Gord Hume, a former London city councillor and author of three books on municipal government. He is an expert in cultural planning and developing creative communities. The Town received government funding to develop a Cultural Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7:43 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4.

Councillor Augustyn
Chair

Natasha L. Dawn
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk