

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**SMARTER NIAGARA STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 3-2010**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 commencing at 5:10 p.m. in Committee Room #4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Gabriel, (Chair); Mr. Ensslen; Mr. Gayler; Ms. Shipley; Ms. Stewart; Ms. Wiens.

Staff: Mr. Gummo, Associate Director, Regional Policy Planning; Mr. Dick, Planner; Ms. McManus, Legislative Assistant.

Working Group: Mr. Slepko; Ms. German.

Guests: Mr. Chapman, Director of Planning, City of St. Catharines; Mr. Piccioni, President, RCI Consulting

**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 six members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 96-2007.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

20. Moved by Ms. Stewart  
Seconded by Ms. Shipley

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of April 7, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

21. Smarter Niagara Incentives – An Overview of Results

Mr. Brian Dick, Planner provided Committee members with a PowerPoint Presentation showing selective examples of concrete results of the Smarter Niagara Incentives program in action.

He stated that the Regional commitment to the public component of the Smarter Niagara Program has totaled approximately \$1.3 Million in order to support local municipalities in the development of CIPs, public realm improvements, and visualization exercises.

22. Smarter Niagara Incentives – A Municipal Perspective

Mr. Paul Chapman, Director of Planning, City of St. Catharines highlighted for Committee members a municipality's experience with the Smarter Niagara Program.

23. Smarter Niagara Incentives Review

Mr. Luciano P. Piccioni, President RCI Consulting provided Committee members with an overview of some of the noteworthy benefits.

Highlights of benefits were, in part, as follows:

- Reinvestment in the Region's Downtown Cores
- Good quality urban design
- Listing and preservation of structures of heritage significance
- Expansion of housing choice for residents
- Brownfield sites are being actively marketed and continue to merit support

*Hard copies of all presentations and speaking notes (SNSC 16-2010) have been attached to these minutes.*

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

24. Moved by Ms. Wiens  
Seconded by Mr. Gayler

That the following items be received for information:

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| SNSC 13-2010 | Toronto Star article entitled 'Cyclists, walkers rule in Ajax's new plan' (April 19, 2010) |
| SNSC 14-2010 | New Urban News – April / May 2010  |
| SNSC 15-2010 | thestar.com entitled 'How Toronto plans for failure' (May 8, 2010)                         |

Carried.

### **UPDATE – WORKING GROUP**

25. Update – Working Group

Mr. Slepkov, on behalf of the members of the Working Group, advised Committee members that the group continues to meet however do not have any updates as of yet.

### **NEXT MEETING**

26. It was requested that staff look in to whether the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting date can be adjusted, by a week earlier or a week later, in an effort to better accommodate those planning to be away prior to the July 1<sup>st</sup> Stat Holiday.

### **COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS**

Staff was requested to:

- Forward electronic copies of the presentations, along with speaking notes, made this evening to all Smarter Niagara Steering Committee members (Ms. Shipley)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m. This Committee will meet again **“tentatively”** Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4

Robert Gabriel  
Chair

Lisa McManus  
Legislative Assistant