

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
SMARTER NIAGARA STEERING COMMITTEE

REPORT 3-2009

Minutes of a meeting of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 commencing at 5:14 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Gabriel, Chair; Ms. Stewart; Mr. Halverson; Mr. Alexander; Ms. Wiens.

Staff: Mr. Gummo, Associate Director, Comprehensive Community Planning; Ms. McManus, Legislative Assistant.

Working Group: Mr. Slepko.

Quorum

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Co-Chairs determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to five members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 96-2007.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

20. Moved by Ms. Shipley
Seconded by Mr. Halverson

That the minutes of the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting of April 1, 2009, be approved.

Carried.

PRESENTATION

21. **Defining Neighbourhoods in Niagara for Health and Social Service Purposes**

Councillor Gabriel advised Committee members that Ms. Noel unfortunately had to cancel her scheduled presentation due to a family issue; she sent her sincere apologies for the short notice to Committee member.

Councillor Gabriel suggested, Committee members agreed, that the presentation be rescheduled to the June 24, 2009 meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

22. Niagara 2031 – Amendment to the Regional Policy Plan

Moved by Ms. Wiens
Seconded by Ms. Shipley

That the Integrated Community Planning and Public Works Committee be advised;

That the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee supports and endorses the Amendment to the Regional Policy Plan as presented and written.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

23. Moved by Ms. Stewart
Seconded by Mr. Halverson

That the following communications be received for information:

SNSC 16-2009 Articles – The Urbanizer and Reading the Land, The National Post – Saturday, April 4, 2009

SNSC 17-2009 Article – thestar.com respecting “Current planning system a ‘messy democracy’ – April 11, 2009

Carried.

SMARTER NIAGARA EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUP (SNECWG)

24. Ms. Shipley, on behalf of the SNECWG, advised Committee members that due to their commitment to the Smarter Niagara website a formal meeting had not been held; as mentioned at the April 2, 2009 Smarter Niagara Steering Committee meeting, the SNECWG will be better served by continuing their assistance respecting the Smarter Niagara website by providing comments and content.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 5:40 p.m. This Committee will meet again June 24, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4 and the Education and Communication Working Group will meet June 3, 2009.

Robert Gabriel
Chair

Lisa McManus
Legislative Assistant