

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 9-2008**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 commencing at 1:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Smeaton, Rigby Co-Chair(s); Augustyn, Badawey, Baty, Burroughs, Casselman, D'Angela, Gabriel, Henderson, Hodgson, Lepp, Partington, Puttick, Salci, Timms, Trombetta, Zimmerman.

Staff: Messrs. Robson, Acting Commissioner, Planning and Development; Brothers, Commissioner, Public Works; Cousins, Director Transportation Services; Colosimo, Acting Transition Manager; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director Water and Wastewater; Ms. Habermehl, Acting Director, Waste Management; Ms. Pilon, Acting Regional Clerk; Ms. Ricci, Legislative Assistant.

Staff (Other): Councillor Greenwood.

Presenters: Ms. Jean Grandoni; Dr. John Bacher, Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society; Mr. Mike Dickman, Welland River Keepers; Mr. Ted Manning, Niagara Wind Power; Mr. Rick Brady, Urban and Environmental Management.

**PRESENTATIONS**

184. Official Plan Amendment No. 81  
Thundering Waters Community  
City of Niagara Falls

Ms. Grandoni was present to speak to Committee members with respect to PWA 64-2008, Official Plan Amendment No. 81 Thundering Waters Community City of Niagara Falls.

Ms. Grandoni provided Committee members with a letter (PWC 23-2008) requesting that Committee and Regional Council take an overview of proposed forest losses in the three areas proposed for development. She stated that perhaps a bus tour where Council members, along with concerned citizens and citizens of Niagara Falls, could visit the Ramsay Forest, Warren Woods and Northwest Quadrant (Amendment 196 Club Italia, Regency Hotel) as well as adjacent forests to the west of Kalar Road.

In closing Ms. Grandoni requested that this Amendment be refused or deferred until members had the opportunity to tour the areas and have the Secondary Plan completed.

185. Official Plan Amendment No. 81  
Thundering Waters Community  
City of Niagara Falls

Dr. Bacher was present to speak to Committee members with respect to PWA 64-2008, Official Plan Amendment No. 81 Thundering Waters Community City of Niagara Falls.

Dr. Bacher provided Committee members with a letter (PWC 24-2008) which outlined the following reasons why he felt Council should reject Amendment 81:

- Forest is part of similar forest complex as Heartland Forest
- Industrial zoning on site does not mean as of right development potential
- Proposed Wetland moving is dangerous gamble

Dr. Bacher stated that Council should reject Amendment 81 as this would mean the end of the development proposal but ensure that it would be reviewed through the normal workings of an Environmental Impact Statement, as required by both provincial regulations and the Niagara Region's Official Plan.

186. Official Plan Amendment No. 81  
Thundering Waters Community  
City of Niagara Falls

Mr. Dickman was present to speak to Committee members with respect to PWA 64-2008, Official Plan Amendment No. 81 Thundering Waters Community City of Niagara Falls.

Mr. Dickman provided Committee members with a bit of background information; stating that he was a founding member of Ecological and Environment Advisory Committee (EEAC), a professor at Brock University and that most importantly he has had the opportunity to walk through both forests.

Mr. Dickman also highlighted for Committee members details surrounding “Fairy Shrimp” their evolution and the distinction between Provincially Significant and Carolinian Significant and their importance.

187. Official Plan Amendment No. 81  
Thundering Waters Community  
City of Niagara Falls

Mr. Brady was present to speak to Committee members with respect to PWA 64-2008, Official Plan Amendment No. 81 Thundering Waters Community City of Niagara Falls.

Mr. Brady stated that he was a planning consultant with Urban & Environmental Management Inc. and the lead planning consultant for this developer.

Highlights of the presentations were, in part, as follows:

- History on proponents previous developments
- Urban boundaries
- Brownfield and Greenfield
- Amendment will allow for the redesignation of lands from industrial and open space to residential and Environmental Protection Area
- Pools and Pin Oak community is within the northern protected area of this property
- Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) analysis provided 3 months ago
- Client has ensured that issues have been addressed (over and above what is expected)
- If the area is not zoned now Niagara Falls will run out of residential area
- Secondary Plan will have to go through NPCA/Municipal Council/Regional Council

In closing Mr. Brady stated that Report PWA 64-2008 clearly states “no development can proceed on the subject lands until a Secondary Plan has been completed which will provide clearer direction on land use and development requirements for the area” and that the proposal is generally consistent with Provincial and Regional plans and policies.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

188. Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the aforementioned presentations from Ms. Grandoni, Dr. Bacher, Mr. Dickman and Mr. Rick Brady be referred to Report PWA 64-2008 respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 81 Thundering Waters Community City of Niagara Falls.

Carried.

189. Wind Energy Policies - Revised  
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 5-2007

Mr. Manning was present to speak to Committee members with respect to DPD 13-2008 Wind Energy Policies – Revised, Regional Policy Plan Amendment 5-2007.

Highlights of Mr. Manning's presentation were, in part, as follows:

- Definition 8.E.1.1.2 (Micro Scale) needs to be clearer
- Definition 8.E.1.1.3. (Small Scale) reads more "large" than "small"
- Concern respecting height divisions
- Site plan control; Niagara navigator provides a clearer picture
- Small / Micro (one mentions power, one doesn't) please be consistent on the divisions so its clear where the boundaries exist
- Section 8.E.2.4.1 (Local Official Plan & Zoning By-law Provisions) no reports or calculations available (shadow flick, blade glint, ice throw)

In closing Mr. Manning stated that he felt that the policy was discouraging the implementation of Wind Energy and that it will cost so much that the proponents won't want to do it.

Councillor Timms requested that details and comments surrounding Section 8.E.2.4.1. (Local Official Plan & Zoning By-law Provisions) specifically, shadow flick, blade glint and ice throw be forwarded to Committee members.

190. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the aforementioned presentation from Mr. Ted Manning be referred to Report DPD 13-2008 respecting Wind Energy Policies – Revised Regional Policy Plan Amendment 5-2007.

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

191. Role of Niagara Region in Preparing the Terms of Reference  
For the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area  
**DPD 26-2008/PWA 62-2008**

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report DPD 26-2008/PWA 62-2008, June 25, 2008 respecting, Role of Niagara Region in Preparing the Terms of Reference For the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area, be received;

That the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee be advised that Niagara Region agrees to undertake the following tasks, subject to available provincial funding, in order to assist with preparation of the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan under the *Clean Water Act*, 2006;

- In the context of the Assessment Report, complete the surface water vulnerability analysis for the Region's water treatment plants to:
  - o delineate and apply vulnerability scores to the Intake Protection Zones (IPZs)
  - o identify issues, inventory threats and assess hazards in the IPZs
  - o assess risk in the IPZs
  
- In the context of the Source Protection Plan, relative to the identified Intake Protection Zones around the Region's raw water intakes, develop policies to:
  - o address drinking water threats, including applying appropriate protection-oriented land use policies
  - o monitor drinking water threats and issues
  - o assist in achieving Great Lakes targets and determine their effectiveness

That subject to determining the appropriate source and level of funding, the Region's responsibility for assuming the role of lead organization in completing these specific tasks be reflected in a revised Terms of Reference for the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan for the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area;

That the Source Protection Committee for the Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Area be so advised; and

That a copy of this report be shared with the Local Area Municipalities.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Zimmerman declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to DPD 8-2008 respecting Farm Severance Policy Regional Policy Plan Amendment 6-2005 as she is associated with the Farm Association, and she therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

192. Farm Severance Policy  
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 6-2005  
**DPD 8-2008**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report DPD 8-2008, June 25, 2008 respecting, Farm Severance Policy Regional Policy Plan Amendment 6-2005, be received;

That the “deferred decision” on Policy 6.A.9.1(b) in Regional Policy Plan Amendment 6-2005 with respect to the Region’s farm severance policy be removed;

That the following new Policy 6.A.9.1.(b) be adopted for farm severance in “Good General Agricultural Areas”; and

*The consent is for a farm operation supported through a farm business plan and provided that the resulting parcels are both for agricultural use and the size of the resulting farm parcels:*

- (i) is appropriate for the farming activities proposed,*
- (ii) is suited to the particular location and common in the area,*  
*and*
- (iii) provides some flexibility for changes in the agricultural operation*

*The foregoing includes small lot severances for greenhouses and other intensive forms of agriculture subject to the condition that any new dwellings on the property are allowed only after the greenhouse and other farm buildings have been constructed or substantially completed. It is important that small lot severances for intensive agricultural uses such as greenhouse operations be of a sufficient size so that these uses have ample room for future expansion.*

That notice of Council's decision be circulated to all local municipalities and others with an interest in this matter, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in accordance with Planning Act requirements.

Carried.

193. Wind Energy Policies – Revised  
Regional Policy Plan Amendment 5-2007  
**DPD 13-2008**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report DPD 13-2008, June 25, 2008 respecting, Wind Energy Policies – Revised Regional Policy Plan Amendment 5-2007, be referred to staff in an effort to allow the inclusion of tours and further consultation with public.

Carried.

194. Official Plan Amendment No. 36  
Wind Energy Systems  
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
**DPD 28-2008**

Moved by Councillor Lepp  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report DPD 28-2008, June 25, 2008, Official Plan Amendment No. 36 Wind Energy Systems Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be deferred and dealt with at a future meeting of the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting.

Carried.

195. Exemption to the Tree and Forest Conservation By-Law  
Georgia-Pacific Canada Inc.  
319 Allanburg Road  
City of Thorold
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**DPD 29-2008**

Moved by Councillor D'Angela  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That Report DPD 29-2008, June 25, 2008, Exemption to the Tree and Forest Conservation By-Law Georgia-Pacific Canada Inc. 319 Allanburg Road City of Thorold, be received **as amended**;

That an exemption to the Tree and Forest Conservation By-law be approved permitting Georgia-Pacific Canada, Inc. to clear woodland on Part Lot 48, City of Thorold subject to the following conditions;

- a) That the exemption apply only to the areas identified as "Proposed Clearing Area" on Figure 1.
- b) ***That the long term health and survival of the butternut trees identified on Figure 1 not be adversely affected unless such effects result from actions permitted pursuant to the Endangered Species Act.***
- c) That a woodland restoration plan be carried out in accordance with the conditions set out in Appendix 1.
- d) That the area to be restored pursuant to the plan shall consist of the areas identified as "Proposed Regenerative Bank Restoration", "Proposed Band Rehabilitation" and "Proposed Upland Restoration" on Figure R-1 in Appendix 1.
- e) That the replanting of trees and associated restoration measures set out in the woodland restoration plan shall be completed by May 31, 2009.
- f) That the restored woodland areas shall be inspected and monitored by Georgia-Pacific at least twice a year following the first full growing season after completion of the replanting and associated restoration measures and shall continue for two full growing seasons. The inspections shall be carried out in the spring and late summer and shall assess the success of the restoration plan and identify any actions needed to meet the criteria set out in the plan.
- g) That trees found through the above monitoring to be dead or in poor health shall be replaced with trees of a similar size and species to the extent necessary to maintain a ninety (90) per cent survival rate.

- h) That Georgia-Pacific Canada, Inc. shall submit an Annual Monitoring and Adaptive Management Report to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

That upon approval, this report be forwarded to Georgia-Pacific Canada, Inc. and the City of Thorold for information and that the report be shared with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority as the Authority will be responsible for administering this exemption following transfer of the Tree and Forest Conservation By-law on August 1, 2008.

Carried.

196. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report PWA 64-2008, June 25, 2008, respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 81 Thundering Waters Community City of Niagara Falls, be brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Carried.

197. Official Plan Amendment No. 81  
Thundering Waters Community  
City of Niagara Falls  
**PWA 64-2008**

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report PWA 64-2008, June 25, 2008 respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 81 Thundering Waters Community City of Niagara Falls, be received.

That Amendment No. 81 to the City of Niagara Falls Official Plan be approved;

That all parties be notified of Regional Council's decision on this application in accordance with Provincial regulations; and

That staff issue a notice of final decision for the Amendment 20 days after notice of Council's decision has been given provided that no appeals have been lodged against the decision.

Carried.

198. 2008 Proposed Local Food Action Plan Work Program  
(Ref: DPD 33-2008 respecting Initiation report)  
**DPD 30-2008**

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report DPD 30-2008, June 25, 2008, 2008 Proposed Local Food Action Plan Work Program (Ref: DPD 33-2008 respecting Initiation report), be received; and

That Council endorse the proposed Local Food Action Plan Work Program.

Carried.

199. Initiation of 2008 Local Food Action Plan Work Program  
**DPD 33-2008**

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report DPD 33-2008, June 25, 2008, Initiation of 2008 Local Food Action Plan Work Program, be received; and

That up to \$50,000 be allocated from the 2008 Planning Department Special Projects Fund for carrying out the Local food Action Plan Work Program.

Carried.

200. Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2006  
Urban Area Modifications  
Town of Fort Erie  
Removal of Deferred Decision for  
High Pointe Subdivision Lands  
**DPD 31-2008**

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report DPD 31-2008, June 25, 2008, respecting Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2006 Urban Area Modifications Town of Fort Erie Removal of Deferred Decision for High Pointe Subdivision Lands; be received

That the "Deferred Decision" by Council on a portion of Part 3 of Regional Policy Plan Amendment 4-2006 involving a modification to the Fort Erie Urban Area for the High Pointe subdivision lands be lifted;

That the lands shown on Schedule 'A' (attached as Appendix 1), representing a minor boundary modification for the High Pointe Subdivision lands, be designated "Urban Area"; and

That notice of the decision by Council be circulated to the Town of Fort Erie, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the property owner, and abutting property owners in accordance with Planning Act requirements.

Carried.

201. Initiation of Agricultural Value-Added  
Activities Study  
**DPD 32-2008**

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report DPD 33-2008, June 25, 2008, respecting Initiation of Agricultural Value-Added Activities Study; be received

That approval be given to fund the preparation of an Agricultural Value Added Activities Study in the amount of \$40,000 from the 2008 Planning Department Budget.

Carried.

202. Nomination of the International Joint Commission for a  
Stockholm Water Prize  
**DPD 34-2008**

Moved by Councillor Gabriel  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That this Committee recommend the following resolution be recommended to Regional Council that Report DPD 34-2008, June 25, 2008 respecting Nomination of the International Joint Commission for a Stockholm Water Prize; be received, and

Whereas the International Joint Commission (IJC) has existed to oversee the implementation of the Boundary Waters Treaty (1990) between Canada and the U.S.; and

Whereas, the Boundary Waters Treaty will celebrate 100 years of continuous force and effect governing water resource management along the Canada-U.S. border; and

Whereas, the Stockholm Water Prize suitability recognizes institutions (among others) for outstanding water-related activities; and

Whereas, the IJC represents a model of governance for international water stewardship goals; and

Now, therefore be it resolved

That Council take the lead in nominating the International Joint Commission for the 2009 Stockholm Water Prize and take steps to secure endorsement from other relevant actors for the nomination of the International Joint Committee, i.e., the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and local municipalities on both sides of the border.

Carried.

203. Initiation of Wastewater Capital Projects  
**PWA 63-2008/CSD 85-2008**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report PWA 63-2008/CSD 85-2008 respecting Initiation of Wastewater Capital projects, be received.

That financing be approved in the amount of \$25,000,000 gross and net as approved in the 2008 Wastewater Capital Budget and consisting of \$24,000,000 long term financing (1-20 years) and \$1,000,000 Development Reserve Fund for Project ZSW0006 Baker Road WWTP Phase 3 Upgrade in the Town of Grimsby.

That Wastewater Reserve Fund financing be approved in the amount of \$2,200,000 gross and net as approved in the 2006 Wastewater Capital Budget for Project ZSW0007, Port Weller WWTP Phase 2 Upgrade in the City of St. Catharines.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 63-2008/CSD 85-2008 can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

204. 2008 Roads Rehabilitation Program  
**PWA 68-2008/CSD 84-2008**

Moved by Councillor Augustyn  
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PWA 68-2008/CSD 84-2008, June 25, 2008 respecting 2008 Roads Rehabilitation Program, be received.

That approval be given to transfer long term financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$800,000 from Project ZRC0801 Roads Rehabilitation Program to Project ZRC0641, Reconstruction of Garrison Road, Central Avenue to Concession Road, in the Town of Fort Erie.

That approval be given to increase the gross budget for Project ZRC0801, Road Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$228,300 to reflect the cost sharing with the City of Welland.

That costs associated with overlaying Regional Road 54 (Rice Road), Quaker Road and Towpath Road estimated at \$486,000 be charged to Capital Works Program ZSW0209, Gravity Sewer Rice Road, Hurricane Road and Quaker Road.

That costs associated with installing tower lighting on the Main Street Bridge estimated at \$31,560 be charged to account number RC0219 Rehabilitation of Structure No. 027225, East Main Street Bridge over the abandoned Welland Canal.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the necessary bylaws are presented to Regional Council on July 3, 2008.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWA 68-2008/CSD 84-2008 can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

205. Drinking Water Quality Management Standard Quarterly Update  
**PWA 65-2008**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PWA 65-2008, June 25, 2008 respecting Drinking Water Quality Management Standard Quarterly Update, be received; and

That the Quality Management System Policy, be approved.

Carried.

206. Load Capacity Evaluation for  
Burgoyne Bridge, (Structure No. 081220)  
Which Carries Regional Road 81 (St. Paul Street)  
Over Twelve Mile Creek and Highway 406  
In the City of St. Catharines  
**PWA 66-2008**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PWA 66-2008, June 25, 2008 respecting Load Capacity Evaluation for Burgoyne Bridge, (Structure No. 081220) Which Carries Regional Road 81 (St. Paul Street) Over Twelve Mile Creek and Highway 406 In the City of St. Catharines, be received **as amended**;

That the **Executive Summary respecting the "Bridge Load Capacity Evaluation Report for Burgoyne Bridge (Structure No. 081220)"**, prepared by Ellis Engineering Inc. dated April 2008, be received;

That a load limit posting of 49, 35, and 20 tonnes be posted, using a triple posting sign, for Burgoyne Bridge (Structure No. 081220), which carried Regional Road 81 (St. Paul Street), over Twelve Mile Creek and Highway 406, in the City of St. Catharines; and

That the Regional Clerk be requested to ensure the necessary by-laws are presented to Council on July 3, 2008.

Carried.

**MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION**

207. Ecological and Environment Advisory Committee  
**5-2008**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the Minutes of the Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee, May 22 2008, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

208. Culture Committee Minutes  
**3-2008**

Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That the Minutes of the Culture Committee, April 28, 2008, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

209. Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee  
**4-2008**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That the Minutes of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee, June 4, 2008, be received for information and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

210. Waste Management Planning Steering Committee  
**3-2008**

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee, April 15, 2008, be received for information and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

211. Regional Policy Plan Amendment 2-2008  
Proposed Complete Application Policies

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2008  
Open House: 6:00 p.m.  
Public Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Regional Council Chambers

Councillors: Casselman, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

212. Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Augustyn

That the following reports be received for information:

PWP 26-2008 Project Activity Report  
Transportation Services

PWP 27-2008 Project Activity Report  
Water & Wastewater Services

PWP 28-2008/  
PHD 30-2008 Transfer of the Administration of the Ontario Building  
Code Part 8 (Sewage Systems) Program to the  
Development Services Division of the Public Works  
Department

PWP 29-2008 Green Bin Relaunch - Update

PWP 31-2008 Forecast and Year-End Results and Budget to Actual  
Comparison for the Month Ended March 31, 2008

Carried.

(Please note that Report PWP 28-2008/PHD 30-2008 can be found behind the  
JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

213. Moved by Councillor Badawey  
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the following correspondence items be received for information:

- PD 10-2008           Memo from Alan Gummo re Update of DPD 3-2004 Smarter Niagara Incentives Program Funding for CIPs And Local Municipal Planning Initiatives
- PWC 15-2008           Letter (dated May 30, 2008) from the Niagara Region Public Works Transportation Services to Mr. Mark Shoalts respecting Environmental Assessment Study O'Reilly's Bridge Replacement In the Township of Wainfleet and Town of Pelham.
- PWC 16-2008           Letter (dated May 30, 2008) from Dr. John Bacher to David Farley respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 81 Niagara Falls Official Plan (PWA 64-2008).
- PWC 19-2008           Letter (dated June 16, 2008) from Morrison Hershfield to Mr. Eric Flora respecting Notice of Design and Construction Report (DCR) Addendum QEW Widening from Highway 406 to the Garden City Skyway City of St. Catharines, Region of Niagara Ministry of Transportation G.W.P. 607-00-00
- PWC 20-2008           Letter (dated June 11, 2008) from Joyce Sankey, Chair of Land Issues Committee Niagara Falls Nature Club to Peter Colosimo respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 81 City File: AM-28/2006 – Thundering Waters Developments Inc.
- PWC 21-2008           Letter (dated May 28, 2008) from Tony Whelan, Chairman Welland River Keepers to Patrick Robson respecting Official Plan Amendment 81 for the City of Niagara Falls
- PWC 22-2008           Letter (dated March 31, 2008-received June 20, 2008) from Jean Grandoni regarding AM-28/2006 Official Plan Amendment Application of Conversion of Lands from Industrial and Open Space to Residential and Environmental Protect Area – Applicant: Thundering Waters Developments Corporation

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

214. Intersection – Mellanby Avenue at Killaly Street West adjacent to Bridge 19A  
City of Port Colbourne
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Councillor Badawey requested that staff address the “signalization” at the intersection of Mellanby Avenue at Killaly Street West adjacent to Bridge 19A (intersection on the other side of the canal at this location is Mellanby Avenue at Welland Street) as traffic always seems to be backed up.

Mr. Cousins advised Councillor Badawey that he would follow up.

215. Council Procedure – Other Business

Councillor Rigby offered his apologies for his mistaken view, at the June 12, 2008 Council meeting, that personal announcements were not valid items to be discussed under Other Business.

**CLOSED SESSION**

216. Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor D’Angela

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to matters concerning security of property of the municipality and litigation and proposed acquisitions of land.

Carried.

217. A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality  
City of Thorold  
**Confidential PWA 67-2008/CSD 88-2008**
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Moved by Councillor D’Angela  
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That Confidential Report PWA 67-2008/CSD 88-2008, June 25, 2008, respecting A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality City of Thorold, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

218. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

### **COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS**

Staff was requested to:

- Forward comments respecting clarification of NPCA conditions (Refer to Minute Item #187) (Councillor Casselman)
- Forward to Council members the notice of Public Open Houses respecting Level of Service – Waste Management (Refer to Minute Item #212) (Councillor Casselman)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:35 p.m., to meet again on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Councillor Smeaton  
Co-Chair

Councillor Rigby  
Co-Chair

Janet Pilon  
Acting Regional Clerk

Lisa Ricci  
Legislative Assistant