

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

REPORT 6-2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Integrated Community Planning Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 commencing at 2:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Smeaton, Chair; Badaway; Baty; Casselman; D'Angela; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Henderson; Hodgson; Marshall; McMullan; Rigby; Salci; Timms; Trombetta.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning; Weaver, Director, Community & Corporate Planning; Bain, Regional Clerk; Ms. McManus, Legislative Assistant.

Other: Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Flora, Associate Director, Transportation Systems; Bergen; Transportation Planning Technologist; Sherman, Planning Technician; Dick; Planner; Ms. Papaiz, Associate Director Corporate Communications; Ms. Enns, Planner; Ms. Swigger, Co-op Student, Clerks Division.

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

PRESENTATIONS

84. **Findings of the Natural Areas Inventory 2006 - 2009**

At this point in the meeting Quorum was achieved

Ms. Deanna Lindblad, Natural Areas Inventory Project Coordinator provided Committee members with a presentation respecting the Findings of the Natural Areas Inventory 2006 - 2009

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Ms. Lindblad's Presentation respecting the Findings of the Natural Areas Inventory 2006 - 2009, be received for information.

Carried.

(A copy of Ms. Lindblad's Presentation has been attached to these minutes)

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

85. Implementation of *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program
Local and Regional Partnerships
City of St. Catharines
Strategic Vision for the Downtown – Expanded Downtown
Visualization Project

ICP 22-2010

Mr. Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning provided Committee members with an overview of the Visualization Project; one of a number of key initiatives being undertaken by the City as it develops a strategic vision for the Downtown area in the City of St. Catharines.

Mr. Sherman, Planning Technician, in turn, provided Committee members with a live visual software demonstration, which provided members with the ability to peer in to the future to see how Downtown St. Catharines may evolve over time

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report ICP 22-2010, May 5, 2010 respecting Implementation of *Smarter Niagara* Incentives Program Local and Regional Partnerships City of St. Catharines Strategic Vision for the Downtown – Expanded Downtown Visualization Project, be received;

That the extension of the Downtown Visualization project for the City of St. Catharines be supported, and that staff participation on a project steering committee and matching funding at the level up to \$60,113 be approved subject to the City acknowledging the Regional partnership in all related project communications; and

That a copy of this report be sent to all local municipalities for information.

Carried.

86. Performance Indicators to Monitor the Niagara 2031
Growth Management Strategy Implementation
ICP 23-2010

Moved by Councillor Badawey
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report ICP 23-2010, May 5, 2010 respecting Performance Indicators to Monitor the Niagara 2031 Growth Management Strategy Implementation, be received;

That this Committee recommend that Council endorse the proposed preliminary indicators to monitor the implementation of the Niagara 2031 growth management strategy, in the Regional Policy Plan;

That further work be undertaken to engage the area municipalities to facilitate the data required to determine the values of the indicators;

That with the assistance of Regional Public Works, the development application tracking system be advanced to facilitate the creation and updating of inventories of development capacity, developable land, land use policy, and zoning regulations in the Region; and

That a copy of this report be sent to all local municipalities for information.

Carried.

Councillor Trombetta wished to be noted as opposed to the aforementioned motion.

87. Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
Policy Framework Report
ICP 25-2010(PWA 37-2010)

Moved by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report ICP 25-2010(PWA 37-2010), May 4, 2010, respecting Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Policy Framework Report, be received;

That the attached Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Policy Framework Report be approved;

That Regional staff be authorized to move forward with the development of policies for inclusion in the Regional Policy Plan through a formal Policy Plan Amendment process;

That this Report and the TDM Policy Framework be circulated to the Integrated Community Planning, Community Services, Public Health and Corporate Services departments for consideration in developing future work plans and projects that may support TDM objectives; and

That the TDM Policy Framework be circulated to local municipalities and other stakeholders for their information and consideration in the future development of TDM policies in collaboration with Niagara Region.

Carried.

(Please note that Report ICP 25-2010(PWA 37-2010) can be found behind the Joint Reports Blue Book Tab)

Councillor Burroughs wished to be noted as opposed to the aforementioned motion.

Mr. Robson, at the request of Councillor Burroughs, offered clarification that Report ICP 25-2010/PWA 37-2010 respecting Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Policy Framework Report (May 4 and 5, 2010) dealt with specific travel patterns, it does not affect the service delivery model for transit, specifically any future role for the Region.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

88. Correspondence (dated April 8, 2010) from Peter Colosimo, Director Development Services, Public Works Department, to the Area Planners regarding a review of the draft update to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Improving the Planning Function in Niagara
ICP-C 18-2010

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That the Correspondence (ICP-C 18-2010) dated April 8, 2010 respecting an e-mail from Peter Colosimo, Director Development Services, Public Works Department, to the Area Planners regarding a review of the draft update to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Improving the Planning Function in Niagara, be received for information.

Carried.

89. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Compliance
ICP 24-2010

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report ICP 24-2010, May 5, 2010 respecting *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Compliance*, be received for information.

Carried.

90. Work Plan Update – ‘Proactive Marketing and Communications’
ICP 26-2010

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report ICP 26-2010, May 5, 2010 respecting Work Plan Update – ‘Proactive Marketing and Communications’, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

91. Review of Pilot Social Media Strategy (Quarter 1 and 2)
ICP 27-2010

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report ICP 27-2010, May 5, 2010 respecting Review of Pilot Social Media Strategy (Quarter 1 and 2), be received for information.

Carried.

92. 2010 First Quarter In-House Creative Services Activity Report
(January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010)
ICP 28-2010

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Report ICP 28-2010, May 5, 2010 respecting 2010 First Quarter In-House Creative Services Activity Report (January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010), be received for information.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (continued)

93. Records Retention By-Law Changes and Activities of the
Corporate Records and Information Services Section for 2009
ICP 29-2010

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Burroughs

That Report ICP 29-2010, May 5, 2010 respecting Records Retention By-Law Changes and Activities of the Corporate Records and Information Services Section for 2009, be received;

That Council enact the attached Records Retention By-Law; and

That the report on activities of the Corporate Records and Information Services Section for 2009 be received for information.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

94. Minutes - Niagara Region Culture Committee
March 1, 2010

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the Minutes of the Niagara Region Culture Committee (March 1, 2010), be received for information.

Carried.

95. Minutes – Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and
Centre Implementation Committee
March 5, 2010

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the Minutes of the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Implementation Committee (March 5, 2010), be received for information.

Carried.

96. Minutes – Accessibility Advisory Committee
March 30, 2010

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (March 30, 2010), be received for information.

Carried.

97. Minutes – Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
April 21, 2010

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

That the Minutes of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (April 21, 2010), be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

98. Article – Welland Tribune
Re: Biodiesel Production Facility

Councillor Marshall noted his concern that no one, including the municipality, the Region of Niagara or neighbouring residents, had any idea that Bioversel Sarnia Inc. was given Ministry of Environment approval for a \$10-million facility that will produce 56.8 million litres of biodiesel fuel a year.

Councillor Marshall further noted that a lot of the community concern that has erupted since the article could have been avoided if adequate public consultation had been part of the Ministry of Environment approval process.

Mr. Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning did indicate that at the next opportunity, he would discuss this with local Ministry officials.

99. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That the Integrated Community Planning Committee recess at 3:33 p.m. to reconvene at 4:00 p.m., or upon the arrival of the OEB Enterprise representatives, to deal with the Niagara Week Briefing.

Carried.

100. Moved by Councillor Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That this Committee reconvene to address the Niagara Week Briefing by OEB Enterprise representatives.

Carried.

The following individuals were in attendance during the Niagara Week briefing:

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Regional Chair Partington; Councillors Smeaton, Chair; Augustyn; Badawey; Baty; Casselman; D'Angela; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Henderson; Hodgson; Lepp, Marshall; McMullan; Puttick; Rigby; Salci; Timms.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, Robson, Commissioner Integrated Community Planning; Brothers, Commissioner Public Works; Hutchings, Commissioner Community Services; Bergsma, Commissioner Corporate Services; Weaver, Director, Community & Corporate Planning; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk; Ms. McManus, Legislative Assistant.

Other: Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Watkins, Co-Op Student Policy Assistant; Ms. Swigger, Co-op Student, Clerks Division.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

101. Niagara Week 2010 Briefing Presentation

Mr. Jason Lietaer, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, along with Mr. Richard Mahoney, Counsel, both representatives from OEB Enterprise provided Committee members with a briefing presentation in an effort to assist them in their activities during Niagara Week 2010.

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

- Top Priorities
- Additional Issues
- Economic Gateway – Evolution
- Burgoyne Bridge Replacement Project
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion and Related Niagara Benefits
- Presenting to a Senior Official

Mr. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, presented Committee members with the Niagara Week Delegation Tracking excel spreadsheet which outlined who had requested to attend the different scheduled meetings. Mr. Watkins, Co-Op Student Policy Assistant, recorded the requested revisions voiced from Committee members.

Mr. Roberts stated that a full briefing binder would be issued (to include scheduling, procedures, "Do's and Don'ts etc.,) to all members of Council attending Niagara Week by end of day on May 6, 2010.

(A copy of Mr. Lietaer's and Mr. Mahoney's Presentation has been attached to these minutes)

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Research the possibility of posting municipalities Visualization Projects on the Regional website to better communicate the diversity and growth that Niagara has to offer (Refer to Minute Item #90, Report ICP 27-2010) (Councillor Badawey)
- Research the web address of the company used to produce the Great Lakes portfolio (Refer to Minute Item #90, Report ICP 27-2010) (Councillor Badawey) and that a copy of all findings be forwarded to all members of Council (Councillor Burroughs)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to meet again at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Councillor Smeaton
Chair

Lisa McManus
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk