

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 7-2010**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Integrated Community Planning Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 commencing at 2:07 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Other: Messrs. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair; Gummo, Associate Director, Regional Policy Planning; Forgeron; Senior Planner Policy and Development; Colosimo, Director Development Services; Semple, Senior Planner Policy Amendment; MacBeth, Planner Regional Policy Plan; Ms. Matthews-Malone, Director Water Wastewater; Ms. Wodchis, Director Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention; Ms. Coppola, Strategic Lead-public Health Issues; Ms. Enns, Planner; Ms. Swigger, Co-op Student, Clerks Division.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

102. Niagara River Remedial Action Plan (RAP)

Ms. Valerie Cromie, Niagara River (RAP) Coordinator presented Committee members with information respecting the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan (RAP).

Ms. Cromie invited Committee members to an upcoming celebratory “Niagara of Good News” event to be held on June 3, 2010 at the Butterfly Conservatory in Classroom commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Ms. Cromie’s Presentation respecting the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan (RAP), be received for information and referred to Report ICP 31-2010, respecting the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Stage 2 Update, for consideration.

Carried.

(A copy of Ms. Cromie’s Presentation can be found attached to these minutes)

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

103. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report ICP 31-2010, May 26, 2010 respecting the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Stage 2 Update, be brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Carried.

104. Niagara River Remedial Action Plan (RAP)  
Stage 2 Update  
**ICP 31-2010**

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report ICP 31-2010, May 26, 2010 respecting the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Stage 2 Update, be received;

That Regional Council endorse, in principle, the Niagara River Remedial Action Plan Stage 2 Update which will result in the de-listing of the Niagara River as an Area of Concern.

Carried.

105. Healthy Communities  
**ICP 30-2010**

Moved by Councillor Salci  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report ICP 30-2010, May 26, 2010 respecting Healthy Communities, be referred to the June 15, 2010 Public Health and Social Services Committee and the June 16, 2010 Integrated Community Planning Committee for consideration; and

That Staff circulate a copy of the "Planning By Design" Handbook to all Council members.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

106. Official Plan Amendment 91  
Recommended Regional Modifications to Commercial Policies  
City of Niagara Falls  

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**ICP 32-2010**

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor D'Angela

That Report ICP 32-2010, May 26, 2010 respecting the Official Amendment 91 Recommended Regional Modifications to Commercial Policies City of Niagara Falls, be referred back to Staff to coordinate a Joint meeting between Regional and Municipal staff members.

Carried.

107. Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre  
Implementation Committee  
**May 14, 2010**

Moved by Councillor D'Angela  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That the minutes of the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Implementation Committee meeting of May 14, 2010, be received and the following recommendations be approved:

That this committee recommends endorsement of the recommendations contained in the Ports Niagara presentation be approved subject to identification of scope of work and budget availability.

Carried.

108. Update on the Green Energy Act, 2009 and Municipal  
Involvement on Related Projects  
**ICP 33-2010**

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report ICP 33-2010, May 26, 2010 respecting Update on the Green Energy Act, 2009 and Municipal Involvement on Related Projects, be received as **amended**; and

That this report be circulated to the area municipalities, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Niagara Escarpment Commission, Niagara Parks Commission, **Niagara Economic Development Corporation and Niagara Industrial Association** for information

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

109. Closure of Capital Projects  
**CSD 60-2010**

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report CSD 60-2010, May 26, 2010, respecting Closure of Capital Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

*(Please note that Report CSD 60-2010 can be found behind the Corporate Services Committee Reports Blue Book Tab)*

110. Minutes – Niagara Economic Gateway and Centre Implementation Committee  
**March 26, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the Minutes of the Niagara Economic Gateway and Centre Implementation Committee, dated March 26, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

111. Minutes – Niagara Economic Gateway and Centre Implementation Committee  
**April 23, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the Minutes of the Niagara Economic Gateway and Centre Implementation Committee, dated April 23, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

112. Minutes – Greater Niagara Circle Route  
**April 14, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the Minutes of the Greater Niagara Circle Route, dated April 14, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

113. Minutes – Police Services Board  
**March 25, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That the Minutes of the Police Services Board, dated March 25, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

114. Minutes - Smarter Niagara Steering Committee  
**April 7, 2010**

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne  
Seconded by Councillor Salci

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

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

115. Niagara Economic Development Corporation

Councillor Goulbourne requested that a formal invitation to attend all Integrated Community Planning Committee meetings be sent to the Niagara Economic Development Corporation.

116. Northwest Sector – City of Niagara Falls

Councillor Salci stated that stakeholders and residents have been inquiring as to the status of the Northwest Sector meeting.

Mr. Robson stated that his office has followed up with Mr. Herlovitch, Director of Planning and Development, City of Niagara Falls, as to the proposed meeting date and will do so again following today's meeting.

117. Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee

Councillor Timms informed Committee members of a Strategic Planning meeting that the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee had scheduled for the evening of May 26, 2010 at Regional Headquarters in the Corporate Learning Centre (CE 102) from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Councillor Timms noted that the three main areas of focus would be:

- Completion of the Greater Niagara Circle Route
- Establish a connection between Port Robinson and Chippawa
- How best to manage ATV's

Committee entered in to a discussion respecting ATV concerns (e.g. policing, liability and safety), maintenance of the current trails (e.g. "Who's responsibility") and the promotion of the Greater Niagara Circle Route where ATV's are concerned.

Councillor Smeaton offered to speak with the Chief of Police on the subject at his earliest convenience.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

118. Retirement Celebration

Councillor Baty reminded Committee members of the planned Retirement festivities for Drew Semple, details were as follows:

Date:	Wednesday, June 23rd, 2010
Doors Open:	5:00 p.m., Speeches start at 5:45 p.m.
Cost:	\$30 (includes buffet dinner and gift)
Location:	Amici's Banquet and Conference Centre 2740 Merritville Hwy, Thorold (formerly Arizona's Tap and Grill)

**COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS**

Staff was requested to:

- remove the word "reasonably" from the Background section of the Report ICP 31-2010 (Page Two) which states "Niagara Region has a strong history of working to effect positive change that provides residents and visitors with a reasonably good quality of life." (Refer to Minute Item #105) (Regional Chair Partington)
- Perform a historical search of earlier years (12-14 years back) respecting "use of trail", the Region's responsibility, Municipal responsibility and legal liability; also, circulate the information on how the City of Niagara Falls currently manages ATV's (Refer to Minute Item #117, Other Business - GNCR) (Councillor Smeaton)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:36 p.m. to meet again at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Councillor Smeaton  
Chair

Lisa McManus  
Legislative Assistant

Janet Pilon  
Deputy Regional Clerk