

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

REPORT 8-2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Integrated Community Planning Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 commencing at 2:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Smeaton, Chair; Augustyn, Badaway, Baty; Casselman; D'Angela; Gabriel; Goulbourne; Henderson; Salci; Zimmerman.

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

Other: Messrs. Weir, Director Administration; Gummo, Associate Director, Regional Policy Planning; Forgeron; Senior Planner Policy and Development; Semple, Senior Planner Policy Amendment; Dick, Planner; Bertleff, Associate Director Regional Emergency Planning; Ms. Papaiz, Associate Director Corporate Communications; Ms. Coppola, Strategic Lead-public Health Issues; 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 seven members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 96-2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Smeaton, Councillor Zimmerman and Committee members acknowledged Mr. Drew Semple, Senior Planner Policy Amendment, who after 30 years of exemplary service was retiring; everyone wished him well and the best of luck in his future endeavours.

Mr. Semple stated that it had been a privilege to work for the Niagara Region; he had fully enjoyed the experience and thanked Committee members for the wonderful words expressed and hoped to see everyone at his retirement party.

PRESENTATIONS

119. 2011 Operating Budget Presentation

Mr. Weaver, Director, Community & Corporate Planning, provided an overview of the of the 2011 Operating Budget.

(A copy of Mr. Weaver's Presentation can be found attached to these minutes)

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Mr. Weaver's Presentation respecting the 2011 Operating Budget, be received for information.

Carried.

At this point in the meeting quorum was achieved.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That Staff be requested to include funding in the 2011 Budget request to allow for marketing and communications plans with respect to the Free Trade Zone and the work identified by the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Implementation Committee.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report ICP 30-2010, May 26, 2010 respecting Healthy Communities, be received;

That Regional Council, as part of its strong leadership in creating healthy sustainable communities endorse the *Planning By Design: a healthy communities handbook* as another important tool to guide integrated planning processes and decision-making in Niagara;

That a cross departmental working group strengthen healthy community policies in the Regional Policy Plan and make recommendations regarding ways in which Regional programs, procedures and practices can be enhanced to support healthier built environments;

That staff continuously apprise Regional Council of efforts and opportunities relating to the creation of healthy, age-friendly environments to better inform planning and priority setting exercises for both short and long-term timelines;

That staff considers opportunities to engage other partner agencies (e.g. other governments, non-government organizations, private sector leaders), key stakeholders and the public when identifying, considering and recommending further actions that can be taken to better support the creation of healthy communities; and

That this report be widely circulated including local area municipalities and Regional Agencies, Boards and Commissions, the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and the public (via the Region's website) for their information and consideration in contributing to the development of healthy communities.

Carried.

(A copy of the Planning by Design: a healthy communities handbook can be found attached to these minutes.)

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

121. Official Plan Amendment No. 64
Community Improvement Policies
Town of Fort Erie
ICP 35-2010

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report ICP 35-2010, June 16, 2010 respecting Official Plan Amendment No. 64 Community Improvement Policies Town of Fort Erie, be received;

That Amendment No. 64 to the Town of Fort Erie Official Plan be approved;

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

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

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

122. Development Charge Reserve Funds
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009
CSD 68-2010

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Salci

That Report CSD 68-2010, June 16, 2010, respecting Development Charge Reserve Funds January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that Report CSD 68-2010 can be found behind the Corporate Services Committee Reports Blue Book Tab)

123. The Greenbelt After 5 Years Summit
Follow-Up and Next Steps
ICP 34-2010

Moved by Councillor Augustyn
Seconded by Councillor Zimmerman

That Report ICP 34-2010, June 16, 2010, respecting The Greenbelt After 5 Years Summit Follow-Up and Next Steps, be received, **as amended**;

That this report be circulated to local municipalities, the Brock University Community Observatory, the Greenbelt Council, **Ontario Greenbelt Alliance** and the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation for consideration.

Carried.

124. Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the Minutes of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation, dated April 19, 2010, be lifted and dealt with separately.

Carried.

125. Minutes – Niagara Economic Development Corporation
April 19, 2010

Following a lengthy discussion it was:

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Hodgson

That the Minutes of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation, dated April 19, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Badawey

That the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to send a letter to Niagara Economic Development Corporation regarding the concerns expressed by the Integrated Community Planning Committee pertaining to Minute Item #8 of the April 19, 2010 minutes respecting Project Niagara; and

That the Niagara Economic Development Corporation be asked to provide clarification, respecting the “intent” of the letter mentioned in Minute Item #8 of their April 19, 2010 minutes respecting Project Niagara.

Carried.

126. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That the following Minutes be received for information:

Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee
April 20, 2010

Regional Chair’s Agricultural Task Force
May 19, 2010

Smarter Niagara Steering Committee
May 19, 2010

Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project
May 31, 2010

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Clarify the allotment of Development Charge Reserves (Refer to Minute Item #119) (Councillor Goulbourne)
- Forward Report ICP 30-2010 to the Smarter Niagara Steering Committee for their information (Refer to Minute Item #120) (Councillor Augustyn)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:25 p.m. to meet again at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters.

Councillor Smeaton
Chair

Lisa McManus
Legislative Assistant

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk